

Silver Jubilee Anniversary Issue: Volume 25 No.1

The Editorial and Publicity Committee 2008 of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon is privileged to present this Silver Jubilee Anniversary issue of the Chemistry in Sri Lanka Volume 25 No.1. which will be released in January 2008.

The first issue of the Chemistry in Sri Lanka Volume 1 No.1 was published in July 1984 in accordance with the decision of the Council of the Institute of Chemistry with a view of publishing the Proceedings of the Annual Sessions, abstracts of communications presented at the annual sessions, award winning lectures, activities of the Institute of Chemistry Ceylon, news of members and scientific articles related to Chemistry. This publication was biannual until January 2000, when the Council decided to publish it tri annually.

The hard work of the previous Editors and the Editorial and Publicity Committee had made it possible to publish it regularly. It is hard work in getting the journal published on time as the members of the Editorial Board are engaged in an honorary capacity and are full-time employees of other organizations.

Modern Technology in printing has increased the quality of the cover page as well as the publication to be more readable. The increasing number of coloured photographs of the important events and presentations makes it more readable. However, due to the cost, the Editorial and Publicity Committee are compelled to minimize the number of coloured pages. It is the wish of the Editorial and Publicity Committee that there will be volunteers to write articles on current topics pertaining to Chemistry and share their thoughts and experiences with the members. Further, the Institute should rethink of uplifting the publication to a Journal

in Chemistry with the help of financial support from donor organizations.

This issue also coincides with the Silver Jubilee Passing Out Batch of the Graduateship Programme in Chemistry conducted by the Institute of Chemistry. We are happy and grateful to the College of Chemical Sciences in coming forward voluntarily to finance this issue and it will be dedicated to the 'Silver Jubilee Passing out Batch'.

The Graduateship Programme conducted by the Institute of Chemistry has paved the way for adults and matured persons as well as many school leavers an opportunity of obtaining a qualification in Chemistry. Some of these school leavers are full time undergraduates in Sri Lankan Universities while others have missed the opportunity to enter such a University. The Graduateship in Chemistry qualification enables students to obtain postgraduate qualifications in Sri Lanka and abroad (USA, UK). The qualification of the Graduateship Programme is recognised in the state sector and industries and we are happy that many Graduates of the Institute of Chemistry are holding important positions in Sri Lanka and abroad.

The Editorial and Publicity Committee congratulates the Silver Jubilee Batch of Graduate Chemists who will be conferred on the 15th of February 2008 and the College of Chemical Sciences for the hard work and dedication. Our hope is that the Institute will be able to conduct programmes at Post Graduate Levels possibly in collaboration with universities.

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