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Governance

1. How many times did the executive committee conduct governance business during 2020? *

2. How many members were there in the executive committee during 2020? *

3. How did the executive committee communicate with one another during 2020? (Check all that apply.) *

Email

Teleconference

ACS Network

Other

4. Did a member of your international chapter attend the International Chapter Leaders Track at the 2020 ACS Leadership Institute?

Yes

No

5. Did your international chapter have a succession and/or leadership development plan during 2020? *

Yes

No

6. How did your international chapter identify future leaders and get them into the leadership pipeline during 2020? (Check all that apply.) *

- Self-nomination
- Solicitation or Advertising
- Identify Active Committee Members
- Formal Leadership Training
- Long Term Plan
- Outreach to New Members
- Arm-twisting
- Other

7. Did your international chapter conduct an officer election during 2020? *

- Yes
- No

8. Did your international chapter conduct its elections electronically during 2020? *

- Yes
- No

9. How many members voted in your international chapter officer election in 2020? *

Questions 10-12 provide the opportunity for your international chapter's leadership to communicate successes, challenges, goals, and progress towards meeting those goals. We want to hear from you! Please use the required comment boxes to share your thoughts about your international chapter. In questions 11 and 12, do not feel limited by having spaces indicated for the top three goals. Other goals can be added in the comment box if needed.

10. 2020 Chair's report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges: *

2020 has been a challenging year for most of us including ACS Malaysia Chapter as we endured the unprecedented times of Covid-19 pandemic. We had planned many activities and events for the whole year. When the pandemic hit, all had to be put on hold. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) originally planned for March, had to be postponed, as the country

went into lockdown. It was only in July that the restrictions eased, and we managed to hold the first ever hybrid physical and virtual AGM. It went very well, and Dr. Lee Hooi Ling stepped down to pass on the baton to Dr. Mohd Firdaus Abdul Wahab. New committee members were also elected, eager to serve the Chapter and its members. With the remaining time in 2020, as the restrictions eased, we immediately revived the plans we had before to adapt to the new normal. With our vision to be a professional society excelling across chemistry boundaries and our mission, to lead in transforming professional talents and improving people's lives, we managed to conduct activities in line with our strategic goals: (i) To provide contextualized information, we leveraged digital connection to disseminate information and engage with our members. We conducted the first ever hybrid physical and virtual AGM using Zoom. Amid pandemic, the Chapter's webpage, WhatsApp group, Facebook and Twitter accounts are also very active and well updated. (ii) To advance member's professional career, we supported the Malaysia Risk Assessment Webinar Series (Sandia, NACWC), Chemical Material Control and Accountability and CMS© Software Training (Sandia/CSP, UTM), IMU's Virtual Pharmaceutical Chemistry Week 2020, ESTECC STIE 2.0 (NGO) - 3R: Waste to Wealth Webinar and Malaysian Students' Technology Week (MSTW) 2020. (iii) To improve education, we organised the first virtual South East Asia Global Innovation Challenge (SEA-GIC) with Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP). The theme was "Battling Climate Change thru Chemistry". The ACS International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) Kuantan Student Chapter was also established in 2020. In addition, our Student Chapters organised many webinars/virtual talks/sharing sessions. (iv) To communicate chemistry's value, we successfully organised a series of outreach initiatives together with Universiti Malaya, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and Curtin University Malaysia and their respective student chapters under ChemFest 2020 program. The activities traditionally held at science fairs or schools, were now moved online. This program was supported by the ACS Festival Grant, aimed to promote the way forward in addressing climate and earth science issues via fun, educational approaches. (v) To sustain financial resources, we introduced Brand/Marketing working group in the Chapter with continuous efforts being made to diversify income generations through our merchandise, various grants applications and collaborations as well as external sponsorships. Despite the challenges in times of Covid-19, with the support and determination from our members, the above mentioned plans/activities were made possible. We hope everything will return to normal in 2021, albeit a new normal. We will continue to strive in propelling the Chapter to greater heights.

11. 2020 Chair's goals for the Chapter

a . Please list first of top three goals

To provide contextualized information.

b . Please list second of top three goals

To advance member's professional careers and improve education.

c . Please list third of top three goals

To communicate chemistry's value and sustain financial resources.

d . What are your concerns and challenges?

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12. 2020 Chair-Elect's goals for the Chapter

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To advance member's professional careers and improve education.

c . Please list third of top three goals

To communicate chemistry's value and sustain financial resources.

