



## DISSEMINATION OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

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The Society of Cosmetic Chemists of South Africa (Coschem) is a professional association of cosmetic chemists and associated technical persons and groups. For many years, South African cosmetic chemists and technical administrators felt the need for a medium of expression for the interchange of ideas of common interest to the cosmetic industry. They were also concerned with the broader objectives of establishing techniques and principles amongst the industry's technical personnel. With these goals in mind the concept of a Society for Cosmetic Chemist in South Africa arose and those who proposed to inaugurate a society met in Johannesburg on 25 November 1976.

Our main objective is the promotion of education and professionalism, elevating the technical skills of personnel within the cosmetic and toiletry industry.

We host regular seminars, lectures, an annual scientific conference and also administer the Cosmetic Science Course.

Over and above this we also host a myriad of networking events.

Included in your membership is a subscription to the Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Review and the IFSCC magazines + Kosmet database.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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### Full / Associate Membership

- Automatically an IFSCC Member ([www.ifsc.org](http://www.ifsc.org))
- Member Society Job Boards: a page in the Member Society section lists Job Boards run by IFSCC Member Societies, with links.
- Electronic copies of IFSCC quarterly magazine, plus issues of the Pharmaceutical & Cosmetic Review Magazine.
- Discounts to attend various events, lecture evenings are free to members.
- Free Access to the Journal of Skin Pharmacology and Physiology: in the Publications / Scientific Articles page
- Industry vacancies
- Industry networking
- Cosmetic Science Course

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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We are a Society for individuals, there is no Corporate Category.

### **Full membership**

Full members hold a scientific degree/ diploma. These candidates have a voting right and may join the Council.

### **Associate membership**

Candidate is associated with the industry for example sales, marketing etc. However as per our Constitution, only Full members may vote on relevant issues. Associate members are unable to join Council.

## OBJECTIVES

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- Promote the advancement of science and technology in the cosmetic and toiletries industry.
- Aim to improve the scientific knowledge of the individual members.
- Promote high ethical standards of cosmetic science.
- Provide the means for the dissemination and interchange of knowledge pertinent to cosmetic science.
- Encourage research in cosmetic sciences.
- Maintain contact and promote dialogue with relevant industry bodies.

## COSMETIC SCIENCE COURSE

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The Cosmetic Science Course is a two-year part time/correspondence course run by the Society of Cosmetic Chemists South Africa. It is an industry-based Course, which is highly recognized by the Personal Care Industry.

The Course addresses the training needs of the developing cosmetic chemist and covers a vast scope of subjects within the Cosmetic Industry. Introductory topics include Basic Chemistry and Cell Physiology and then the course progresses towards more specific fields such as Hair and Skin Care.

Mastering skills in Packaging, Marketing, Production, Legislation, and delivery of presentations will benefit the student. Assessment of progress throughout the course is in the form of tutorial exercises, assignments, practical exercises, presentations, product development and exam sessions.