

Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting of the Society for Polymer Science, India (SPSI) held on December 10, 2023, 17:30 hrs at the Bhupen Hazarika Auditorium, IIT Guwahati

Members present: ~59 Members attended the Meeting.

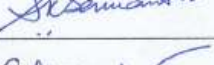
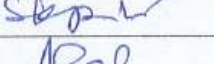
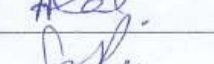
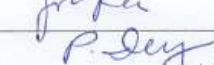
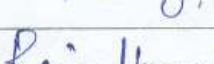
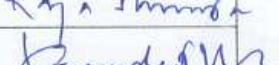
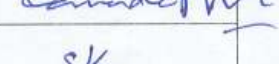
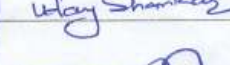
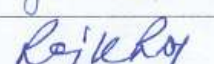
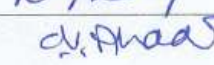
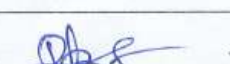
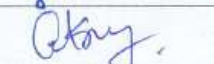
1. Prof. Anil Kumar, President, SPSI, warmly welcomed the members of the Society and initiated the General Body Meeting. He requested all the members to observe two-minute silence in memory and honour of the deceased SPSI member Prof. R.P. Singh, former vice-chancellor of Lucknow University and the organizer of MACRO 2002 at IIT, Kharagpur.
2. In his introductory remarks, he expressed his appreciation to the SPSI Pune Chapter for the successful organization of “MACRO 2022”, SPSI Thiruvananthapuram chapter for the effective organization of the “National Conference on New Developments in Polymeric Materials, DPM-2023” and SPSI, Chennai chapter and associated institutes (CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute, University of Madras, and Academy of Sciences – Chennai) for organizing Prof. M. Santappa centenary celebrations.
3. Minutes of the AGM held on November 2, 2022 (5:30 PM) at CSIR-NCL, Pune were confirmed.
4. It was unanimously decided to increase the cash prize of the Professor Santappa award to 1 lakh on par with the Professor Kishore Memorial award. It was ratified to implement the increased cash prize to the winners of Professor M. Santappa Award – 2022 during the AGM.
5. Dr. E. Bhoje Gowd, Hon. Secretary, made a brief presentation on the activities of the Society which took place during and after the MACRO-2022 meeting at CSIR-NCL, Pune, as detailed below:
 - National Conference on New Developments in Polymeric Materials, DPM-2023 was organized by the SPSI Thiruvananthapuram chapter with the support of SPSI. Shri S. Somanath, Chairman, ISRO and Secretary, Department of Space inaugurated this conference.
 - The SPSI along with the SPSI, Chennai chapter, CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute, University of Madras, and Academy of Sciences – Chennai successfully organized Prof. M. Santappa centenary celebrations at CSIR-CLRI and University of Madras. SPSI was represented by the President and Past Presidents (Prof. S. Sivaram and Prof. S. Ramakrishnan), Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.
6. During SPSI-MACRO 2023, Professor Stefan Mecking, University of Konstanz, Germany delivered the Fourth Sivaram Endowment Lecture 2022 and Prof. S. Thayumanavan, University of Massachusetts, Amherst delivered the Fourth Palit

Memorial Lecture 2022. Dr. Anuya Nisal, Serigen-Mediproducs Pvt. Ltd. Delivered the first Dr. K.H. Gharda Industrial Innovation Award in Polymer Science 2022 at SPSI-MACRO 2023 at IIT, Guwahati. SPSI award lectures (Professor M. Santappa award and Professor Kaushal Kishore Memorial award) were presented by the award winners. Professor M. Santappa Award - 2022 was jointly awarded to Prof. Susanta Banerjee, IIT, Kharagpur and Prof. Suhrit Ghosh, IACS Kolkata. Kaushal Kishore Memorial Award Lectures 2022 were delivered by younger colleagues, Prof. Leena Nebhani, IIT Delhi, New Delhi and Prof. Asish Pal, INST Mohali, Punjab. The President appreciated the committee members for their selection of both named lecture speakers and congratulated all the award winners on behalf of the SPSI.

7. A brief report of the audited accounts of the Society for FY 2022-23 was presented by Dr. Samir Chikkali, Treasurer, SPSI.
8. The president briefed the members about the rules and regulations of the formation of the new chapter under the SPSI. Mohali and Hyderabad have shown interest in forming new chapters.
9. Dr. Sanjib Kumar Patra made a brief presentation on behalf of the SPSI Kharagpur chapter to host the 18th National Conference of SPSI, MACRO 2026 in January 2026. The General Body agreed to this proposal.

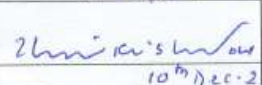
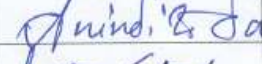
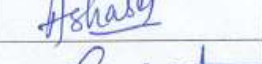
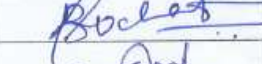
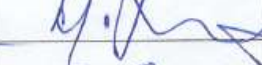
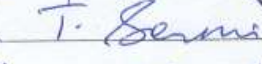
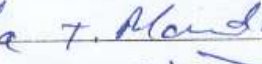
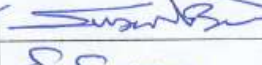
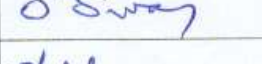
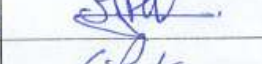
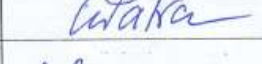
To conclude, President Prof. Anil Kumar thanked the members and local chapters for contributing to various activities of the SPSI. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Secretary Dr. Bhoje Gowd.

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3	Sanjib Banerjee	NT Birla	
4.	Suman Kalyan Samanta	IIT Kharagpur	
5.	Sanjib K. Patra	IIT-KGP	
6.	Asish Pal	INST, Mohali	
7.	Shravendra Ram	UPES, Dehradun	
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11.	Sushanta K. Sethi	IIT Dharwad	
12.	UDAY SHANKAR	INNIT Allahabad	
13	Sanjeeva Murthy	Rutgers University	
14.	Jayanta Nanda	University of North Bengal	
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19	Goutam Ghosh	CeNS, Bengaluru	
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4	Prof. Dr. E. MURUGAN	University of Madras	 10 th Dec-23
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6	SUHRIT GHOSH	IACS, Kolkata	
7	S. Ramanathakrishnan	IISc Bangalore	
8	Asha S.K	NCL, Pune	
9	Bimlesh Lochan	SNIOE	
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14	Tarun Mandal	IACS-Kolkata	
15	Susanta Banerjee	IIT-Kharagpur	
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19	Shibam Pal	CSIR-ITCL, Pune	
20	Abhijit Patra	IISER Bhopal	
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