

Historical View of Korean Magnetic Resonance Society

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In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of Korean Magnetic Resonance Society (KMRS) I would like to review a history of KMRS briefly. I was participated in organizing KMRS as one of founding members with scientists and served as a president of KMRS from 1999 to 2000.

To promote the cooperation and exchange the knowledge on the magnetic resonance and its application between related scientists in Korea, Korean Magnetic Resonance Discussing Group (KMRS) was founded at the 1st Magnetic Resonance Symposium which was held at Seoul National University on August 17,1992. Twenty-one scientist were attended at the symposium and elected Professor Jo Woong Lee, Seoul National University as the first president of the KMRS. The KMRS was renamed to the Korean Magnetic Resonance Society (KMRS) on February 1996 to launch an official scientific organization. The members of KMRS were much indebted to Professor Lee for his sacrificing effort to put a cornerstone for KMRS.

In addition to biannual magnetic resonance symposiums for scientific works, seven workshops and special lectures of distinguished scientists were held during past 10 years. Among the symposiums the International Symposium on Biological NMR was held in Seoul on August 21-22, 1998. Professor R. R. Ernst, a Nobel laureate in Chemistry in 1991, had a special lecture (topic: Chemical and Biological Dynamics Explored by NMR) at Seoul National University in 1997. Also the newsletter of KMRS has been published every six months. Journal of the Korean Magnetic Resonance Society, the official biannual journal (English version) of KMRS has been published since 1997. It was a honor for me that my research paper (title: Solution and Solid-state Vanadium-51 NMR Studies of Vanadium(V) Complexes) was published in Volume 1, No. 1, p 1-5, 1997 of the journal.

At present 320 members in the fields of chemistry, physics, biochemistry, biology, medicine, polymer, material science etc. are participated in KMRS. We look forward to obtaining more fruitful results in KMRS during next decade.