Dear IEEE Members,

It is always amazing to note how fast the time flies. It seems that I have completed writing the message for the last issue of IEEE IC Newsletter just the previous day. Now it is time again to write to all of you for the second issue of IEEE ICNL in 2018. At the same time it gives me great pleasure to reach out to you with the IEEE ICNL on a regular basis. My sincere thanks to the ICNL Editor for doing a marvelous job with tremendous consistency.

In the last message, I expressed our thanks and appreciation to IEEE Gujarat Section for holding the first face-to-face (F2F) meeting of IEEE IC in 2018. This time I am duty bound to express my heartfelt thanks to IEEE Pune Section for being the wonderful host to the second F2F meeting of IEEE IC on 23rd June 2018 at Pune. It was a great meeting with very encouraging participation from all concerned. Particularly praiseworthy is the professionalism showed by Pune Section in all aspects of the organization of this meeting.

As announced in the last issue of IEEE ICNL, the MiniPOCO 2018 was held on 20th May 2018 at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh organized jointly by IEEE India Council and IEEE Hyderabad Section. The workshop was supported by IEEE Region 10, IEEE Meetings, Conferences and Events and quite a few IEEE Sections in India. Over 70 participants joined from nearly every leading Indian city, representing many leading Academics institutes and Industries. On behalf of IEEE IC I extend my sincere thanks to all concerned for organizing such a relevant and meaningful workshop.

The national level IEEE Women in Engineering Symposium 2018 was held at the Hope Foundation’s International Institute of Information Technology, Hinjewadi, Pune, on 22-23 June 2018. This Symposium was jointly organized by Women in Engineering Affinity Group, IEEE India Council and Women in Engineering Affinity Group IEEE Pune section. This symposium was yet another example of commitment towards excellence by the IEEE Volunteers, particularly WIE leadership. My warmest thanks to the organizers of this beautiful event.

In the sidelines of this WIE Symposium, “Late Shri Pralhad P Chhabria Award” was presented to the awardees on 23rd June 2018. Mr. Dina Khokhar, Chair, IEEE Pune Section, Mrs. Aruna Kataria, President, Hope Foundation, Mr. Suahs Merchant, Vice Chair, CREDAI, PUNE Metro, Dr. Rajashree Jain, Vice Chair, WIE AG, IEEE IC, Mrs. Lekha Phijo, Chair, WIE AG, IEEE Pune Section and the undersigned were present during the award ceremony. It is a great beginning and I look forward to many distinguished awardees in future.

IEEE India Council in association with IEEE 5G Initiative, IEEE Bangalore Section and IEEE ComSoc Bangalore Chapter organized a 2 day “IEEE 5G Technology workshop” on June 29-30, 2018 at Hotel Sterlings Mac, Bangalore. This workshop was supported by Department of Telecommunication(DoT), Govt. of India, Telecom Standards Development Society of India (TSDSI), Cloud Computing Innovation Council of India (CCICI) and AP/MTT Bangalore Joint Chapter. The workshop provided a forum to researchers, engineers and industry experts to present and discuss recent research breakthroughs, technical advancements and new findings in 5G Technologies. Main objective of this workshop was to bring synergies between the Government, Industry and Academia, which was achieved admirably well. Once again I express thanks from the core of my heart to the organizers of this outstanding program.
International Conference on Smart Electric Drives and Power System was held on 12-13 June 2018 at the G.H. Raisoni College of Engineering Nagpur. This conference was technically co-sponsored by the PES Chapter of IEEE IC and IEEE Nagpur Subsection. My thanks to PES Chapter for making their presence felt nationwide.

IEEE India Council in association with IEEE Bangalore Section and IEEE TEMS Bangalore Chapter is organizing a 2 day "IEEE Workshop on Intrapreneurship" on July 28 & 29, 2018 at Hotel Sterlings Mac, Bangalore. This workshop is for Industry Professionals working in large/medium industries, PSUs and R&D Organizations. I look forward to another top notch event.

All India Students-Young Professionals-Women in Engineering (AISYWC) 2108, themed “Aspire, Ideate, SYnchronize, Widen thoughts and Capture the Goal” is a flagship event of IEEE India Council, hosted this year by IEEE Bangalore Section at VVIET Mysore. AISYWC will be a 3 day event from Sep 28 to Sep 30, 2018. We are expecting more than 350 participants attending the congress. I appeal to all the sections to make this program a great success.

From the above-mentioned programs already organized during the last three months of this year and the programs which are forthcoming, the vibrancy of IEEE IC is amply evident. It is all due to active participation of IEEE volunteers from the length and breadth of the country. I appeal to all to keep up the good work.

With warm fraternal greetings,

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**Start-ups – Founders Cardinal Rules**

Rule 1 - Founders will hire experts when required, rather than a DIY approach.
Rule 2 - Customers will always pay for services and so will Founders.
Rule 3 - Founders will work on increasing the transaction value and customer base.
Rule 4 - Founders are in Business for Profits and not for Charity (free services).
Rule 5 - Founders will use their network to grow their business.
Rule 6 - Founders will have a clear strategy supported by realistic financial goals and exit valuation.
Rule 7 - Founders invest in good mentors to guide them in their business.
Rule 8 - Founders cannot change the world, though they can make it a better place.
Rule 9 - Founders will operate with all leadership roles in the team (full time/part time).
Rule 10 - Founders whose business is not profitable will sell out or close out.

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