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13. Does the International Sciences Chapter have a Vision and/or Mission Statement? *

- Yes
 No

14. What was the date of the last International Sciences Chapter strategic planning session? *

08/19/2020

Organization

1. Did your international chapter have active coordinators for the following?

Activity	Coordinator Names
Budget/Finance	Nurul Huda Abd Karim
Community Activities	Vannajan Sanghiran Lee
Educational	Mohamed Ibrahim Tahir
Industry Relations	Emily Tan

2. How many subsections were active in your international chapter during 2020? *

3. How many subsection meetings were held by your international chapter during 2020? *

4. How many topical groups were active in your international chapter during 2020? *

5. How many topical group meetings were held in your international chapter during 2020? *

6. How many dues-paying affiliate members were in your international chapter during 2020? *

7. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your international chapter during 2020? *

8. Please estimate the number of new volunteers in your international chapter during 2020? *

9. Please indicate all the ways that your international chapter recognized volunteers during 2020. (Check all that apply.) *

Awards

Certificates

Letter to Volunteer

Letter to Volunteer Supervisor

Recognition at an Event

Recognition in Newsletter

Recognition on Web

Other

Communication

1. How many international chapter meetings were held during 2020? *

5

2. On average, how many members attended a international chapter meeting during 2020? *

30

3. How does the international chapter's leadership communicate information to its members? *

We disseminate our info via members' WhatsApp group, email, social media (Facebook and Twitter) as well as ACS Malaysia Chapter official webpage.

4. How often do these communications occur:

a . Number of newsletters published:

0

b . Number of meeting notices:

6

5. What social media does your international chapter use? (If selected, please provide the link.)

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ACS.MalaysiaChapter/>

LinkedIn

Twitter

<https://twitter.com/ACSMalaysiaChap>

Other

6. Did your international chapter have a website during 2020? *

- Yes
 No

If the answer to above question is YES, what was the URL for your international chapter's website?

<http://acsmalaysiachapter.org/>

7. Did your international chapter post its Annual Report on your website during 2020? *

- Yes
 No

Nomination

The International Chapter Outstanding Performance (OP) Award is given annually to one international chapter. This award recognizes the most outstanding performance in supporting its mission and ACS, its members, students, the public, the education enterprise, industry, other ACS sections, other professional societies, and partnering organizations. The review is based solely on the IC FORMS annual report (AR), considering primarily the summary self-nomination statement below and the summary descriptions contained within Events, Activities, and Meetings. Please fill in your international chapter's administrative details. All fields marked * are mandatory.

1. Our international chapter would like to self-nominate for the International Chapter Outstanding Performance Award. *

- Yes
 No

Please provide a summary self-nomination statement of 500-word or less. The summary statement should highlight International Chapter 2020 activities to support your nomination.

Reflecting on 2020, it has been a challenging year as we battle Covid-19 pandemic. Many activities and events planned for the whole year were put on hold or converted online as we embraced the new normal. Nonetheless, activities and achievements were still made possible with the strong supports of our members. ACS Malaysia Chapter has grown in leaps and bounds since its establishment in 2014. We have certainly progressed far in our chemistry outreach activities gearing towards more impactful and meaningful activities. One of the

highlights was the Chemistry Festival (ChemFest) program during the COVID-19 pandemic. The “ChemFest: Climate and Earth Science” was proposed to educate future generations about the causes and effects of global climate change and earth science, in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day in 2020. The public (typically children below 15 years old and their families) were invited to participate in hands-on and interactive experiments that show how chemistry is present in our everyday lives. The series of ChemFest events - ChemFest in STEM Playground, ChemFest: Climate Change and Earth Science and ChemFest: Global Issues and Sustainable Solutions were conducted virtually from September to December 2020. The program was a major success with many participants from all parts of Malaysia. Another focus for 2020 was our flagship program – the South East Asia Global Innovation Challenge (SEA-GIC) that received very good responses. The first virtual SEA-GIC 2020 event was successfully organised with Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP) with the theme of "Battling climate change thru Chemistry". We received outstanding undergraduates’ entries on chemistry-related projects in the area of CO₂ utilization, renewable energy, and green chemistry, transportation and building etc. Notably, we are also proud that in 2020, we strengthened engagements with our Student Chapters. Many of our activities involved the Students Chapters participation and vice versa. Three of ACS Malaysia Student Chapters were awarded the outstanding award and another four Student Chapters received the honorable mention award. Further information regarding the activities carried out in 2020 can be found at our Facebook's page <https://www.facebook.com/ACS.MalaysiaChapter/> The OP Award will truly be a recognition to the hard work of all our members is keeping this Chapter active during the challenging year. We will continue our efforts to elevate the Chapter to even greater heights in 2021 with far-reaching effects in line with our Chapter’s vision and objectives.

Supporting Materials

Brief Description	File Name	File Size	Date Uploaded
SEA-GIC 2020 report	SEA-GIC GIG Report 03012021.pdf	641.06 KB	2/14/2021
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