

Chemical Research Society of India – Tenth Anniversary

Foreword

The Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI) established in 1999 completes its tenth year during the Tenth National Symposium (NSC-10; February 2008) in Bangalore at the Indian Institute of Science. The Society has been providing a forum for chemists to discuss and share their research contributions with colleagues and foster the growth of chemical research and education. CRSI has grown steadily over the years to more than thousand active members and remains vibrant in all its activities. It has established international links with the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK and Societe Chimica Italiana, (SCI), Italy. CRSI organizes annual meetings under the banner of NSC at different places in the country with the active participation of large number of members. Many distinguished chemists from abroad are associated with CRSI as Honorary Members and take part in the deliberations of NSC. The three-day annual NSC has many integral components—mini symposia on focused themes (nanomaterials, theoretical chemistry, conducting polymers, catalysis, weak interactions in chemistry, chemical education, and others), joint CRSI-RSC symposia for young scientists of the two countries, medal lectures, distinguished named-lectures and others. A mid-year one-day symposium is also arranged in July every year.

The successful completion of a decade of CRSI rightly calls for an appropriate way to celebrate this event. Accordingly, we present here a special issue of the *Journal of Chemical Sciences* to mark this occasion showcasing the excellent research contributions of a representative group of members of the chemistry community in the country. In view of the time constraint in bringing out the issue during NSC 10, we decided to have a short focus of research contributions instead of providing a broad spectrum of larger number of contributions. The editors are fully aware of this shortcoming on their part. This issue covers a range of topics randomly chosen to provide a flavour of chemical research pursued by the members in the country.

We have been fortunate to have the excellent co-operation and help from authors, referees and the editorial staff of the Journal. It is a pleasure to thank Prof. S S Krishnamurthy, Editor, *Journal of Chemical Sciences* for his enthusiastic response in scheduling this special issue at the right time.

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