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IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Let me thank Dr Aggarwal, our current Chairman for giving me the opportunity of addressing my IEEE colleagues in India after a gap of 8 months. I recall an excellent incident given by Partha , our Page Master, which is very relevant at present for all of us in India.

I hope all of you would appreciate the message in this story. I know it as a true story and we have many such Indian Army operations in 1962, 1965 and 1971. I know of families who have suffered and friends, who have helped. Let it not repeat in the present Kargil crisis. There will be many of our soldiers who will get such disabilities; let us help!

This story is told about a soldier who was finally coming home after having fought in Vietnam. He called his parents from San Francisco. "Mom and Dad, I'm coming home, but I've got a favour to ask. I have a friend I'd like to bring with me."

"Sure," they replied, "we'd love to meet him."

"There's something you should know" the son continued, "he was hurt pretty badly in the fighting. He stepped on a land mine and lost an arm and a leg. He has nowhere else to go, and I want him to come and live with us."

"I'm sorry to hear that, son. May be we can help him find somewhere to live." Dad replied.

"No, Mom and Dad, I want him to live with us."

"Son," said the father, "you don't know what you're asking. Someone with such a handicap would be a terrible burden on us. We have our own lives to live, and we can't let something like this interfere with our lives. I think you should just come home and forget about this guy. He'll find a way to live on his own."

At that point, the son hung up the phone. The parents heard nothing more from him.

A few days later, however, they received a call from the San Francisco police. Their son had died after falling from a building, they were told. The police believed it was suicide. The grief-stricken parents flew to San Francisco and were taken to the city morgue to identify the body of their son. They recognized him, but to their horror they also discovered something they didn't know, **their son had only one arm and one leg.**

The parents in this story are like many of us. We find it easy to love those who are good-looking or fun to have around, but we don't like people who cause inconvenience to us or make us feel uncomfortable. We would rather stay away from people who aren't as healthy, beautiful, or smart as we are.

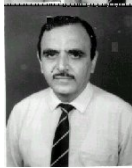
Thankfully, there's someone who won't treat us that way. Someone who loves us with an unconditional love that welcomes us into the forever family, regardless of how messed up we are.

Tonight, before you tuck yourself in for the night, say a little prayer that God will give you the strength you need to accept people as they are, and to help us all be more understanding of those who are different from us!!!

In India we have many examples of families accepting their fate! There's a miracle called -Friendship- that dwells in the heart. You don't know how it happens or when it gets started. But you know the special lift it always brings and you realize that Friendship Is God's most precious gift! Friends are a rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us. Show your friends how much you care....

Let all of us in IEEE come forward as Friends and see that no son of India suffers such fate.

R.K. Bagga
Chairman IC
(1998 1999)



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PAGEMASTER CALLING !

Our Past Chairman R.K. Bagga, has quoted a poignant story in his message given above.

I wish I could trace out the original author of the above story (which I found on the Internet), to tell him (or her) how grateful I am for the message he has conveyed through that story. In fact, that story forms the preamble to a webpage I have created, to assist persons with physical disabilities:

<http://members.tripod.com/~algolog/weblinks.htm#disable>

We engineers, can contribute a lot to ease the suffering of our fellow humans. That would be the best way for us to thank God for helping us enter this wonderful profession, and to make this world a better place for all of us to live in.

S. Parthasarathy
Pagemaster -- India Council

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A MESSAGE FOR STUDENTS BRANCH COUNSELLORS

Please try to motivate the BRANCH leadership to create a Web page for the Branch and to keep it continuously updated during the academic sessions.

Moreover please ensure that a Link is put between the Branch's Web page and the home page of your parent Section. You can also have a Link to the India Council's home page.

Dr. S. Parthasarathy
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Referring to your editorial in April - 99 issue, I have the following points for your consideration:

1. With the recent spread of private internet service in India, more and more of ieee members would be included as its customers/users. We find that the ISPs here are not very helpful to guide the new users. My suggestions is that IC can plan to provide appropriate technical support to ieee members, if and when required. For this purpose, some experienced persons can opt to become volunteers and furnish their e-mail address, so that they can be approached by the novices for guidance. This direct help would be invaluable.

2. How does one get to protect his system from the scate of virus. Does the use of ieee alias protect one fully? If yes, how to go about to add ieee alias to the existing address/Are there other viable alternatives?

