Message from the Chairman

Dear IEEE Members,

I am happy to write to you in this fourth and final issue of IEEE ICNL for 2018, which will also be the last issue of ICNL during my tenure as IEEE IC Chair. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mr. HR Mohan, IEEE ICNL Editor, for his untiring efforts to bring out ICNL issues unfailingly in every quarter of 2017-2018. It was a herculean job done admirably well.

It was a great honour for me to serve the IEEE fraternity of India as the IEEE IC Chair for two years during 2017-2018. I sincerely thank the IEEE members in India to repose their faith on me. From my side, I have tried my best within my capabilities, the outcome of which are to be judged by the IEEE fraternity at large.

I take this opportunity to express our happiness for the fact that Sri Deepak Mathur, former IEEE India Council Chair, has been elected as the IEEE R10 Chair-Elect in the IEEE Annual Elections held in 2018. On behalf of IEEE India Council, I would like to profusely thank the IEEE voting members in India to cast their votes in large number in this election and make it happen. It has been clearly shown by this election that, if IEEE India fraternity works in unison, many positive things can happen in the years to come. I am also happy to note that Prof. Toshio Fukuda, former IEEE R10 Chair, has been elected as IEEE President-Elect for 2019. It is for the first time that an IEEE volunteer from R10 has been elected as IEEE President. IEEE India Council extends its full support to both Sri Deepak Mathur and Prof. Toshio Fukuda during their tenure in office.

Indicon 2018, the flagship conference of India Council, was organized by IEEE Madras Section with Amrita Institute of Science and Technology, Coimbatore, as the local host during 16-18 December 2018 with technical support from IIT Madras. It was a neatly organized and well attended conference, for which the full credit goes to the organizing committee.

IEEE Mini POCO 2018 co-sponsored by IEEE Region 10 was organized jointly by IEEE Malabar Sub-Section, IEEE Kerala Section and IEEE India council on 10th November 2018 in NIT Calicut. India Council Meeting with IEEE President was held on 22nd Oct 2018 at IEEE Bangalore office. India Council CAS Chapter and Saintgits College of Engineering organized 2018 International Conference on Circuits and Systems in Digital Enterprise Technology (ICCSDET) on 21st Dec 2018 at Kottayam, Kerala. Computational Intelligence Society Chapter organized one week Summer School on “Computational Intelligence: Theory, Implementation and Applications” during 22-27 November 2018 in Hyderabad. I express my heartfelt appreciation of the hard work of IEEE volunteers in making all these programs successful and in the process making IEEE IC a vibrant entity.

I congratulate all the IEEE leaders and volunteers, who have extended their strong support to IEEE IC team over the last two years. With a happy frame of mind, our IC team would hand over the charge to the new team under the leadership of Prof. SN Singh w.e.f Jan 2019. I look forward to active cooperation of IEEE members in IC activities in greater numbers in the years to come.

With warm fraternal greetings,

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