

Federation of Asian Chemical Societies (FACS)

The Federation of Asian Chemical Societies (FACS) is a federation of 28 chemical societies from 28 countries/territories in Asia and the Pacific. The Federation was inaugurated on August 16, 1979 in Bangkok, Thailand with 11 Founding Members. The flagship event of FACS is the Asian Chemical Congress (ACC). The 14th Asian Chemical Congress (14ACC) will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from September 6 – 8, 2011. FACS also publishes an annual FACS Newsletter and the biennial FACS Statutes, Rules and Regulations, and Operating Procedures.

There are eight projects under FACS. One of the projects is the Asian Chemical Education Network (ACEN) with Professor Mei-Hung Chiu from Taipei as the project director and Professor Christina A Binag from the Philippines as the co-director. Another project is Low-Cost Instrumentation – Microscale Chemistry (LCI-MS) with Professor Datin Zuriati Zakaria of Malaysia as project director and Professor Alexandre Pokrovsky of Russia and Dr Abdulaziz A Alnajjar of Kuwait as co-directors. Under the projects, FACS provides annual seedling fund for organisation of meetings and other events under the projects. Under ACEN, the FACS seedling fund was used to support two participants to the 21 ICCE in Taipei in 2010. The LCI-MS project also organises an annual workshop on Microscale Chemistry.