

## THE "6<sup>th</sup> Asian Biomaterials Congress" (ABMC6)

Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology has hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Biomaterials Congress (ABMC6) during October 25-27, 2017, in Trivandrum. Asian Biomaterials Congress series is a biennial meeting to facilitate scientific co-operation and development of collaborative programmes between the scientists in Asian countries in the areas related to Biomaterials and Medical Devices. It was conducted in India for the first time, with the support of the Society for Biomaterials and Artificial Organs, India (SBAOI), Society for Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine, India (STERMI) and Asia Pacific Society for Artificial Organs (APSAO). SCTIMST was chosen as the hosting Institution for the Sixth Congress because it has been instrumental in establishing medical device industry base in India and is leading the related research in the Country. Dr.Ashuthosh Sharma (Secretary, DST) and Dr.Asha Kishore (Director, SCTIMST) were patrons of this Conference.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Asian Biomaterials Congress (ABMC6) was organized in Hotel Apollo Dimora, Trivandrum, with the theme "Innovative Biomaterials: Technologies for Life and Society". ABMC6 was inaugurated by Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament, on October 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 in the function at Hotel Apollo Dimora, Trivandrum, presided over by Shri. K.M. Chandrasekhar, President, SCTIMST. Prof. Chandra P. Sharma (Founder SBAOI & STERMI) made the welcome speech followed by felicitations by Prof. Asha Kishore (Director, SCTIMST), Dr. Harikrishna Varma (Head, Biomedical Technology Wing, SCTIMST), Dr. Prabha D. Nair (President STERMI), Prof. Justin Cooper-White (President, Asian Biomaterials Federation) and Prof. Toru Mazuzawa (Secretary General, APSAO). Dr.Manoj Komath, Organising Secretary expressed the Vote of Thanks. The Conference Souvenir was released by Shri. K.M. Chandrasekhar by giving the first copy to Dr. Shashi Tharoor.

Leading researchers in biomaterials and medical devices, belonging to various research Institutes and Universities in India (55 speakers) and in different Asian Countries (more than 40 speakers) gave invited lectures. There were 30 sessions in 3 parallel proceedings. More than 200 research students presented papers, who are working in the field of Advanced Biomaterials, Medical Devices and Implants, Tissue Engineering, Drug Delivery, Regenerative Medicine, Orthopedics and Dentistry.













