

FACS Report by Coordinator of Projects

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Calendar 2001-2003

The ACC period:

Project report in the General Assembly (as necessary)
Start of the succession of activities

End of November:

Deadline of the seed money request (without special reason)

December:

Deadline of the final report of Projects
End of Project term

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1. Outline

The 2001-2003 term started with seven projects and two sub-projects. There were two new (or renewed) projects, Medicinal Chemistry (MC) and Asian Network for Green Chemistry (ANGC). Then, Low-Cost Instrumentation part of former LCI/LCP was incorporated in the newly proposed Microscale Chemistry sub-project to constitute LCI/MC in March 2002 (Approved at the 41st ExCo meeting in Kuala Lumpur). The Low-Cost Publication part was approved to reconstruct in 2002 in response to Professor Sane's request (approved at the 42nd ExCo meeting in Dhaka in January 2003). Thus we now have seven projects and three sub-projects as shown above.

This was the first term when the "Guidelines for Use of FACS Seed Money" (Part 3) and "Duties of the Coordinator of Projects and Project Directors and Co-Directors" (Part 4), both being approved at the 38th ExCo in Hanoi in January 2001, were practically in effect. There might be some inconvenience for the 'experienced' project directors, but they were accepted reasonably well in total.

Formerly, the term of projects began immediately after one ACC and ended at the next. However, two difficulties arose on watching the project activities: (1) disaccordance of the term with the fiscal year of FACS (from January to December) and (2) late starting of new projects; the directors were not ready to start their activities or the co-directors were not yet nominated. These problems were supposed to be improved by changing the start of the term into the January following the ACC year and the end to the December of the next year (after the next ACC) as shown in section 5. This modification was approved at the 42nd ExCo meeting in January 2003. Accordingly, the term of the current projects were also approved to extend by the end of December 2003.

The former Coordinator of Projects left the request to clarify the system of accepting and evaluating new FACS projects. Thus, a proposal-based system, a simplified version of the one applied in IUPAC projects, was proposed for approval at the 43rd ExCo meeting in Melbourne in May 2003. The new system was announced to all the member societies and disseminated at the FACS web page for application in the 2004-2005 term. The results of application and evaluation will be presented at the next ExCo meeting for approval.

It is too early to evaluate the above modifications if they are appropriate and in accord with the current FACS conditions. Revision or modifications should be made as necessary for better activation of projects.

Financial difficulty almost often restricts the activities of projects, in particular, when they are at the initial stage. One new possibility would be to propose or join in a new IUPAC project. FACS is an associating organization of IUPAC and joint program between FACS and IUPAC activities will be welcomed. The project directors shall be encouraged to seek for possibility of participating the existing IUPAC project or joining the proposal of a new one.

Some projects seem to be matured; they either have well organized groups or belong to autonomous organizations. Cooperation with these groups or organizations might better go into the next stage, such as "Cooperating Groups or Organizations", of which activities shall be regarded as cooperation with FACS whether they are part of FACS projects or not. I hope that the ExCo shall seek for this class of relationship between FACS and these groups and organizations.

The cooperation in organization of scientific programs of the Asian Chemical Congress (ACC) is among important activities of projects. In this ACC, all the symposia and most of the sessions were organized by the effort of the relevant project directors. Different type of cooperation, however, might also be possible and effective for the success of ACC scientific programs; symposia/sessions may as well be organized under initiative of local organizers with the assistance of the relevant directors. I hope that some of future ACC scientific programs will be organized in this manner.

2. Summary of Projects and their Seed Fund Status

(Activities shown in small letters are either in progress or not yet reported.)

Asian Network for Analytical and Inorganic Chemistry (ANAIC)

Activities

Chair the Analytic Chemistry Session in 10 ACC.

Assist with Symposium on Solution Chemistry and inorganic analytical chemistry in *EuAsCCS-8
To collaborate with the Food Analysis Network.

Fund in 2002 and 2003

To support key persons attending 10 ACC.

Asian Chemical Information Network (ChIN)

Activities

Collaboration in the Regional Symposium on Information Technology in Chemistry and Chemical Education in March 2002 in Kuala Lumpur

A small session or symposium on chemometrics and chemoinformatics in 10 ACC

Management and Promotion of FACS home page

Provision of chemical information to FACS members

Coordination of FACS communications including electronic publication of ACGC Chem Comm and the FACS Newsletter.

