

India Council Secretary's Report
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IC Executive Committee 2016

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Mr. Gowtham Prasad K. N.	Vice Chair, Young Professionals Program	Bangalore
Mr. Rajendra K Asthana	Ombudsman	Delhi
Mr. N Thankappan Nair	Newsletter Editor	Kerala
Mr. Quraish H Bakir	Webmaster	Bombay

IC Administration & Governance 2016

Update to Bylaws

- At EGM 24 July 2016 existing Bylaws further aligned to existing practice in Region 10 :
- Election for the slate only for position of Chair Elect.
- Incoming Chair would select Secretary and Treasurer or Secretary/Treasurer.
- Amendment passed and comes into force from 2017.
- Updated Bylaws hosted on IC website
- Execom had 1 Telecon 3+1 F2F meetings Incl EGM
- Filing of returns as per statute

Technical & Professional Activities 2016

- **IEEE Interactive Talks:** 1st session organised by IC Young Professionals on 25th of June, 2016, *Virtual Astronaut Appearance* with the NASA Astronaut, Sunita L. Williams as the speaker. The event was live with good feedback.
- **AISYWC 2016 AT JAIPUR OCTOBER 7-9:** Hosted by IEEE Delhi Section and was held at LNMIIT, Jaipur, Rajasthan Oct 7-9th 2016. 270+ delegates. Theme "Innovate to Create". Talks, Competitions like SB Info graphics competition, Technical project/poster presentation, best Face book post, etc

- **4TH NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP @ MUMBAI:** Held at TCS, Yantra Park, Thane on 12 & 13 November, 2016. Eight eminent domain speakers. Over 100 online attendees.
- **INDICON 2016** hosted by IEEE BLR Section 16-18 Dec
- **MV Chauhan Paper Contest** 3 winners out of 6 shortlisted on 5 Dec

Other IC highlights of 2016

Conference Norms and Guidelines on Technical Co-sponsorship: Special norms for conference organisation and guidelines on technical co-sponsorship which require robustness of the technical program committee and care in review of submissions. The guidelines have been hosted on the IC website.

IC Society Chapter streamlining: Ongoing efforts stepped up to streamline and coordinate the activities of the IC IEEE Society Chapters. During 2016, portfolio taken by IC Chair who reached out to Chapter leadership to resolve long pending issues.

Following the IC meeting on 24 July 2016, **new Guidelines on forming new India Council Chapter(s)** have been put up on the website.

New IC Chapter: IC Chapter of IEEE Council on Electronic Design Automation received formal approval on 24 February 2016.

IC Awards for Sustainable Student Branches 11 shortlisted: Winners 1st SSN (Madras) 2nd GHRCE (Bombay) 3rd MESCE (Kerala)

IC Women In Engineering: IC WIE closely involved in AISYWC at Jaipur, and R10 SYWL Congress in Bangalore as also WIECON in Pune. **Two events conducted** partially supported by R10 WIE

1. "Spread the Word, for prevention is Better than Cure" in association with IC and GRIET SB (Hyderabad Section)
2. "WIE National Leadership Conference" in association with IC and Sardar Patel Inst of Tech (Bombay Section)

Branding and marketing of the India Council IP: Vice Chair marketing Mr TS Rangarajan, has been working on plans for making the activities of India Council financially sustainable. The aim is to receive a share of the revenue generated by the conference through bringing sponsors together with technical committees. Efforts are ongoing.

India Council Logo formalised: Special Logo for IEEE IC design vetted by IEEE with the help of India Office

Two IEEE Events of significance to members all India, during 2016

1. The **2nd Admissions & Advancement Senior Member elevation panel for 2016 was held on 19 March 2016 in Mumbai** at which Dr JB Cruz, Chair A&A Committee was joined by Ms Fanny Su of Singapore Office and 20 senior members of IEEE Bombay Section. In all the panel cleared 307 elevations. This was the second such meeting in India after the one held a couple of years ago in Bangalore.
2. **IEEE Board India Outreach to Mumbai and Bangalore** (22-26 August 2016) on the occasion of the R-10 Golden Inaugural celebrations at Bangalore on August 24.

