

2020 Executive Summary

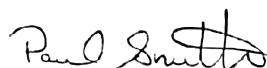
The past year has been eventful and challenging, but the **Chemical Institute of Canada (CIC)** and its constituent societies have been meeting these challenges head on.

We have moved into 2021 with resilience and the challenges of 2020 have led us to exciting new ways to connect and build our community.

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted CIC activities in 2020. The most difficult direct result of the pandemic was the cancellation of the **Canadian Society for Chemistry's (CSC)** annual conference, the **Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition (CCCE)**, which was set to be held in Winnipeg in May 2020. This cancellation unfortunately also impacted CSC's membership numbers, since many people join during conference registration. We missed connecting with the chemistry community in 2020, but we are looking forward to the new version of CCCE, set to happen virtually as part of IUPAC's World Chemistry Congress in August 2021. The **Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering (CSChE)** was able to forge ahead with its **Canadian Chemical Engineering Conference (CCEC)** as a successful virtual event in October 2020. The innovative virtual format allowed for new ways to engage with cutting edge research.

With the newly virtual world in 2020 came new opportunities to connect our community outside of the conferences. **CIC VIRTUAL** launched in May 2020: the CIC Talks stream of our CIC VIRTUAL programming showcases how the Canadian chemical sciences community is meeting today's biggest challenges. The seminar series stream offers technical talks from subject area experts organized by members of our subject divisions. Although this VIRTUAL programming originally developed out of necessity from the pandemic, it has quickly become an essential part of the CIC's programming and will now offer opportunities for our geographically vast Canadian (and international) community to connect throughout the year.

In this report, you'll see the highlights of this year: although it was challenging, we have many things to celebrate and we're especially grateful for the support of our CIC community throughout 2020 and into the future.



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Our Membership This Year:

Our membership serves three societies



Canadian Society
for Chemistry
2000+ members



Canadian Society for
Chemical Engineering
1100+ members



Canadian Society for
Chemical Technology
140+ members

Our communities

16 SUBJECT
DIVISIONS

19 ACTIVE
LOCAL
SECTIONS

74 STUDENT
CHAPTERS