Annual Report of IANCAS for the year 2020-2021

Dear Members.

I welcome you all to the 41thAnnual General Body Meeting of IANCAS. It gives me immense pleasure to present the activities of our Association during the period April 2020 to March 2021.

1. Membership

The Association has 1869 life members (LMs) and 19 corporate members as on March 31, 2021 with an addition of 28 life members during this financial year (2020-21).

2. IANCAS Workshops

A 7 days national workshop was planned at Gitam University, Hyderabad in May 2020. However, due to lockdown and Covid-19 restrictions, this workshop could not be conducted. This workshop will be organized as soon as the situation becomes normal.

3. IANCAS Bulletins

During the reported period, IANCAS published one bulletin entitled "Ion Beam Analysis for Materials Characterization". Dr. R. Acharya and Dr. Sanjiv Kumar were the Guest Editor of this bulletin.

4. IANCAS Regional Chapters Annual Reports (2020-21)

IANCAS has four regional chapters to carry out IANCAS activities in various educational institutes (Schools, Colleges and Universities): (i) IANCAS-SRC at IGCAR, (ii) IANCAS Tarapur Chapter, (iii) IANCAS-NRC at Amritsar and (iv) IANCAS-ERC at IOP, Bhubaneswar.

4.1. Activities of Southern Region Chapter (SRC)

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic outbreak, SRC could not conduct the usual radiochemistry workshop and other programmes in schools and colleges. However, a radiochemistry workshop through virtual mode was conducted on May 3, 2020. The theory and practical experiments on the determination of half-life of ^{137m}Ba and determination of half-value thickness of lead were demonstrated. The response to the workshop was very good and it was well received.

SRC new executive committee

The tenure of the earlier executive committee of SRC ended on 31st March 2021. An election for the appointment of new members of the executive committee was conducted in February 2021. The new executive committee of SRC is given below.

Executive committee of SRC for the years 2021 - 2024

Nos.	Post	Name
1	President	Dr. K. Ananthasivan, RpG, IGCAR
2	Secretary	Dr. N. Desigan, RpG, IGCAR
3	Treasurer	Shri S. Murugan, WMF(K), Kalpakkam
4	Member	Dr. P. Govindan, RpG, IGCAR
5	Member	Dr. G.V.S. Ashok Kumar, MC&MFCG, IGCAR
6	Member	Dr. T. Prathibha, MC&MFCG, IGCAR

4.2. Activities of Northern Region Chapter (NRC)

The NRC of IANCAS planned to organize two workshops in the March 2020, one at A.S. College Khanna, and other at Khalsa College, Amritsar. However, due to lockdown and Covid-19 restrictions, these workshops could not be conducted. These workshops will be organized as soon as situation becomes normal.

4.3. Activities of Tarapur Chapter

No report available from Tarapur Chapter.

4.4. Activities of Eastern Region Chapter (ERC)

No report available from ERC.

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General Secretary