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ACS furnishes reply with warning: Dr Arijit Das vindicated

By Our Correspondent

 **Agartala, Dec 25, 2013 :** Tripura over the past decade and half has undergone great socio-economic transformation, reflected in all human development indices but a stinking crab culture continues to afflict the state. Crabs are aquatic animals that always pull down or back a member of the group whenever it moves up or ahead of others. In Tripura's societal norm of chemistry crooks and their ignoramus collaborators, it means pulling the legs or sully the image of a genuine achiever whenever he or she secures recognition of talent or innovation. What aggravates the affliction is the viral infection of mean envy and jealousy suffered by ignoramus elements who specialise in sniffing the hind side of canine bodies as part of a vain effort to put it at level, horizontal to the ground.

Dr Arijit Das, Tripura's brilliant Assistant Professor of Chemistry, who has innovated as many as 14 new methodologies and 34 formulae-all published in authentic Indian Chemistry journals and in ACS publications, USA, became Editor of 'World Journal of Chemical Education, USA' and reviewer of 'Journal of Co-ordination Chemistry, London', 'Journal of Inorganic Chemistry Communications, USA', 'Q-science connect, Qatar' and 'Indian Chemical Society, Calcutta'. With feed-back from members-all Chemistry scholars across the world-the prestigious American Chemical Society (ACS), launched originally in 1876 and is now endowed with a membership of 1.63 lakh all over the world, nominated on their own Dr Arijit Das as a Fellow with 'Promo-Code'.

Dr Das is only among 7/8 ACS members from India and the very first from entire northeast but the honour conferred on him appeared to have stirred the inane crabs and ignoramus Chemistry crooks of Tripura. Goaded by pangs of mean jealousy the Chemistry crooks sought succour in ignoramus elements unable to comprehend the weight and dignity of ACS which makes recommendations for annual Nobel prizes in Chemistry besides sponsoring and financing projects and institutions engaged in research on Chemistry worldwide. A mean and baseless smear campaign was launched against Dr Arijit Das, truly a pride of Tripura, making the colossally false and ridiculous claim that ACS membership was up for sale and anyone greasing the palms of the institution with adequate amount of dollars could have figured in the membership roll of ACS. In complete violation of Cyber law, 'IT Act-2000 Offences U/S 65 and 67' entailing 5/10 years prison term and fine of Rs 1 lakh for cyber offences, Dr Das's photograph was displayed without his permission and all kinds of malignant falsehoods were promoted. Dr Das's protests failed to sway the purveyors of lies and falsehoods until 12-28 PM on December 22 when he had furnished online the ACS's letter of invitation offering membership with 'Fellow Number' (FN) and 'Promo Code', shattering the bottom of the citadel of falsehood.

From ACS MemberServices <service@acs.org>
 Date: Tue, Dec 24, 2013 at 9:02 PM
 Subject: Re: Kindly send me the information details regarding my membership selection procedure based on ACS invitation and nomination to Join the ACS network as earliest {4992}
 To: arijitdas78chem@gmail.com

Dear Dr. Das,

I am in receipt of your many recent communications and I hope to clarify any misunderstanding around membership with the ACS.

The ACS operates under bylaws that govern eligibility for and process to become a member. The requirements per the bylaws include both nomination and qualification. You received an invitation to become a member from our prescreening for potential members based upon contributions to the chemical community that allowed us to nominate you for membership. Because the bylaws must still be met, we still require every member complete the application for membership so we may review for meeting eligibility requirements.

Additionally, all categories of membership have applicable annual dues associated and they must be paid to be considered in good standing. I saw in one communication, a screenshot was referenced from an ACS site that said the membership was paid and to clarify this point, the site referenced is for membership renewal and should not be used for first membership invoices or any invoice that is modified. Nor should the renewal site be used by anyone other than ACS Members or their designees. The information on that page, in this specific circumstance, is not correct because you have an initial invoice for membership dues that has not been paid at this time.

Lastly, you inquired about Promo codes and FN numbers and these are both our internal reference numbers which help us reference your nomination and when the invitation was sent.

I hope this information is helpful. Please advise if I may be of further service.

Regards,
 Patti Berkes
 Customer Service Manager, Member Services
 American Chemical Society, toll free: 800-333-9511 (inside US & Canada)
 direct number: 1-614-447-3776, fax number: 1-614-447-3671

Now responding to Dr Das's pleas, Mr Patti Berkes, Manager, Customer Service and Member Services, ACS, has elaborated on the process of ACS membership selection, clarifying that Dr Arijit Das had been nominated as member by ACS itself. A gentle warning was unmistakable in Mr Patti Berkes's letter: 'the site referenced is for membership renewal and should not be used for first membership invoices or any invoice that is modified. Nor should the renewal site be used by anyone other than ACS members or their designees'. The letter mailed by Mr Patti Berkes from ACS is uploaded along with this report for the benefit of Dr Das's friends and mean detractors. The amazing spin in this entire sordid farce was the support obtained by promoters of deliberate disinformation campaign from an 'intellectual' collaborator. In stead of verifying truth and appreciating the innovations made the collaborator betrayed signs of downright partisanship and unfairness.

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25/12/2013 19:20:17	Santanu	santanubanik@hotmail.com	Dr. Arijit Das, kuch to log kahenge, logon ka kaam hai kehna... but tum mat rukna..... coz u have long way to go... for yourself and for our state. Stupid morons will try to pull you down but will never succeed. Best wishes.

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