Message from the Chairman

Dear IEEE Indian Members,

I am happy to see that third issue of 2019 of India Council (IC) newsletter is being released. The newsletter is having information of India Council, Sections, Chapters, Affinity Groups etc., interesting articles on diverse fields of interest to our members along with few regular informative columns. I congratulate and thank the efforts taken by Mr. H.R. Mohan, Newsletter Editor. I would also like to put on record and thank the Section leaders who have extended their cooperation in providing the inputs to the newsletter.

The flagship technical conference of India Council, INDICON-2019, will be held in Marwadi University, Rajkot, Gujarat in collaboration with IEEE Gujarat Section during December 13-15, 2019. Paper submission deadline is over, however, paper submission for focused session and M V Chouhan Paper contest is open till September 25, 2019. All India Student, Women in Engineering and Young Professional Congress (AISWYC) is to be held in Hyderabad during September 28-30, 2019. I am happy to share that Github, IEEE ComSoc, IEEE MTT-S, IEEE TEMS, and IEEE SPAA have sponsored AISYWC and more than 400 delegates have registered for the same. This year Life Member track is added to the Congress.

During this third quarter of 2019, IC EGM and EXCOM was held on 27th July in WTC Brigade Gateway, Bangalore and IEEE India Office, Bangalore respectively. IC Bylaws amendments proposed by IC EXCOM were ratified during the EGM. Adoption of amendments to Article II, IV, V, VI and VIII of IC Bylaws in respect of objective, management, nomination and election of officers, eligibility criterion and finances were ratified by the general assembly. Few major amendments were viz. dissolve all Chapters of India Council, defining roles of Vice Chairs, formation of core committee, and updating the nomination procedure for India Council Chair. Amended and updated IC Bylaws are uploaded at India Council website for reference of members.

An Interaction with Prof. Jose Moura, 2019 IEEE President and Dr. Stephen Welby, Executive Director was arranged with attendees of India Council EGM. EGM attendees asked questions w.r.t. Region 10 alignment, Commercialization of IEEE and Membership dues. IEEE President and IEEE Executive Director gave suitable reply and assured that member’s observations will be communicated to IEEE Board. A brief presentation on IEEE India Council was made before IEEE President and Executive Director to familiarize them about India Council activities and initiatives. It was informed to the IEEE President that Membership growth in India was 7% and 12% in the year 2017 and 2018 respectively. If 12% YoY growth rate is maintained, by 2026 (when IC will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee year) India Council will have more than 1.35L Members (Equal to 2018 membership of IEEE R10). Even at 7% YoY growth rate by 2031, India Council will have more than 1.35L members.

New guidelines for IC Awards and e-notice are formulated. Now any IEEE event information can be sent through e-notice to all the Indian IEEE members by paying INR 5000/ per e-notice, to IC account. Section chairs should endorse the e-notice for the same.

I am sure that with the help of active IEEE volunteers in India, we will be able to make one of the best councils of IEEE.

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