

OBITUARY

In Fond Memory of Melissa Chan Chin Han

On Monday, 19th December 2022 at 5.54 pm, we lost a dear friend, a dedicated colleague and a comrade-in-arms. We are at a loss of words on the passing of **Professor ChM Dr Melissa Chan Chin Han**. She is such a jovial and lovable person who takes everything in her stride and never give up when she decided to do something. We, at IKM, were all heartbroken on the loss of such a lovable, talented and dedicated person.

Melissa joined the IKM Council in 2010 and remained in the Council until present. When she first joined the Council, she was appointed Chairperson of the Polymer Section. We found her to be a dedicated worker who is totally committed to her work or task before her. When the Committee was restructured as the Polymer and Materials Division in 2020, she remained as the Chairperson. During her term as the Chairperson of the Division, she organised the 4th FAPS – International Polymer Conference (IPC) in 2015 and the 25th POLYCHAR World Forum on Advanced Materials 2017 (POLYCHAR25) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She was IKM Honorary Treasurer from 2017 – 2018 and remained as Honorary Assistant Treasurer in 2022.

I remember appointing her to the IUPAC Division IV Polymer in 2011 where she first started to get involved in IUPAC activities. In the IUPAC 47th General Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey in 2013, she was already playing a very active role in the Division and in 2019, she was promoted to be a Titular Member of the Division and appointed Secretary of the Polymer Education Sub-Committee. At the IUPAC 50th General Assembly in Paris, France in 2019, Melissa played a crucial role in getting the 51st IUPAC World Polymer Congress, or MACRO 2026, to be held in Kuching, Malaysia in 2026. In short, she is the darling of the Division. Members of the Division really mourned her loss and decided to publish an Obituary in the Journal of Macromolecular Science. I also included here, the condolence messages from the Division members. Please read [HERE](#).

In addition to IKM, Melissa was also very active in the Institute of Materials Malaysia (IMM). She was the Honorary Secretary since 2016 and played a key role in developing standards for coatings.

We all missed her dearly. May her soul rests in peace. Amen.

Datuk ChM Dr Soon Ting Kueh
President, Institut Kimia Malaysia (2018 – 2023)

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