



Chairman's Message

Friends,

If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it



This adage is always working in our daily lives, but many of us may not understand it this way. As per another well known yardstick, 80:20 rule, most of the work is done by 20% of the people, and combining it with the earlier axiom, that small percentage will be busy people, who will find time to do more chores, compared to the rest. Recently I enjoyed the benefit of this Pareto's principle when interacting

with one of the busy people in IEEEdom, 2009 IEEE President & CEO, John Vig. For every mail I marked to him for just information, I got very meaningful, encouraging responses the same day. Can we at IEEE India make it a point to first acknowledge and respond with subsequent actions, when we exchange mail among us? Thanks to technology, e-mail is one of the easiest to handle, if one has the inclination. A mail comes to us because some one has thought of us, felt a need to inform us something, acted on it by switching on his computer, entering the matter spending his precious time *for us*. Then he looks up frequently in the Inbox for a response. As the people responsible for many of these technologies, we have a responsibility to live up to the spirit behind them – respecting the sender's sentiments here.

India Council is busy now with the National Distinguished Lecturer Programme (NDLP) approved recently by IEEE HQ. Our plan is to launch an outreach initiative by which the IEEE technical programmes would be made available in un-serviced areas for the benefit of members, including students, destined to live away from IEEE focal points. The new distinguished lecturers now being identified by a joint effort of IC and Sections will visit student branches and also give lectures in un-serviced areas, of course with the involvement of IEEE volunteers there. Some funds have also been allotted by HQ to carry out these plans. Let us all join together to blanket the country with more IEEE programmes for the benefit of our members as also the society.

Taking cue from an earlier novel idea by Mr H L Bajaj, India Council is proposing to all sections to introduce Member stickers to be affixed to the cars, travel gear, laptop etc to attract the attention of other IEEE members, especially while on travel. We are sure this simple means would lead to better networking among our fellow members.

Finally, an appeal to all sections! Kindly contribute your share to India Council as has been done by Kerala and Kharagpur Sections to support IC's enhanced activities and also to run the newsletter.

Trivandrum
01 March'08

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India Council Bags New Initiatives Grant

IEEE HQ recently introduced a Grant scheme for supporting New Initiatives by the IEEE entities, with an upper ceiling of US\$ 25,000. This is an effort to catalyze new activities furthering the objectives of IEEE. India Council made a request to the HQ for funding a project for increasing the outreach of IEEE services in India, by serving the less concentrated clusters of IEEE members as well as increasing its student and corporate member strength through a National Distinguished Lecturer Programme (NDLP) to be initiated soon.

Within two weeks' time, the Grants Committee informed the IC Chair of their happiness in having thought of such an initiative and granted US\$ 12,500 to begin with. The project is of such a nature that any willing volunteer, scattered professionals included, can participate in it and feel proud of having contributed to the extension of IEEE technical services to as large a share of members in as many hitherto non-served areas as can be and to society at large, and for holding the IEEE flag high in India.

IEEE India Council Society Chapters

A Nomination Committee was constituted with Mr R K Asthana as Chair and Mr R. Muralidharan, Mr HL Bajaj and Mr Deepak Mathur as members, to nominate Chairs for all the seven Society Chapters under India Council and they have announced the names for 4 chapters as below. The process is in progress for remaining Chapters & is expected to be completed by March '08 end.

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ComSoc Distinguished Lecture

We are happy to announce that the IEEE Distinguished Lecturers Selection Committee has selected Dr. Uday B Desai, IEEE Bombay Section Chair and Professor at EE dept of IIT Bombay as a Distinguished Lecturer of IEEE ComSoc for the term 2008 - 2009.

Congratulations, Dr. Desai. We are proud of you.
IEEE India Council

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From India Council Secretary



The IEEE India Council is launching a National Distinguished Lecturer Programme (NDLP), with financial support under the IEEE new initiatives Seed Grant Process (SGP). Under this programme, IC shall endeavour to maintain a roll of distinguished lecturers for the benefit of IEEE entities in India including Sections, Student Branches, Chapters of different societies, WIE and GOLD. The IC will meet the travel expenses of the DLs (within certain limits) and the host entity shall take care of local

hospitality including accommodation, food and local transport.

The process of enrolling distinguished lecturers (DLs) has just started with the support of sections. Members are also requested to recommend prospective resource persons directly to the India Council for consideration. The recommendations will be placed before a selection committee for final approval.

