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President

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Dear CRSI Members,

Through this letter, I would like to extend my best wishes and warm greetings to all members, as the tenure of the present council gets over on March 31, 2017. We will come up with March 2017 newsletter which will bring to you several events and new initiatives that we have been undertaking to make CRSI relevant in future. We recognize the changing face of chemistry globally and the role that chemical societies must play to facilitate this change. The newsletter of March, 2017 is likely to be released in next few days.

I am very happy to say that over last few years, CRSI has expanded its activities significantly and increased its collaborations with foreign societies. We have also changed the so-called mid-term meeting of July to NSC from 2016 and thus we are having two national symposia every year in February and July. In the last July meeting at Siliguri, arranged successfully by North Bengal University, we had the first one-day meeting with the German Chemical Society (GDCh) and now we are ready to have a joint symposium with the American Chemical Society (ACS) during NSC-21 in July at Hyderabad. I hope for a large participation in that meeting. In between we had a one-off meeting with ACS in Bhopal on January 23, 2017. A memorandum of understanding has been formally signed with the ACS, which will help mutual collaborations between the two societies. Our relations with Royal Society of Chemistry, UK (RSC) meanwhile have become even stronger. Our most recent NSC took place in Guwahati in the beginning of February this year and was organized very successfully by Gauhati University. This was also the first time that CRSI-NSC was held in North-east, though a mid-year meeting was held in Jorhat in 2014. As has been customary for several past February meetings, we had one day joint symposium with RSC, prior to the NSC in Gauhati University. CRSI is playing important role in the deliberation of Federation of Asian Chemical Societies (FACS) and I attended last general assembly of FACS in Dhaka and am presently also the member of Executive Council of FACS. Many of our members have received high international recognitions and I am sure the CRSI will be more and more visible globally in years to come.

In addition to expanding international collaborations and scope of the CRSI meetings, we have recognized the importance of industry interactions and I hope to see meaningful association with chemical industries. In our

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council, this has been noted and several steps are contemplated to achieve this interaction. I also request the CRSI local chapters to undertake major efforts in spreading the objectives of the society and promoting chemistry to the academia and industry

Finally, the general body has elected the new council to take charge from April 1, 2017. The list of members is enclosed for your information. I welcome the new council and incumbent President Prof N Sathyamurthy and I am sure in years to come, CRSI will grow stronger. As I hand over the charge to the new President, I must thank all members of the society, participants of several meetings and symposia and the members of the council for great support that I have received during my tenure as President. Many of the changes have been made possible due to the support received from all of you. I wish the new Council a great success in taking the society forward.

(Sourav Pal)

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