

## Preface

In recent years, nanomaterials have became the latest research field of interest due to their size-induced unique properties. Nanotechnology has the potential to change all aspects of our lives in such diverse areas including electronics, energy, biomedicine, environment and security. As such, nanoscience is an interdisciplinary research area and its development encompasses various fields of science and engineering. Its applications in real world and commercial developments are already taking place today.

In light of the fast-paced advancements in nanoscience and nanotechnology taking place all over the world, it is of interest to capture state-of-the-art research and development in nanotechnology in India and to facilitate collaboration in multidisciplinary research areas. With this end in view, the Nanocentre at the B. S. Abdur Rahman University organized a three day International Conference on “Nanomaterials: Science, Technology and Applications (ICNM’13)” during Dec 5- 7, 2013 in collaboration with Deakin University, Australia, and Universiti Technologi MARA, Malaysia.

**The main theme of the conference was to address and deliberate on the latest technical status and recent trends in the research and applications of nanotechnology. This is a unique conference with a specific focus on nanomaterials.** This conference has been so designed with the view to provide an opportunity for the scientists, engineers, industrialists, students and other professionals from all over the world to interact and exchange their new ideas and research outcomes for future collaboration. The conference was also aimed at motivating the next generation of researchers to promote their interests in nanoscience, nanotechnology and their applications.

Over 350 delegates from all over the world were brought together in Chennai to share their latest research in various nanotechnology fields including materials, chemistry, physics, biology, and polymers. To accommodate the large number of lectures, 3 parallel sessions were conducted with the themes in Nano in chemistry and physics, Nano in bio and polymers and Nano in devices and applications.

26 invited talks including 3 plenary lectures, 3 keynote lectures and 20 invited lectures were presented by world-class experts from various organizations and Universities in India and abroad including Australia, Malaysia, UK, USA and Brazil. In addition, 89 oral and 95 poster presentations were given by the research scholars from all over the world.

This Proceedings contains 55 selected papers which have been authored by a combined total of 147 authors. Each contributed paper was rigorously peer-reviewed by two reviewers who were drawn from a large pool of Organizing and Advisory Committee members as well as other experts in the field from India and abroad.

ICNM13 would not have been possible without the strong support from numerous organizations and individuals. The efforts and support provided by all the authors, reviewers, sponsors, invited speakers, members of advisory board and organizing team comprising students and faculty volunteers and all others who have contributed to the successful organization of this conference, are gratefully acknowledged. Special thanks are due to Vice Chancellors of B S Abdur Rahman University, UiTM, Malaysia and Deakin University for making ICNM13 a grand success.

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