The India Council views the NDLP as a great opportunity to stimulate interactions among members belonging to different sections and entities. The success of the programme depends on the quality and size of the NDLP pool we are able to create and the extent of its use by the IEEE entities in India. We seek the support of all Sections and all members to make this programme a success.

How can you help?

1. By recommending prospective candidates for inclusion in the NDLP pool of resource persons. The format will be shortly available at the website, www.ieee.org/india
2. By benefiting from these distinguished lecturers while organising seminars, conferences and similar events.

Cheers!

K G Satheesh Kumar

Secretary, India Council, IEEE

IEEE Region 10 Director - elect 2009- 10

R. Muralidharan, former Chair, India Council has been nominated as a candidate for the Region 10 Director-elect 2009-2010. The other two candidates in the fray are Lawrence Wong from Singapore and Koyama from Japan.

Other details are:

The Annual Elections will be closed by 01 Oct. 2008

- Student members who are graduating this year are eligible to vote.
- All ballots will be mailed to eligible voting members by 1 Aug. '08
- Completed ballots must now be received by the election vendor by 1 Oct. '08.

All eligible members are requested to exercise their voting rights in time.

Oceanic Engineering Society

India Council Chair has recently sent letter of support to the initiative of IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society members in India to form an Oceanic Engineering Chapter under IEEE India Council. It is expected that the proposal will be approved soon. – Ed.

Memorable R 10 SC



IEEE President Lewis Terman lighting the lamp. Watching on are: John Vig (far left), Salivahanan, Mini Thomas, Roberto and Cecelia Jankowski

The R10 Student Congress that concluded last month in Chennai was a memorable event. A detailed report on it was attached as a supplement to the Feb '08 issue of Info. With inputs from our veteran senior member H. Kalyanasundaram about the strengths and weaknesses of IEEE Student Activities movement in India, we look forward to still more memorable, networked activities in India. We are sure of the support and appreciation from these leaders of IEEE for our vitalized student branches.

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What could a companion help those who lack inner content? – Chanakya

IEEE R10 Meet in Gujarat**Gandhi Nagar 2 - 3 Feb.'08****Some Highlights**

2008 started as an eventful year for IEEE movement in India, with the country hosting two important Asia Pacific region events, viz., R10 Students Congress in Jan.'08 and R10 meet of Section and Council Chairs of Asia-Pacific region, during 2-3 Feb.'08.

Gujarat Section took up the challenge of hosting this International Event. The Gujarat volunteerism proved that small is beautiful and can do world class things. Congrats to Gujarat Section.

The R10 meet had the presence of a number of luminaries from IEEE HQ and Reg.10, like IEEE President & CEO - Lewis Terman, President-Elect - John Vig, TAB VP - Roberto de Marca, IEEE Foundation Chair - Richard Gowen, Executive Director and COO - Jeffry Raynes, R10 Director - Janina Mazierska, R10 Secretary - M. Khalid and such others.

President L. Terman in his India Initiative presentation hailed India's pre-eminent position in global IEEE scene and concluded by saying: India has a strong present and a great future!

President - elect John Vig was noted for his plans for 2009 like starting an "IEEE Technology News," change in membership message (be proud to be a member; identify with IEEE),

humanitarian activities like starting a Presidents' Real-World Problem-Solving Competition for SBs and GOLD, starting a "sustainable world" initiative etc.

R10 Director Janina was highly appreciative of IEEE movement in India. There were also presentations from Dr Mini S. Thomas (Student activities), Prof MM Shah (Technical activities) and Prof Marimuthu (WIE).

Finally, the two-day programme ended with a presentation by India Council on 'IEEE in India' which helped in sending the right messages across all sections of IEEE that Indian IEEE has a heritage of over 73 years and continues to be the leader in Asia Pacific Region in membership growth, innovative programmes including technical activities, services to society, etc.

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AIP Award to Kharagpur Section

IEEE Region 10 ExCom approved the first IEEE Region 10 Academia-Industry Partnership Award. Nominator: IEEE Kharagpur Section
Name of Project: "Modeling, Fabrication and Characterization of Nanoscale CMOS Devices and RF Modeling of CMOS and Passive Devices for SOC Solution".