- Hrushikesh Acharya
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KALEIDOSCOPE

A Report On the Annual Student Congress of IEEE Kerala Section

Kaleidoscope 1999, a two day programme was organised by the IEEE Student Branch of the Government Engineering College, Thrissur. Held on 19 & 20 August 1999 at the College premises, it comprised of a paper presentation session, project display contest and the Students Professional Awareness Conference (S-PAC). 250 students from Engineering Colleges at Trivandrum, Kollam, Chengannoor, Thrikkakkara and Thrissur attended.

The inaugural speech was rendered by Dr. George Joseph, Principal of GEC, Thrissur. Dr. Madhu Mangal, former Director, CEDT, Calicut was the Chief Guest. Present on the occasion were Mr. J. Muralee mohanlal, Chairman, Dr. P. S. Chandramohanan nair, Secretary, and Mr. K. C. Raveendranathan, Student Activities Chair - of IEEE Kerala Section, Dr. P. Dinakaran, Principal, GEC, Sreekrishnapuram and Prof. Ahmed Koya, Head, EED, EC Thrissur.

Nine papers were presented. The paper entitled "Flexible multistandard software defined radio systems for third generation communication" of Mr. Samoj Panicker of Model Engineering College, Thrikkakkara was adjudged as the best paper. The paper entitled "Global positioning system" by Mr. Avinash S. of Engineering College, Thrissur won the second prize.

In the S-PAC session, Dr. Mathew Matam, Dean, XIME, Bangalore; Mr. S. Thomas, Principal Design Engineer of CEDT, Calicut; Mr. V. Gopakumar, Manager(Marketing), Cochin Refineries and Mr. Alex George, CMD of Alco Fasteners, Athani spoke.

Mr. Vinod Kartha, Chairman, IEEE Student Branch, GEC, Thrissur proposed Vote of Thanks. On the whole, a very successful two day event.

-Editor.

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THINK IT OVER

A dog is a dog except when he is facing you. Then he is Mr. Dog
- a Haitian farmer

A cage is a cage, even if its bars are of gold.
- Vallathol Narayana Menon

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MEETING OF INDIA COUNCIL COMMITTEE - 1999

A special meeting of I.C. Committee will be held at the Minneapolis Hilton and Towers, USA on Friday, October 8, 1999.

Date & Time : October 8, 1999, 9.00 P.M.

Contact Persons :

Ashok R. Pandya
Chairman
IEEE Gujarat Section
and,
Secretary-Treasurer, IEEE India Council

Agenda :

1. Review of the minutes of I.C. Committee meeting held on 22 April 1999 at Bali
2. Programme planning for 1999
3. Membership Developments
4. Student Activities
5. IC Award
6. Any other points

All IC Committee members, including chairmen of Sections and Chapters under IC are requested to attend. All Regional Committee members from India (even if they are not formally IC Committee member) are specially invited to attend.

Note: IC, as you know, is in no position financially to provide any travel support to its committee members for attending the meeting.

However the Regional Committee members will be entitled to travel support from Region 10. Those IC Committee members, who are not Regional Committee Members of Region 10, will have to make their own arrangements for attending the meeting.

26 August 1999
Ashok R. Pandya
Secretary-Treasurer

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E-COMMERCE & OPPORTUNITIES

NETCOM'99

An International Seminar on E-Commerce Opportunities & Challenges

organized by
MDI GURGAON
in collaboration with IEEE India Council & IDRBT Hyderabad

Date : 29 October 1999 (9 A.M. to 6.45 P.M.)

Venue : Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi

Main Speakers:

- o Prof. Dennis Longley, Information Security, Research Centre, QUT, Australia
- o Prof. M P Jaiswal
MDI Gurgaon
- o Prof. V.P. Gulati
Director,
IDRBT, Hyderabad
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Government of India
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IT-Rural'99

**SEMINAR ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 (IT Rural '99)**

ORGANISED BY
 UNIVERSITY SCIENCE INSTRUMENTATION CENTRE
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 &
 IEEE CALCUTTA SECTION

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CLUSTER COMPUTING

**Call for Papers
 1st IEEE Computer Society
 International Workshop on Cluster Computing (IWCC'99)**

<http://www.dgs.monash.edu.au/~rajkumar/tfcc/IWCC99/>
 Melbourne, Australia, Dec.2, 1999
 In conjunction with PART
 '99-Nov.29-Dec, 1999
 Sponsored by the
 IEEE computer Society,
 through the Task Force on Cluster Computing(TFCC)
<http://www.dgs.monash.edu.au/~rajkumar/tfcc/>

IWCC is an international meeting on Cluster Computing and will serve as a forum to present the latest work by international researchers and developers as well as highlight activities in this area around Asia Pacific rim.