Fund in 2002 and 2003

Supporting the participant in the Symposium in March 2002 (Carried over from 2001).

To support key persons attending 10 ACC.

Asian Network for Environmental Chemistry (ANEC)

(Co-working with Chemical Research and Environmental Needs (CREN))

Activities

Workshop on the toxins in diarrhetic shellfish poisons funded by the Commonwealth Science Council in 2002.

Assist the 10 ACC with the environmental chemistry symposium.

Establish a contact point in each member country on environment matters

Fund in 2002 and 2003

Supporting a scientist attending the Workshop on diarrhetic shellfish poisons funded by the Commonwealth Science Council in 2002 (Carried over from 2001).

To support key persons attending 10 ACC.

Asian Network for Green Chemistry (ANGC)

Activities

Holding a symposium on Green Chemistry at 10 ACC in Hanoi.

To arrange a Green Chemistry issue in The Australian Journal of Chemistry that will coincide with the Hanoi meeting.

Fund in 2002 and 2003

To support participants in 10 ACC symposium.

Asian Pacific Network for Food Analysis (APFAN)

Activities

Workshop (February 4-15, 2002)

Chair a Session Food Chemistry in 10 ACC in which Food Analysis is included.

Communication in the web page; Activities associated with other Organizations; etc.

Fund in 2002 and 2003

To assist with APFAN's commitments with 10 ACC.

Asian Chemical Education Network (ACEN)

Activities

Regional Symposium on Information Technology in Chemistry and Chemical Education in March 2002 in Kuala Lumpur

Regional seminar/dialogue on Curriculum Development for Undergraduate Chemical Education in the Asian Region in Colombo, Sri Lanka in June 22 2002

Featuring ACEN activities in the Chemical Education Journal (CEJ)
Chemical Education symposium in 10 ACC.
Organizing a Regional Conference on Chemical Education in Sri Lanka in 2004

Fund in 2002 and 2003

Supporting the participant in the Symposium in March 2002 (Carried over from 2001).
Supporting the participant in the Regional Seminar in June 22, 2002 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
To support participants in 10 ACC symposium.

Sub Project: Low Cost Instrumentation/Microscale Chemistry (LCI/MC)

Activities

International Workshop on "Low-Cost Instrumentation- Microscale Chemistry (Lci-Mc)" Dec 5-6, 2002, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong.
A symposium on Exploitation of Environmental Chemistry via Low-Cost Instrumentation and Microscale Chemistry in 10 ACC
To organize regional workshops to provide training to chemistry practitioners and educators in Asia. One and half day workshop is tentatively scheduled in December 2003.
To publish newsletters for sharing and promoting of incorporation of microscale chemistry in laboratory teaching.
To enhance communication and professional contact from educators of common concerns among different countries/regions in Asia through web-based interactions.
To design and fabricate low-cost instrumentations and develop relevant activities in using them for laboratory works.
To publish laboratory manuals exemplified the use of the low-cost instrumentations in improving our laboratory teaching.
To organize the 2nd International Symposium on Microscale Chemistry in December 2004.

Fund in 2002

Regional workshop in December 2002.

Fund in 2003 (nothing requested)

Sub-project Low-Cost Publication (LCP)

Activities

2002: Distribution of copies of Low-cost Publications to Hong Kong and other Asian teachers.
2003: Distribution of copies of Low-cost Publications to suitable participants attending Workshops in Sweden and Denmark.

Fund in 2002 and 2003

For activities in 2002 and 2003 (cost for books).

Medicinal Chemistry (MC)

Activities

2002 Med Chem Project Symposium at the next MCC meeting in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia from 12 - 14 December 2002.
An international, multi-society conference on medicinal chemistry in Lorne in February 2003.
Organize a Session on Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Natural Products at the 10ACC.

Fund in 2002 and 2003

To support participants in 10 ACC symposium.

