

A DAE-BRNS International Symposium on Materials Chemistry (ISMC) held during December 04-08, 2006, was supported by MRSI-Mumbai chapter. The five days symposium was attended by delegates from home and abroad. Out of the total 220 delegates 18 were from different countries -Europe, US and Japan. Through 35 invited talks and 140 poster presentations, important research areas of materials chemistry in conventional and nuclear fields were covered in this symposium. Thermochemistry, structural chemistry, surface chemistry, hydrogen energy generation and storage, catalysis, nanoscience, computational chemistry, etc. were the subject topics covered.

The symposium was inaugurated by Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, AEC & Secretary, DAE. The chief guest, Professor C.N.R. Rao, Linus Pauling Research Professor and Honorary President of the JNCASR, Bangalore, in his talk on 'new directions in the chemical design of materials' presented an overview of emerging research areas in materials chemistry. The symposium brought together the material chemists who presented their works as well as views over the current trends of research in the different topics benefiting thereby the scholars as well as experts in the different fields. The participants were enlightened with the evening lectures by prominent personalities in science and technology, and also with their interactions with material and equipment suppliers who exhibited the latest products useful in the materials research. Young scientists were awarded for their excellent work and presentation. The mutual benefits to the participants were largely echoed in the feed backs received during the valedictory session.

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