

### IANCAS WORKSHOP Report 83

The 83<sup>rd</sup> BRNS-IANCAS National Workshop on Radiochemistry and Applications of Radioisotopes was held at Department of Physics, Khalsa College, Amritsar from September 21 to 28, 2013. The inaugural function was graced by Dr. Daljeet Singh, Principal, Khalsa College, Amritsar. Dr K.L. Ramakumar, Director, Radiochemistry & Isotope Group, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mumbai, & President IANCAS was the chief guest. Dr. Daljeet Singh welcomed the guests and lauded the role of IANCAS in propagating nuclear sciences in the country. Dr. K.L. Ramakumar gave an overview of the development of atomic energy programme in India. Dr. Sarbjit Singh, Coordinator of the workshop highlighted the purpose of the workshop and gave details of the lectures & practicals which will be covered during the workshop. Dr. A.V.R. Reddy, Vice president, IANCAS, highlighted various activities of IANCAS. Dr. Taminder Singh, Organising Secretary of the workshop proposed vote of thanks. A documentary film was shown to participants about the Nisarg Runa by Dr. S.P. Kale, BARC. Prof. Dr. S.K. Aggarwal Associate Director, RC&IG and Head, Fuel Chemistry Division, BARC presided over the valedictory function. Dr. G.S. Brar addressed about the present situation of college managements in Punjab and various efforts being taken by the Director Public Instructions (Colleges) for the advancement of the colleges and their staff. During the feedback session, Dr. Sarbjit Singh discussed various queries raised by the participants in their feedback forms. Some participants wanted practicals of higher level, which are normally carried out in the advanced workshop at BARC. Some participants opined to have the video show of the practicals which are carried out during the workshop. Participants of life sciences wanted the lectures should be brief and basic. Some participants wanted inclusion of project assignment in the workshop. Dr. Aggarwal responded to the queries of the participants. He also distributed certificates to all the participants. On behalf of IANCAS, Dr. Veena Sagar thanked the Principal, college staff and management and participants for making the workshop a success.