

Message from the Chairman



Dear IEEE Members,

I am happy to write to you in this penultimate issue of IEEE ICNL for 2018. At the very outset, I would like to state that my experience during 2017-2018 as IC Chair has indicated that if IEEE India fraternity works in unison, many positive things can happen in the years to come.

IEEE India Council is delighted to state that the "All India Student/ YP/ WIE Congress (AISYWC-18)", a flagship event of IEEE IC, was hosted by IEEE Bangalore Section with great pomp and show during 28th to 30th September 2018. This year, the congress was held at City of Palaces, Mysuru, and the local host was Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering & Technology (VVIET). IEEE India Council is happy to inform that seven IEEE Sections of India extended their support to AISYWC-18. Around 450 participants took part in the Congress.

Maintaining the continuity during 2017-2018, IEEE IC F2F meeting was held on 30th September 2018 hosted by IEEE Bangalore Section on the sidelines of AISYWC-18 in Mysuru. It was a very good meeting with participation from many sections, which is bringing in greater cohesion in IEEE activities in India. I put on record our utmost appreciation of the efforts of IEEE Bangalore Section in relation to this F2F meeting.

This quarter was an eventful time for IEEE India Council. IEEE Bombay Section in collaboration with IEEE India Council organized a day-and-a-half long 'Tutorial cum workshop on AI&ML' during August 10-11, 2018. The local host and the venue for this edition was the National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE), Mumbai. The event was supported by IEEE Technology and Engineering Management Society (TEMS) and Standards Association (SA).

IEEE India Council in association with IEEE Bangalore Section and IEEE TEMS Bangalore Chapter organized a two-day "IEEE Workshop on Intrapreneurship" on July 28 & 29, 2018, at Hotel Sterlings Mac, Bangalore. This workshop was organized especially for Industry Professionals working in large/medium industries, PSUs and R&D Organizations.

IEEE Foundation Events on 'Furthering Indian Perception of IEEE' were organized by IEEE Bombay Section, IEEE Foundation and IEEE India Council on three consecutive days entitled "Destination Moon: Building of a Moonshot" at TIFR Mumbai on 14th September 2018, at Don Bosco Institute of Technology, Kurla (W), Mumbai, on 15th September 2018 and also at D. G. Ruparel College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mumbai. More than 350 participants took part in the programs.

It is noteworthy to mention here that the poster on WIE Symposium submitted by Dr Rajashree Jain was selected as one of the Top 10 listed posters for the WIE "Best Event" Poster Competition in the R10 SYWL Congress held in Bali, Indonesia, in August 2018.

I congratulate all the IEEE leaders and volunteers, who have made all these wonderful activities to be great successes. I look forward to an equally active last quarter of 2018, which happens to be the last quarter of my tenure as IEEE IC Chair.

With best fraternal greetings,

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