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Chair - Session 1 Dr. Surendra Kulkarni

Dr. Kulkarni began his career at GE in 2000. As technical director at the John F Welch Technology Center in Bangalore, he oversees key research activities for GE in the areas of Chemistry and catalysis covering topics such as Monomers, Colours, additives, catalysis, processes development and manufacture.

Prior to joining GE, Dr. Kulkarni had a 7-year stint at Ciba Specialty Chemicals, where he was vice president, R&T. His responsibilities included research and technology development covering organic synthesis, process development, technology transfer and manufacturing. He received the Ciba global research award in 2000, for his work on optical information storage.



Dr. Kulkarni also spent 4 years at Atul Products, as General Manager, R&D - working on dyes and intermediates, agro-chemicals, etc. Prior to this, he spent 2 years at Johnson & Johnson as R&D manager. He was a senior research scientist at Hindustan Lever Ltd for 5 years, when he worked on perfumery chemicals, drugs and intermediates, oils and fats, inorganics, catalysis, etc.

Dr. Kulkarni earned his MS & Ph.D. degrees at Purdue University, USA. He was associated with Nobel Laureate and Distinguished Professor, H.C. Brown, for nine years. As his research assistant, Dr. Kulkarni's research efforts covered organic chemistry, organometallic chemistry and stereo-specific synthesis. In recognition of his contributions, he was invited by Prof. Brown to participate in the Nobel Ceremonies (1979), at Stockholm, Sweden.

Dr. Kulkarni's extensive experience includes over 11 years in academic research and 22 years in industrial research. He holds ten patents and has co-authored over 45 publications. He has delivered several honorary lectureships and plenary lectures at International Conferences & Institutions.