

IEEE India Council
Secretary's Report – 2015

The **India Council Executive Committee – 2015** comprises the following Members:

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Mr. N Thankappan Nair	Newsletter Editor	Kerala
Mr. Rajendra K Asthana	Ombudsman	Delhi
Mr. Quraish H Bakir	Webmaster	Bombay

1. MEETINGS

EGM

During the year 2015, an **Extraordinary General Meeting** was held on **6 Sept 2015** at **GH Raison College Engineering, NAGPUR** principally to review and approve the new IC ByLaws.

I.C. Executive Committee Meetings held during 2015

❖ F2F Meetings :

Sl.No.	Date	Place
1.	7 March 2015	Dhaka
2	29 March 2015	Ahmedabad
3	6 September 2015	Nagpur

One more F2F meeting of the Execom will be held at INDICON 2015 in Delhi on 20 December 2015

❖ **Teleconference Meetings Held:**

Sl.No.	Date
1.	31 January 2015
2.	28 February 2015
3.	2 May 2015
4.	6 June 2015
5.	18 July 2015
6.	7 November 2015

The MoMs of all the meetings held were circulated to the EC Members and duly approved. While a regular outreach and contact was maintained through the telecons, at the F2F meetings the Section / Representatives of India were able discuss and obtain clarifications on many important issues.

2 Key milestones in India Council statutory compliance

- IC has been registered as a Society under the Karnataka Society Registration Act, 1960 as of April 2015
- India Council has been allocated a PAN card

With these statutory compliances in place the India Council is in a position to conduct events for the benefit of members in India with the due authorization of government.

- Revision of Bylaws to align with IEEE MGA bylaws was undertaken along with inputs from all Sections. The bylaws were cleared by IEEE MGA and were adopted at the EGM in Nagpur on 6 September 2015. The bylaws are hosted on the IC website

3 Significant highlights of IC Technical & Professional Activities in 2015

- One day **workshop for 'Conference Organizers'** on 25th April 2015 at TCS Deccan Park Office in Hyderabad with 60+ attendees. Nine Sections partnered with the event and also deputed representatives. IEEE MCE department provided resource materials and a report on the Workshop was published in the MCE newsletter
- **AISYC 2015** All India Students & Young Professionals Congress on 8-9 August 2015 held at Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology, Kochi. Hosted by Kochi Subsection of Kerala Section. All 11 Sections in India were represented with delegates comprising 211 students and 38 Young Professional members. An accomplished set of speakers from

diverse fields engaged the participants right through the event and provided training on diverse organizational aspects of IEEE and member benefits and value add.

- **3rd National Workshop on Cyber Security** on 22-23 August 2015 at SJB Institute of Technology, Bangalore along with expert faculty from the domain and partnership from ISACA and reputed sponsors
- **IEEE WIE SYMPOSIUM 2015** organized by IEEE India Council WIE-AG in collaboration with IEEE Bangalore Section on 7th and 8th of November, 2015 at Amrita School of Engineering, Bangalore, India with a theme “BUILD.EMPOWER.INSPIRE.”.
- **INDICON 2015** being hosted by IEEE Delhi Section at Jamia Milia Islamia University between 17-20 December 2015. Indicon continues to grow as a brand with the level of participation and technical output.
- Prize money for the **MV Chauhan Paper contest** has been revised to Rs 12000, Rs 8000 and Rs 5000 to help in attracting participation. Results are to be announced at Indicon 2015 in Delhi.

4 Cosponsorship of Technical Events

IC supported the **R10 TENSYPMP conference** in Ahmedabad on 13-15 May 2015 with seed money of Rs 1 lakh

2 day National Seminar on New Trends in Signal Processing (NeTSiP-2015): SPS Chapter of IEEE Gujarat Section, on 3rd and 4th October 2015 at Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information and Communication Technology (DA-IICT), Gandhinagar. The event was attended by 90 participants.

These ventures of the India Council have helped in generation of revenue as well to make the council financially sustainable.

5 Coordination with India Council Chapters of IEEE Societies

India Council has 13 IEEE Society Chapters which are independent of the entities operating within the Sections.

VC – Chapter Activities has been in touch with representatives of the IC Society Chapters to help revitalize some of the dormant units. The recommendation is that IC should continue to engage with the Chapters in view of the long established presence of some of them and their links with the Parent societies. IC plans to call a special face to face meeting with all IC Society Chapter chairs in the coming year.

6 IEEE India Council Young Professionals

IEEE India Council Young Professionals is planning to conduct special events for Young Professionals in 2016 and has constituted a 5 member team to work on programs. The team will work under the leadership of IC VC Young Professionals.

7 IEEE India Council Awards Program

IC has initiated awards for Outstanding volunteers and for Outstanding Student Branches. Volunteers with at least 5 years continuous service in IEEE and one in the Execom or as office bearer and actively engaged in conducting events would be eligible.

For Student branch awards the Criteria is a record of reporting for 3 continuous years to IEEE HQ, an upward trend in membership numbers on a continuous period of 3 years and at least three events a year for at least two years. Data to shortlist the branches was obtained from IEEE HQ and it was found that there were 65 branches which had continuously reported, out of which 12 branches showed an upward trend in membership.

Entries are being awaited and the winners will be announced at INDICON 2015 in Delhi.

8 R10 award winners from India Council

Individual volunteers and Sections from India had a significant presence in the R10 awards for 2015.

1. R10 Distinguished Section Awards
Kerala Section (Large Section category)
2. R10 Outstanding Volunteer Awards
 1. Lakshminarayana Merugu (Hyderabad Section)
 2. Nirbhay Chaubey (Gujarat Section)
3. R10 WIE SB AG of the Year Award : WIE IEEE UVCE, Bangalore Section
4. R10 Best YP Volunteer Award (Academician) : Nandakumar R. (Kerala Section)
R10 Best YP Volunteer Award (Industry Practitioner) : Vijay S Paul (Kerala Section)
5. R10 Best Young Professionals Affinity Group Awards
 - a. Bangalore Section and
 - b. Kerala Section

9 Slate for 2016

The Nomination Committee for the year 2016 after deliberations has recommended that the existing slate of India Council Executive Committee 2015 would continue for one more year. We are grateful to the members of the Nomination Committee for their support and confidence.

10 Liaison with IEEE India Office

Mr Harish Mysore, Director IEEE India Office in Bangalore, is closely associated with the activities of India Council and has been present at all EC meetings and conference calls to

provide updates to the Execom. IC Execom acknowledges the support of India Office in the completion of Statutory Compliances.

India Council acknowledges the initiatives taken by India Office for benefit of members such as Rupee Payment, Initiation of Medical Insurance policy for members, Dedicated Call centre for member support

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I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to the IC Chair, Section Chairs, all IC Vice Chairs and Executive Committee Members, Editor IC Newsletter, Webmaster, Office bearers of various Chapter Societies, India Council, volunteers, various speakers and other organizers who made it possible for the committee to take pride in the accomplishments enumerated in this report.

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