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Outreach Lecture by Bhatnagar Awardee, Dr. Ashish Lele AND Workshop on “Participating in the IRIS National Science Fair”

Bhatnagar Awardee from the National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Dr. Ashish Lele will present a talk entitled, “How Giant Molecules Wiggle” for students of the 8th, 9th and 10th standard from local schools. This lecture is part of the "community outreach programme", under the aegis of the NCL Academy and is aimed at conveying the excitement of science and research to High School students and science teachers.

Dr. Lele's talk will be held at the NCL Innovation Park on SUNDAY, the 26th of April, 2009 at 10.00 am. Registration for the talk is free, and participants are chosen on a first-come-first-served basis. Students or science teachers interested in this talk can register by sending an email to outreach@ncl.res.in More information is available at the link: www.nclacademy.org/outreach

The Outreach Lecture will be followed by a Workshop on “Participating in the IRIS National Science Fair”. The IRIS Science Fair is sponsored by Intel, DST and CII, to foster the spirit of scientific endeavour in school students. IRIS invites “research based” projects from students in grades 5th to 12th. Winners of the senior category (9th to 12th grade) who are chosen at the National Fair are sponsored to travel to the USA to represent India at the prestigious International Science Fair (ISEF). Indian participants at ISEF fairs in the last several years have performed exceptionally well, and have returned with medals, awards and honours. This Workshop will be conducted by NCL scientists, Dr. Guruswamy and Dr. Amol Kulkarni, who have been judges at previous IRIS National Fairs, and aims at introducing students to IRIS and to the process of sending entries to the National Fair.

Notes to Editor:

National Chemical Laboratory (www.ncl-india.org), Pune, India is a research, development and consulting organisation with a focus on chemistry and chemical engineering. It has a successful record of research partnership with industry. National Chemical Laboratory (NCL) is a flagship laboratory of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (www.csir.res.in) which is the largest network of publicly funded research institutes in India.

Dr. Ashish Lele did his B. Tech. in Chemical Engineering at the UDCT, Mumbai and received the G. I. Kane Gold Medal from Mumbai University in 1988. Subsequently, he did his PhD from the University of Delaware, USA in 1993, after which he returned to India as a scientist at NCL. Dr. Lele has received several awards, in recognition of his outstanding research. He received the CSIR Young Scientist Award in 1994, the INSA Young Scientist Award in 1996 and the UICT Young Scientist Award in 2003. In 2006, he received the Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar award, the highest prize for practising research in India. Dr. Lele is a Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering.