

5th Junior National Organic Symposium Trust (J-NOST) Conference

4 - 7th December 2009

The National Organic Symposium Trust (NOST) is a non-profit organization established in 1983 for promoting organic chemistry through scientific interactions in conferences/seminars. Since then, it has been involved in such activities where established organic chemists in both India and abroad get a platform to share their research work. In 2003, the board of trustees of the NOST decided to have a separate forum for research scholars and junior scientists for scientific deliberations and interactions, which later became known as Junior National Organic Symposium Trust (J-NOST) Meet. Four such conferences have been successfully organized till now.

The 5th J-NOST conference was held at IIT Kanpur. The topics covered all aspects of organic chemistry ranging from the synthetic aspects to the development of anti-malarial drugs, glycosidase inhibitors and natural products. There were 112 participants from 61 different institutions (eight from the UK). Sixty-one of them gave oral presentations while twenty-six gave poster presentations.

This conference also has a tradition of inviting students from the UK. Eight students came from eight different universities of the UK for oral presentations. There were insightful talks by many eminent scholars like Prof. Ray C. F. Jones of Loughborough University, UK, who spoke on 'What is an ethical chemist?'

A special event was organized during J-NOST5 where twelve awards for outstanding thesis were presented to deserving Indian students by Eli-Lilly, a global pharmaceutical company based in the USA. Twenty students received the Eli-Lilly awards, two of them from IIT Kanpur- Ms. Monika Raj and Mr. K. B. Joshi