Sub Project: Asian Network for Research on Anti-diabetic Plants (ANRAP)

Activities

A two day Seminar on 'Antidiabetic Plant Materials: Separation techniques and biological testing' was held in BCSIR, Chittagong, Bangladesh, on 10-11 Feb 2002
The ANRAP Board Meeting in 2002 was held on 11 Feb in Chittagong.
One Day ANRAP Seminar (in Nov 2002 in Dhaka)
Partial support to One Week Workshop (in September 2002 in Karachi)

Fund in 2002 and 2003 (Nothing requested)

3. Guidelines for Use of FACS Seed Money

Approved at the 38th Ex-Co Meeting on 11 Jan 2001, Hanoi
Amended at the 40th Ex-Co Meeting on 15 Dec 2001, Singapore

1. Project Directors must submit before the end of the year their proposals for use of the Seed Money for the next year. For 2002, they must submit their proposals by the end of June (This sentence is deleted on July 1 2002).
2. The Coordinator of Projects shall approve the use of the money in consultation with the President and Treasurer.
3. All variation from the proposals shall be subject to new approval.
4. The funds not spent by 31 Dec expire unless special approval has been requested to the Coordinator of Projects by 31 Dec for carry-over for the next year. The fund carried over from the previous year cannot be carried over any more.
5. Seed fund shall be used for the following purposes:
 - a) Support of participants or speakers from countries of the region to a Workshop, Seminar or Meeting approved by FACS.
 - b) No person shall be sponsored more than once during the 2 years period.
 - c) Up to 25% of the seed money shall be used to cover incidental costs of the Project Director to organize the project.
 - d) Up to 25% of the seed money shall be used to prepare documents or reports of the project.
 - e) Up to 50% of the seed money shall be used to fund travel of the Project Director or Co-Director to a FACS approved Workshop, Seminar or Meeting.
 - f) For any other use, prior approval shall be obtained from the Ex-Co.
6. Project Directors must give a report of the Meeting, Seminar or Workshop and details of the use of the Seed Money, before money can be released by the Treasurer.
7. The report shall contain the highlights of the project, progress, resolutions or recommendations (if any) and photographs. The report shall be considered for publication in the FACS Newsletter.
8. The grant shall only be released if the society is in benefit, that is, its subscription has been paid.

4. Duties of the Coordinator of Projects and Project Directors and Co-Directors

Approved at the 38th Ex-Co Meeting on 11 Jan 2001, Hanoi
Amended at the 40th Ex-Co Meeting on 15 Dec 2001, Singapore

The Coordinator of Projects

1. To communicate with Project Directors and receive the regular Progress Reports for reporting to EXCO, Council Meeting and General Assembly of FACS.
2. To communicate with member societies and ensure their participation in FACS Projects.
3. To monitor the progress of projects and take appropriate action to ensure that they keep up with schedule (target) and do not become inactive.
4. To receive new proposal of projects from member societies and have them tabled at EXCO meeting agenda.
5. To advise Treasurer to release seed grants after receiving necessary documents/details from Project Directors.
6. To assist Project Directors by making contacts with funding institution, wherever it is available.

Project Directors

1. To monitor programs in FACS member countries in their respective project areas.
2. To catalyze development of new programs and promote cooperation among member countries.
3. To enhance communication by creating/strengthening networks between chemists in the region.
4. To ensure that at least 3 chemical societies are involved in activities of the project network.
5. To provide regular reports on the project to the Coordinator of Projects so that it can be tabled at EXCO meetings and disseminated in FACS Newsletter.
6. To raise funds for Workshops, Meetings, Symposia, and other project activities (as far as it is possible).
7. To present a program of activities to the Coordinator of Projects so that it can be tabled at EXCO meetings.

Project Co-Directors

1. To assist the Project Director in their respective network of the project.
2. To monitor the specific programs/projects assigned by the Project Director or initiated by the Co-Director.

5. Expected Calendar of FACS Projects 2004-2005

[2003]

August 20:

Deadline of the application for Projects in 2004-2005

The 10 ACC period:

Approval of Projects 2004-2005

Start of the succession of activities and preparation for new term

End of December:

Deadline of the proposals on the use of Project seed money for the next year

[2004]

January:

Start of the new Project term

End of November:

Deadline of the request of the seed money for 2004 (without special reason)

End of December:

Deadline of the proposals on the use of Project seed money for 2005

[2005] (*Items in Italic correspond to the projects in 2006-2007*)

January:

(Coordinator of Projects: Dissemination of the guideline of application for Projects in 2006-2007)

End of June (or two months before ACC):

(Deadline of the application of Projects in 2006-2007)

About one month before ACC:

Deadline of the intermediate report of the current Projects

The 11 ACC period:

(Approval of Projects in 2006-2007)

Start of the succession of activities

End of November:

Deadline of the seed money request (without special reason)

December:

Deadline of the final report of the current Projects

End of Project term