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Dear Friends,

Firstly, let me take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy New Year; we all hope and wish that 2023 will bring lots of cheer and joy in our lives, after a very difficult and trying two-year period.

As you are aware, a new team of office bearers will take over from January 1, 2023. Professor Anil Kumar from IIT, Bombay will be the President of SPSI and he will be supported by an able team of Executive Committee members from across the country; for the first time we have two members from the industry who will serve in the committee. It has long been felt that a stronger involvement of the industry is key to the success of our society. We expect that the industry members will be able to bring fresh ideas and innovative suggestions for the greater benefit of all members of our society and the Indian polymer science community, as a whole. In addition to the elected members, the Presidents of all the local chapters will serve as ex-officio members of the EC. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new members and wish them great success in championing the cause of polymer science in our country.

I would like to take this opportunity thank each and every member of the outgoing team, who have not only served as the backbone of our society but have been remarkably proactive and supportive in completing various administrative tasks and for the conduct of several scientific events. In particular, I would like to single out the efforts of our outgoing Treasurer, Dr C V Avadhani, who has efficiently managed all financial aspects and has worked very hard to make our society fully compliant with current regulations. I would also like to place on record our deep appreciation of all the Chapter Presidents for their constant support and constructive feedback that has helped the society grow in strength and stature.

In closing, I would like to wish the new President and his team all the very best; I am very confident that the new Executive Committee will usher-in an era that would bring greater visibility, higher participation, and a stronger engagement of the entire polymer science community in all activities of our society.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Ramakrishnan