

KERALA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Annual report presented at the General Body meeting held on 23rd May 2003
at Hotel Pankaj, Trivandrum

Honourable Vice President and distinguished Fellows and Members,

I have great pleasure to present before this meeting the annual report of the Kerala Academy of Sciences for the year 2002 – 2003 for discussion and approval. This report is an account of activities for the period from 15th July 2002 to 23rd May 2003. During this period of 10 months the executive committee met five times to plan and organise various programmes.

Membership status

At present the Academy has five honorary fellows, twenty seven fellows and 151 life members.

Activities

It has been a practice of the Academy to organise Nehru Centenary memorial lecture on 14th of November. A programme was organised on 14th November 2002 at Hotel Pankaj, in which Dr. D.D. Bhavalkar, Director, Centre for Advanced Technology, Indore, delivered a lecture on India's first Synchrotron radiation source.

The Academy celebrated the National Science Day on 28th February 2003 at a befitting function held at the University of Kerala Campus, Kariavattom. Dr. Moinak Banerjee, scientist, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, delivered a lecture on 50 years of DNA.

Unlike in the previous years awareness programmes for students could not be conducted during this period due to nonavailability of financial support from STEC. Hence the executive committee had detailed deliberations on the diversification of activities and proposed to organise a national seminar on biotechnology, bioinformatics or information technology and also to probe the possibility of publication of text books for school and college students. The committee also held discussions with Dr. M.S. Valiathan, Chairman, STEC, on the various programmes with which the Academy could be associated.

Towards the end of the period the Academy lost its president when Dr. M.R. Das passed away on 1st April 2003. The executive committee places on record the valuable contributions by Dr. Das to the Academy.

I submit this report for discussion and approval.

General Secretary