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Dear Members,

Greetings from the OCS!

I am to bring to your kind notice the following:

1. Updating Members' Profile

Over the years, OCS has gathered strength in the number of members enrolled, the quality of the Regional and Annual meetings, and excellent academic transactions. Several prominent members of the Society have relentlessly contributed to making it happen. Now the OCS, as a state-level society of Chemists, is well-recognized in the country and abroad.

The interest of the members of the OCS is its priority. An important step has been to ensure effective communication with the members through the OCS interactive website (<https://www.ocs.org.in>) and other digital media.

Presently, there are 1172 life members and 191 patron members. Considering that most patron members are also life members, approximate membership is about 1000. However, it is seen that OCS can communicate with only about 330

members, i.e., two-third of the total number of OCS members cannot be reached!

On the OCS website, there is specific instruction on how to view and upgrade member profiles. If a member cannot view the profile, it means that his/her mobile number is not yet registered with the OCS, and/or the member has changed the number. Such members are requested to directly write to the Secretary OCS (ocsindia.secretary@gmail.com) giving their name, membership number, mobile number, and email id. Upon a routine verification, the OCS webmaster will be informed to fill in the updates for the concerned member. Once this is done, the member can view and edit the profile. Most importantly, he/she will get the OCS messages from thereon.

2. OCS ID Card

As resolved in the last GB meeting, all the members of the OCS will be provided with the OCS ID Card, an RFID card that digitally stores the vital information of the member. The members are required to visit the OCS website, click on the homepage 'Apply for OCS ID Card,' which will open a form. The form has to be filled in with details such as an address, mobile number, blood group, emergency contact number, along with a brief biography and a picture. A fee of Rs 200/- is to be remitted to the OCS account. It is advisable to remit the fee first and then attach a proof of payment in the form.

Many senior members have their information details already on the OCS website. The OCS can assist such members in filling out the form if desired. Members seeking assistance may contact the Secretary, OCS, without hesitation. Online fee transfer details are as below:

Bank Name: State Bank of India
Account Name: ORISSA CHEMICAL SOCIETY
Account No. : 10508849919
IFSC Code : SBIN0001663.
Cuttack City Branch, College Square, Cuttack

On receiving the form and payment, the OCS ID Card will be prepared (in two different colours for LM and PM) in one lot and will be sent by registered post to the address provided. **The GB resolution on preparing the OCS ID Card is a mandatory directive of the GB, and hence all members are requested to apply for the same.**

3. Management of the OCS WhatsApp groups


Presently the OCS has five WhatsApp groups: (a) OCS A, (b) OCS B, (c) OCS-EC 2020, (d) OCS-Industry, (e) OCS-Centenary Committee, out of which OCS A and B are for all the members, the other groups being for members associated with a specific purpose. OCS routinely posts messages on these groups and keeps the response window open for a certain period. The members may have noted that this effort has mostly been successful for members expressing their feelings towards postings, such as a Condolence Message or a Congratulatory Note.

However, it is observed that **some members post messages which are entirely unrelated to the context**. This causes considerable anguish, particularly in difficult times of COVID-19, where we are experiencing information overload. Such members are requested to refrain from uploading any message which is not relevant to the context.

Once the response window (which is typically about 24 hours) is closed if a member has a message that, in his/her opinion is very important for the members of the Society, such messages may be sent to the Secretary OCS. The OCS will apply its best judgment in deciding whether the message is of relevance and interest to all the members of the Society before posting the same.

Please feel free to write to the OCS in the above context.

With best regards,



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