Academia-Industry Partners:

Academia: Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India
Industry: Institute of Microelectronics, Singapore, and IHP GmbH, Frankfurt, Germany.

A prize of 500 USD will be awarded to IEEE Kharagpur Section, and a plaque will be awarded to each of the three players as above.

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IEEE IC Congratulates Kharagpur Sn for bringing in the laurels.

Register as a National Volunteer

Announcement from Secretary to Register

Call for Papers

IEEE Region 10 Colloquium and

**Third International Conference on Industrial and Information Systems
ICIIS 2008**<http://conf05.iitkgp.ac.in/iciis08/>

Date : 8-10 December 2008

Location: IEEE Kharagpur Section

Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India

Organised Jointly by IEEE Kharagpur Section &

IEEE Sri Lanka Section

Networking Student Activities

Student activity under IEEE in the Region 10 and particularly in India is set to have a networking future. According to S. Gopakumar, SAC Chair of Kerala Section "The LINK model for networking among student chapters is a success in Kerala and it can be extended to the national level. R10 has launched GINI - Global Integrated Network of IEEE and a pilot is starting with 5 Sections in R10. We can launch LINK India on a national level. Probably each section can launch their own section network of student branches and we can have an apex committee of all such sectional LINKs and Kerala LINK will form one part of it. I am willing to give all support and even guide other sections for this. The success of LINK is mainly because it is a body run by students themselves with SAC only guiding them.

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Think it Over

- *In the battle of existence, talent is the punch:
fact is the clever foot work – Wilson Mizner*
- *Joys are our wings, sorrows our spurs – Richer*

If we will take care of today, God will take care of tomorrow – Mahatma Gandhi

New Senior Members from India.

The following eleven Senior Members have been newly elected (Feb 2008) from India

Section	Name
Bangalore Section	Sundara Jagannathan
Delhi Section	Gautama Ahuja
Delhi Section	Preeti Panda
Delhi Section	Pradyot Sahu
Delhi Section	Alok Sharma
Delhi Section	Valsa Uchamballi
Gujarat Section	Suman Mitra
Hyderabad Section	Prabhu Benakop
Hyderabad Section	Ashih Pandharipande
Kharagpur Section	Sant Pathak
Madras Section	Sankaralingam Subramanian

IEEE India Council congratulates these newly elected IEEE volunteers.

Powerful Wind !

Wind energy now provides the electricity for about 100 million people in 70 countries and along with hydro, solar, biomass, geothermal and other renewables, provides nearly 20% of the world's electricity. In the words of Mr. Peter Rae, the Senior Vice-President of the World Wind Energy Association, "Last year saw huge growth in world's wind turbine generation increasing by 26.6%, to nearly 100,000 MW and saving 200 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions". Here is the list of top five contributors to it: (Not the latest data)

1. Germany	22,247.4 MW
2. USA	16,818.8 MW
3. Spain	15,145.1 MW
4. India	7,850.0 MW
5. China	5,912.0 MW

Editorial

United We Win Divided We Fall



Every organization has its strength in the cooperative endeavours of its members and entities. IEEE is also no exception. Recent exposition by the IC at the Gujarat meet of the eminent activities in India of IEEE spanning over nearly three fourth of a century and the several recognitions that have come in the way of several IEEE volunteers in India are adequate proof to it.

One third of all Sections under Region 10 were under the IC, but things are set to change drastically. China is going to support IEEE activities under 8 Sections, it is learned. Society activities are also catching up very well in China's emerging global economy.

Not even 10% of our - over 7000 regular - members are regular participants to its several technical activities organized with extreme regularity, mostly in the Section head quarter cities. Even in voting for R 10 Director, Society Presidents or Global President, India's share of voting is negligible. Majority of members do not find it compelling enough to participate. Yet, our achievements are splendid. Notwithstanding that, had we acted at all these opportunities to have our legitimate voice heard at all higher organizational fora, our share of benefits from this prestigious professional society would have been a much larger chunk. May we be able to turn a new chapter of extended cooperation among ourselves and our fellow volunteers abroad in the coming months?

The present India Council appears to have been persistent in mobilizing the synergy of the IEEE professionals in India and to reach members and potential members – men, women and students – wherever they are, as well as to rally them to attain clarity of purpose in their service to society at large. Info wishes the team of Council members including the warriors at the Section level, all Success, including in the implementation of the New Initiative.

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