

CORSYM 2015: 2-day International Symposium on Corrosion Prevention held at IIT Madras

The South Zone student section of NACE International, a premier authority for corrosion control solutions, consisting of over 34,000 members from 116 countries organized a 2-day International Corrosion Prevention Symposium for Research Scholars (CORSYM 2015) at IIT Madras, Chennai during July 31-August 1, 2015. The event was held with the support from NIGIS Mumbai, East Asia Pacific Area of NACE International, IIT Madras and the Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences (BRNS).

The event, a brain child of Dr. U. Kamachi Mudali and a few other senior corrosion scientists was born out of the need to provide young research scholars a platform to present their research findings. The first CORSYM was organized in Chennai in 2013. Seeing the need and success of such a platform for research scholars, CORSYM 2014 was held at IIT Bombay and now CORSYM 2015 at IIT Madras.

Dr. M. A. Atmaram of ESSO National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai inaugurated the event in the presence of Dr. U. Kamachi Mudali (Outstanding Scientist, IGCAR), Dr. Samir Degan (Trustee, NIGIS and Vice President Elect, NACE International), Mr. Anand Kulkarni (Chair-



man, NIGIS Mumbai), Ms. Michelle Lau (Director, NACE East-Asia Pacific Area), Mr. C. Shanmugham (CORSYM Convener), Ms. K. R. Rasmi (CORSYM Secretary) and other NIGIS members and participants. About 85 research scholars from various parts of the country and abroad presented their papers at the event. The symposium consisted of technical sessions on various topics such as Advanced Materials and Coatings; Electro Deposition & Nano Technology for Corrosion Prevention and Control; Welding and Hot Corrosion; Corrosion and Inhibitor; Concrete and Marine Corrosion; Smart, Organic and Inorganic Coatings; Corrosion of Biomaterials; and Coatings and Composites for Biomedical Applications.

The presentations and deliberations

of the 2-day event paved way for young corrosion researchers in understanding the need for corrosion control and research in India. During the closing ceremony, 12 Best Paper Awards were distributed. Participants commented that the symposium was extremely useful in boosting their confidence in making presentations to contemporary researchers in the field and networking with other research scholars and NACE members.

Event like CORSYM is much needed to create awareness among the budding engineers and scientists and is much needed to execute the upcoming national mission for controlling corrosion in India to be launched very soon by the Union Ministries of Commerce and Industry, and Chemicals & Fertilizers. ♦