

Malaysia &gt; Administration Form &gt; 2021

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## Governance

**Please input your responses to all questions based on the annual reporting year (unless otherwise instructed.)**

**1. How many times did the executive committee meet to conduct governance business? \***

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

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

 Email Teleconference ACS Network Zoom/Gotomeeting/Webex ACS Network Other

**4. Did your international chapter have a succession and/or leadership development plan? \***

 Yes No

**5. How did your international chapter identify future leaders and get them into the leadership pipeline? (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

**6. Did your international chapter conduct an officer election? \***

- Yes
- No

**7. How many members voted in your international chapter election?**

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

- Yes
- No

The following questions provide the opportunity for your 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 section. Do not feel limited by having spaces indicated for the top three goals. Other goals can be added in the comment box if needed.

**9. Chair's Report: Please provide a narrative of the past year's activity/successes/challenges \***

2021 has been another challenging year for most of us including ACS Malaysia Chapter as we continue to endure the unprecedented times of Covid-19 pandemic. Malaysia also went into several lockdowns in 2021. Nonetheless, we managed to plan our activities and successfully conducted them virtually throughout the year. 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 our 6th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 21 August 2021 via Zoom with a total of 43 attendees. 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 IUPAC Global Women's Breakfast 2021 online talk on "How to be Resilient During a Pandemic", Monash Initiate 2021, IMU's Virtual Pharmaceutical Chemistry Week 2021, ACS-UTP Next-in-Chemistry Challenge 1.0 (NICC 1.0) and Yayasan Science to Action's initiatives - TAB-FOR-SAP project 2021/2022 (an environmental education and training of high school students from the B40 group) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Campaign 2021 event (by sponsoring COVID-19 PPE for schools as the new term re-opens). (iii) To improve education, we organised a series of virtual academic talks/webinars - Virtual talk on The Earth Day: Restore the Earth by Prof. Shane Snyder, What is the Environmental Footprint of Your Favourite Snack? by Dr. Jane Gew Lai Ti, ACS Malaysia Scientific Talk by Prof. Nguyen Thi Kim Thanh and Dr. Ruchi Gupta, ACS on Campus with Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) and ACS Malaysia Industry and Career Talk by Dr. Amir Faizal Abdul-Manan. We also organised the Southeast Asia Global Innovation Challenge (SEA-GIC) with International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). The theme was 'Waste Booming during the Pandemic: Resolving via Sustainable Chemistry'. In addition, our Student Chapters organised many webinars/virtual talks/sharing sessions/competitions. (iv) To communicate chemistry's value, we successfully organised ACS ChemFest 2021. This program was supported by the ACS Festival Grant. The event was conducted through online platform (Zoom) and live streaming in ACS Malaysia Chapter Facebook page with three different scientific experimental activities including Experiment 1: Water Surface Tension, Experiment 2: Acid and base pH and Experiment 3: Slime making. Total 240 students from various states in Malaysia were selected to receive the free Chemistry kit consisting of materials and PPEs that are required for the event. The participants and their accompanying parents felt very satisfied with the event, and feedback was very positive. In addition, our members also organised an online outreach event with the students of SMJK Katholik Petaling Jaya. More than 100 students participated, from the Science and Maths Club of the school. (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 2022, albeit a new normal. We will continue to strive in propelling the Chapter to greater heights.

Responses to be provided by the Chair-elect for the annual reporting year.

#### 10. Chair-Elect's Goals \*

##### a . Describe first goal

To provide contextualized information.

##### b . Describe second goal

To advance member's professional careers and improve education.

##### c . Describe third goal

To communicate chemistry's value and sustain financial resources.

##### d . What are your concerns/challenges?

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To be completed by the Chair-elect for year following the annual reporting year.

**11. Next Year's Chair-elect's Goals \***

**a . Describe first goal**

To provide contextualized information.

**b . Describe second goal**

To advance member's professional careers and improve education.

**c . Describe third goal**

To communicate chemistry's value and sustain financial resources.

**d . What are your concerns/challenges**

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**12. Does the international chapter have an Vision and/or Mission Statement \***

- Yes
- No

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

08/21/2021

**In 2021, the ACS Board of Directors authorized an one-time funding allocation of \$12,000 to all international chapters. Please describe how your chapter used or plans to use these funds.**

**14. Please describe below how your chapter has used (or plans to use) the supplemental funds that were allocated in 2021. \***

Part of the fund has been used to support the Chapter's activities and co-support events (e.g. ChemFest 2021) and we will continue to utilise the fund for our upcoming activities. Among those in the pipelines are the inaugural Chapter Symposium and activity funding for members.