Seven members of the IEEE Board led by President Barry Shoop visited Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE), Larsen & Toubro Group Companies and Tata Group companies in Mumbai. In Bangalore the outreach was to Indian Institute of Science (IISc), TIE Young Entrepreneurs, India Electronics & Semiconductor Association, Intel India Incubation center, Indian Space Research Organization.

Slate and Support from India Office

Slate for 2017: For 2017 the Nominations Committee comprising Dr M Ponnavaikko (Madras), Dr Nirmalendu Chatterjee (Kolkata) and Dr Anil Roy (Gujarat) has nominated Dr SN Singh as Chair Elect 2017. The Slate was displayed on the website on 17 October 2016. No petition was received and accordingly **Dr SN Singh has been declared Chair Elect 2017.**

Liaison with IEEE India Office: Mr Harish Mysore, Director IEEE India Office in Bangalore, continues his close association with the activities of India Council and is regularly present at EC meetings

India Council acknowledges the various efforts of IEEE India Office which have added value to members in India.

A word of thanks..... Sincere thanks to Chair, India Council, Section Chairs, Office bearers of IC IEEE Society Chapters, India Council Vice Chairs, IC Executive Committee Members, Editor IC Newsletter, Webmaster, Expert speakers and other organizers at Events listed above and all of whom made it possible for the Execom to consolidate the statutory compliance and build on the numerous value adding offerings to members in India

Anthony Lobo
Secretary, IEEE India Council

Report on 2017 IEEE Region 10 Annual Meet held on March 4-5, 2017 in Chiba City, Japan



It was my honour and privilege to represent IEEE India Council in the 2017 IEEE Region Meet. The meet Chaired by R10 Director Kukjin Chun was attended by more than 100 delegates including several past R10 Directors. Quite a few IEEE dignitaries attended and addressed the meeting, viz. IEEE President, Karen Bartleson, MGA Vice-President, Mary Ellen Randall and TAB Vice-President, Marina Ruggieri.

On the first day of the meeting, 4th March 2017, Training Workshops were organized in two breakout sessions in the forenoon and Poster Sessions by EXECOM members were held on various IEEE activities in the afternoon apart from transacting regular administrative and financial agenda. Presentations were also made by 50 Years Celebration Committee and Sections Congress 2017 Committee. In the afternoon, a special session with Q&A was held in which President-Elect Candidates 2018, Vincenzo Piuri and Jacek Zurada, took part. The busy day was concluded in a fitting manner by the 50 Year Celebration Dinner.

On the second day of the meeting, 5th March 2017, three knowledge sharing sessions were held in which presentations were made by 2016 R10 Large Section Award Winner, Medium Section Award Winner and WIE Section Affinity Group Award Winner. Reports were presented on TENCON 2016, TENSYPMP 2016 and Region 10 Humanitarian Technology Conference (HTC) 2016. Informative presentations were made on TENCON 2017, TENSYPMP 2017, HTC 2017, TENCON 2018, TENSYPMP 2018 and HTC 2018. 2017 R10 Annual Meeting was formally adjourned at the end of the forenoon session on 5th March 2017.

In the afternoon on 5th March, an exciting sight-seeing tour was conducted to Imperial Palace, Sensoji Temple and Nakamise. The excursion was followed by dinner and music in the evening. The enchanted participants ended the memorable meet with the vow to make IEEE Region 10 stronger in days and years to come.

Report by: Dr. Sivaji Chakravorti, Chair, IEEE IC

Microsoft ending support for decade-old Windows Vista: Microsoft has announced that it's ending support for Windows Vista operating system which was released in 2006. From next month, Windows Vista users will not receive security updates, assisted support options, or online technical content updates. Almost 8% of desktop market share is still estimated to be using Vista's predecessor Windows XP, despite Microsoft ending support for it in 2014.