

SRM Institute of Science and Technology
6th International Conference on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (ICONN 2021)
February 1-3, 2021

PRESS RELEASE

The Sixth Biennial International Conference on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (ICONN-2021) is organized by Department of Physics and Nanotechnology, SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur, in association with Shizuoka University-Japan, National Chiao Tung University (NCTU)-Taiwan, GNS Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS) Science-New Zealand, University of Rome Tor Vergata-Italy, RMIT University-Australia, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR)-India, Asian Consortium on Computational Materials Science (ACCMS), Indian Physics Association (IPA), Materials Research Society of India (MRSI), Indian Carbon Society (ICS)-India and Springer Nature from 1st Feb 2021 to 3rd Feb 2021.

The conference is aimed at providing a platform for researchers and scientists to assess recent trends and developments in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology for promising applications. Scientific Sessions of the conference includes Low-dimensional and 2D materials, Surfaces, interfaces and thin films, Nanocomposites and catalysts, Multifunctional nanomaterials, to mention a few. More than 70 scientific sessions were held with eminent speakers from renowned international institutions such as University of California, Berkeley-CA, Tokyo Institute of Technology-Japan, The Australian National University, Canberra-Australia, University of Cambridge-UK, University of Maryland-USA, Institut für Experimental physik, Berlin-Germany and also from premier Institutes of India such as IISc Bangalore, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) Mumbai, Anna University-Chennai, Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR)-Kalpakkam. The total number of participants in the conference was about 2400.

The conference welcome address was delivered by Dr. D. John Thiruvadigal, Convener, ICONN 2021, SRMIST, India, followed with the presidential address delivered by Dr. Sandeep Sancheti, Vice Chancellor, SRMIST. His address was focused on emerging research and development (R&D) in the field of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology. Dr. C Muthamizhchelvan, Pro Vice Chancellor (Engineering and Technology) has released the proceedings of the ICONN 2021 conference and greeted the guests and participants. The inaugural address was delivered by

Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DST) Govt. of India, CV Seshadri Chair Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Kanpur. In his address, he has mentioned about the initiatives and schemes framed by DST, India, to develop the R&D infrastructure in various institutions across the country through funding research projects.

Prof. Ramamoorthy Ramesh, University of California, Berkeley, CA, had announced SRM-ICONN Award of excellence in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology to Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DST) Govt. of India, CV Seshadri Chair Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Kanpur. The inaugural function was concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. S. Ponnusamy, Controller of Examinations, SRMIST.

SRMIST is also honouring eminent scientists with SRM-ICONN Innovation Award, SRM-ICONN Outstanding Woman Researcher Award, with SRM-ICONN Young Researcher Award.

The second day of the conference will feature an exclusive program on “Seeding nanoscience in Young Minds – Live interaction with Nanoscientists”, co-organized by the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) – Chennai Chapter in celebration of DST, Govt. of India Golden Jubilee Year (2021). Around 300 hundred students across India from various colleges/schools have registered for this program. Prof. B. S. Murty, Director IIT Hyderabad will deliver the inaugural address. Prof. Vijay Laxmi Saxena, General President of the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA), will deliver the Presidential address.