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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

**SUB-SECTIONS and STUDENTS BRANCHES:** IEEE in India has 10 Sections. The Sections organize excellent technical programs, usually at their headquarters. In India IEEE also has 134 Student Branches, which organize programs for student members in their respective institutions.

However we now have a large number of members, who are living in smaller industrial towns, where we do not have any technical activities. Usually in these towns, an engineering college is there. The engineering college may already have an IEEE Student Branch or it may be establishing one.

India Council would like to promote IEEE activities in such smaller industrial towns. However it can do so only through local members. I therefore call upon each one of our members, in such towns to come forward and shoulder the responsibility.

**THE PROCEDURE:** Please contact the Section Chairman of your area. (His address would be available at the India Council web-site at URL [http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r10/india\\_council/index.html](http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r10/india_council/index.html) )

He will help you get in touch with other IEEE members in your area. He will also inform you about the existence of any IEEE Student Branches in and around your city. If you have sufficient number of Higher Grade members in your area and if there is one or more Student Branch(es), a technical program may be organized jointly with the Students Branch(es). The Counsellors and the Chairman of the Students Branches will be pleased to work with you, because every Student Branch is continuously trying to establish a close rapport with professionals working in the industry. Such joint programs can provide to the Student Branch a good platform for establishing networking at individual professional level.

If the membership is insufficient in your area, a supply of membership forms may be obtained from the Section Chairman and a membership campaign to increase the number of IEEE members in your town may be started. At the same time if there is an engineering college in your area, an effort to establish a contact for starting a Student Branch may also be made. The objective is to start IEEE technical activities, wherever there is any IEEE member. It is because IEEE programs (together with its world's best publications, its standards and its conferences / seminars/workshops) the finest vehicle available for keeping a professional aware of the state-of-art in his field. And it is only such forward-looking engineering professionals, who would be able to lead the nation's

progress during the new millennium. While a new base for IEEE programs in your town is being prepared, as stated above, if you would like assistance for organizing your first technical program, you may contact your Section Chairman for guidance.

You can also write to Shri P. K. Srivastava, the Executive Vice-Chairman, (at e-mail: [pks9@hotmail.com](mailto:pks9@hotmail.com) , [pks@ieee.org](mailto:pks@ieee.org)) for help.

**VESIT BRINGS LAURELS:** The IEEE Student Branch at VESIT in Bombay Section has again won the Best Web Award in the Region. This is the second consecutive year that the Branch has been so honoured. India Council congratulates the Director of VESIT, the Heads of Deptt., the Counsellors and the Chairman of the Student Branch and his team of active members on this occasion.

Ahmedabad            A. K. Aggarwal  
1st June, 2000.        Chairman



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### IEEE Students Congress - 2000

VENUE	DATE	TIME
"IMAGE" M.R.C. Nagar R.A.Puram, Chennai – 600 028.	7 - 9 JULY 2000	9.00 A.M to 5.30 P.M. daily

#### THEME:

- (1) IEEE and Students Community – Interactive Session
- (2) INTERNET and WEB based Learning
- (3) CAREER Prospects for Students
- (4) Leadership Training
- (5) Awards and Scholarship
- (6) Yuforic Program
- (7) Gold Program
- (8) Mutual Learning
- (9) IEEE Influence on Education
- (10) Field Visits and many other related Topics

#### PARTICIPANTS:

IEEE students and Branch Counselors and IEEE Members from India and Abroad.  
Register and Enroll before : 20th June 2000.

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Convenor, IEEE Students Congress -  
2000

**Register your Names immediately by Phone / Email / Speed Post.**

**S. A. Soundara Rajan**  
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IEEE MADRAS SECTION

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### **IAS WORKSHOP ON ELECTRICAL SAFETY IN INDUSTRY**

This year "2000 IEEE IAS Workshop on Electrical Safety in Industry" was jointly organized by IEEE PES-IAS Delhi Chapter and Delhi Section in New Delhi on April 14 and 15, 2000. Industry Applications Society (IAS) was the technical co-sponsor of the event. In fact outside North America, this was the second such workshop, first one being in Chennai in September 1998. Mr. R.N.Srivastava, Chairman, Central Electricity Authority (CEA), inaugurated the workshop while Mr. S.Sethvedantham, Member, CEA delivered the keynote address. Other speakers in the inaugural session were Mr. C.Satish, IAS Region 10 West Area Chair and Mr. Shahid Jamil of Exxon Chemicals Limited, Singapore and representative of Petrochemical industries. M/S Bhanu Bhushan, SMIEEE & Director (Operation), POWERGRID and Harbans L. Bajaj, SMIEEE and Director (Commercial), NTPC were honored in this occasion as recipients of Outstanding Chapter Engineer Award (OCEA) respectively for 1998 and 1999 by the IEEE PES-IAS Delhi Chapter.