It is planned that workshop papers will be published through the IEEE computer Society Press. The proceedings will also be available on the Web

See
www.dcs.port.ac.uk/~mab/tfcc/IWCC99/
 or
www.dgs.monash.edu.au/~rajkumar/tfcc/IWCC99/
 for the latest information concerning the workshop.

Important Dates:

Call For Papers : May 5, 1999

Paper submission: August 5, 1999

Notification of Acceptance: September 5, 1999

Camera Ready Papers and Pre-registration due on : October 5, 1999

IWCC'99 Workshop: December 2, 1999

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M.V. Chauhan Student Paper Contest '99**

Open to : All Student members of IEEE

Topic : Any subject in the areas of interest of IEEE

Last Date : October 20, 1999

Prizes:

1st Prize Rs.2,500

2nd Prize Rs.1,500

3rd Prize Rs.1,000

Send your entries to:

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The first author of the winning paper will be invited to present the Paper at the ACE '99 in Trivandrum from Dec. 2-4, 1999.

Entries should be routed through the Student Counselor or the Principal of the Institution.

Rules and Guidelines:

1. The contest is open to all student members of IEEE in India.
2. Papers in any subject of interest to IEEE may be submitted.
3. The number of authors for any paper should not exceed three.
4. A student can be an author in more than one entry.
5. Papers should be neatly type written on Bond quality paper in 1.5 spacing.
6. Length of the paper should not exceed ten type written pages.
7. Each entry should have a title page giving the affiliation of the author(s), His/her IEEE membership number and an abstract not exceeding 200 words.
8. Each entry should be accompanied with a declaration by the author(s) that the Work presented is his/her own.
9. A declaration from the Branch Student Counselor should accompany each entry.

The following format be used:

It is certified that the authors are IEEE student members and the paper submitted entitled "....." is the authors' own work and is eligible for consideration in the M.V.Chauhan Student Paper Contest '99 of IEEE India Council".

Signature :

Name :

IEEE Student Branch :

Date:

College seal/Stamp

In case the Institution does not have a Student Branch, This declaration should be signed by a faculty member who is an IEEE Member.

10. Prize winning entry author (first author) would be invited to read the paper during the ACE '99 to be held in Trivendrum from December 2-4,1999 Travel assistance would be provided.

11. The Last date for submission of entries is October 20, 1999.
In case more details/clarifications are required, please contact:

Prof. Suresh C. Gupta
at e-mail ID above.

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MILLENNIUM ELECTRICITY TARIFF

SEMINAR ON MILLENNIUM ELECTRICITY TARIFF

18 September 1999
0930 - 1700 hrs
organised by
IEEE Power Engg. Society
(India Council), Baroda
at
Hotal Surya, Baroda
jointly with
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The Seminar is participated by the Minister of energy Gujarat and the Chairman Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission

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ACE'99



If you have not received the coloured brochure for this event, please contact the Kerala Section.

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1. Name :
2. Designation :
3. Organisation :
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Tel:
Fax:
e-mail:

5. Registering for (Conf./Tuto/Both)
6. Membership No. & grade
7. Payment details
8. Presenting paper or not
9. Food (Veg./ Non-veg.)
10. Accommodation required (Yes/No): (If yes, an advance of Rs, 250 may be sent)

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EDITORIAL

Events are lined up

The IEEE in India in yet another year of its vibrant existence has lined up a number of activities at various centres in the country. Announcements and brief details of such forthcoming events are given in this issue. Please look up and choose the events you would like to attend. Also, let your non member colleagues also know of such events for taking advantage of these opportunities for professional advancements.

The various Section Chairs who are yet to intimate their sponsorship of the Bulletin may kindly send e-mails to the editor and the IC Chairman early, for us to plan those issues.

Trivandrum V. K. Damodaran
01.09. 1999 Editor



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