## Organization

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

Activity	Coordinator Names
Budget/Finance	Nurul Huda Abd Karim
Community Activities	VISWESWARA RAO PASUPULETI
Educational	Mohamed Ibrahim Tahir
Project SEED	Hooi-Ling Lee

**2. How many subsections were active in your chapter? \***

3

**3. How many subsection meetings were held? \***

20

**4. How many topical groups were active in your chapter? \***

8

**5. How many topical group meetings were held? \***

8

**6. What was the approximate number of active volunteers in your chapter? \***

43

**7. Please estimate the number of volunteers that were new. \***

15

**8. Please indicate all the ways that your chapter recognized volunteers? \***

Certificates

Letter to Volunteer Supervisor

Letter to Volunteer

Recognition at an event

Recognition on the web

Recognition in the newsletter

Other

Recognition during annual general meeting

## Communication

**1. How many chapter meetings were held? \***

8

**2. On average, how many members attended a chapter meeting? \***

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), ACS Insights ASEAN Newsletter (with ACS Publications) as well as ACS Malaysia Chapter official webpage. Information are also provided during our events and the annual general meeting.

**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

LinkedIn

Twitter

Other

**6. Did your chapter have a website? \***

- Yes
- No

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

**7. Did your chapter post its Annual Report on the website?**

- 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 2021, it has been a challenging year as we continue to battle the seemingly never ending COVID-19 pandemic. Many activities and events planned for the whole year had to be conducted online, even the ones originally planned for on-site. Nonetheless, various activities and achievements were still made possible with the strong supports of our members and partner organizations. 2021 can be said as our busiest year of the pandemic era. We have certainly progressed far in our chemistry outreach activities gearing towards more impactful and meaningful activities. Now we are one of the leading organizers for chemistry outreach events in Malaysia, becoming a household name. One of the highlights was the ACS ChemFest 2021, supported by the ACS Festival Grant. The event was conducted through online platform (Zoom) and live streaming via ACS Malaysia Chapter Facebook page with three different scientific experiments. Some experiments were designed according to the 2021 National Chemistry Week theme. A total of 240 students (from more 1000 applicants) from various states in Malaysia were selected to receive the free Chemistry kit consisting of materials and PPEs required for the event. Participants conducted the experiments online, together with the two facilitators from among the Chapter members and Student Chapter members. The event was made engaging through quizzes and lucky draws. From the survey, the participants and their accompanying parents felt very satisfied with the event, and the feedback was very positive. We even received overwhelming requests to organize this event again in 2022! The event was a major success with many participants from all parts of Malaysia, and was also featured in local newspapers. Another highlight for 2021 was our flagship program – the Southeast Asia Global Innovation Challenge (SEA-GIC), supported by the Global Innovation Grant. The event was successfully organized in collaboration with the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and the newly-established IIUM Student Chapter. The theme chosen was ‘Waste Booming during the Pandemic: Resolving via Sustainable Chemistry’. We received outstanding entries from all over South East Asia. This event served almost 200 participants inclusive of all the key events - pitching competition, digital art and webinar. We are also proud that in 2021, we further strengthened engagements with our Student Chapters. Many of our activities (e.g. series of virtual academic talks/webinars/sharing sessions/competitions) involved the Students Chapters participation and vice versa. We are glad that these efforts have been duly recognized through the 2021 ChemLuminary Award. Three of our Student Chapters also received the ACS 2021 Student Group Development and Engagement Grant. Further information regarding the activities carried out in 2021 can be found at our Facebook's page <https://www.facebook.com/ACS.MalaysiaChapter>. We will continue our efforts to elevate the Chapter to even greater heights in 2022, with far-reaching endeavours in line with our Chapter's vision and mission. Winning the International Chapter Outstanding Performance Award will definitely boost the motivation of the Chapter members to contribute more, in order to become one of the leading ACS international chapters in the world.

## Supporting Materials

Brief Description	File Name	File Size	Date Uploaded
ACS CHEMFEST 2021	ACS CHEMFEST 2021 FINAL REPORT.pdf	278.77 KB	2/5/2022
SEA-GIC 2021	FINAL REPORT SEA-GIC 2021.pdf	225.84 KB	2/5/2022
2021 Activities Slides	Annual report 2021_slides.pdf	2.68 MB	2/14/2022