

Report on NISTI Founder Day Lecture- "The Future of Biomaterials"

On May 18, 2023, NISTI celebrated its 35th Founder Day with an engaging lecture on "The Future of Biomaterials" by Dr. Michael A. Saltzberg, the CEO of Covation Biomaterials. The event provided valuable insights into the advancements and applications of biomaterials in various industries.

The lecture commenced with a warm welcome from Dr. RA Lal, Chairman of NISTI, and Dr. Vijay Yadav, Honorary Secretary of NISTI. They expressed their gratitude to Dr. Michael for graciously accepting the invitation to deliver the Founder Day Lecture. Dr. RA Lal and Dr. Vijay Yadav also briefed Dr. Michael about NISTI and its various activities.

Joining in the welcoming committee, Mr. Sudarshan Sharma, an executive member of NISTI, extended a warm welcome to Dr. Michael. The meeting was further enriched by the presence of Dr. Madhuri Nigam from Lady Irwin College.

The Founder Day Lecture witnessed an enthusiastic participation of more than 80 attendees from across India. Students, professionals, and individuals interested in the field of biomaterials gathered to gain insights into the latest advancements and future prospects in the industry.

During the lecture, Dr. Saltzberg captivated the audience with his profound knowledge and passion for biomaterials. He focused on key topics such as the remarkable applications of Sorona® in textiles, successful collaborations with Indian customers, and the future potential of biomaterials in the South Asian market. The discussion also revolved around Covation Biomaterials' sustainability approach and the challenges faced in increasing the utilisation of biomaterials.

Dr. Akshay Kumar, who played a proactive role in organising the lecture, took the opportunity to showcase the excellent manufacturing and testing facilities for textile materials at the Covation Biomaterials office in Gurugram, Haryana. His efforts were highly appreciated by the attendees.

The lecture concluded with a formal vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to Dr. Michael A. Saltzberg for sharing his expertise and making the Founder Day Lecture a resounding success. Special thanks were extended to Dr. Akshay Kumar for his instrumental role in facilitating the lecture and arranging the meeting at the Covation Biomaterials office.

For those who missed the live event, the recorded lecture is now available for viewing on the NISTI YouTube Channel @NISTIREgd. The proceedings can be accessed at the following link: <https://youtu.be/Ogp-5zTBqnY>.

We encourage everyone to watch the recorded lecture on the NISTI YouTube Channel and stay connected with NISTI for future informative events.

Regards,

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