

IEEE INDIA COUNCIL
SECRETARY'S REPORT – 2013

1. The Executive Committee of IC – 2013

The India Council Executive Committee – 2013 comprises of the following Members:

Sl.No.	Name	Post	Section
1.	Dr.M. Ponnaivaikko	Chair	Chennai
2.	Mr. Deepak Mathur	Chair Elect	Gujarat
3.	Major Chandrasekaran V.V (Retd)	Secy/Treasurer	Chennai
4.	Dr. Ram Gopal Gupta	Immediate Past Chair	Delhi
5.	Dr. Ms. Preeti Bajaj	Vice Chair SAC	Mumbai
6.	Dr. Surendrapal	Vice Chair P.A.	Bangalore
7.	Dr. Ved Ram Singh	Vice Chair T.A	Delhi
8.	Mr. R.B. Jadeja	Vice Chair Edn A.	Gujarat
9.	Mr. Sanjay Karchowdhry	Vice Chair M.D.	Kolkata
10.	Dr. Anil Roy	Vice Chair H.T.	Gujarat
11.	Dr. Mandar Khurjekar	Vice Chair I.R.	Pune
12.	Mr. H.R. Mohan	News Letter Editor	Chennai
13.	Mr. M.R. Srinivasan	Member at Large	Kerala
14.	Dr. Rajesh Ingle	Member at Large	Pune
15.	Mr. Anthony Lobo	Ombudsman I.C	Mumbai
16.	Mr. Quraish Bakir	Web Master	Mumbai

2. I.C. Exe. Committee Meetings held during 2013

During the year 2013, due to the collective efforts of EC Members four Face to Face meetings were held which had resulted in finding an amicable solutions to the issues which were being faced by the sections. In addition to four Face to Face meetings, three Tele conference Meetings were also held as detailed below:

(a) The details of Tele conference Meetings held

- (i) 26 Jan 2013 at 1030 hrs
- (ii) 16 Feb 2013 at 0830 hrs

(iii) 22 July 2013 at 1830 hrs

(b) The details of F2F Meetings held

- (i) 27 Apr 2013 at 10.00 hrs at SRM University
- (ii) 21 Sep 2013 at 10.00 hrs at G H RAISONI College of Engineering, Nagpur
- (iii) 26 Oct 20123 at 10.00 hrs at IEEE India Operation Office Bangalore
- (iv) 14 Dec 2013 during INDI CON at IIT, Mumbai

(c) The MoMs of all the meetings held were circulated to the EC and duly approved. Due to F2F meetings held, the Sections were able to get clarifications on the important issue of signing of agreement between IEEE India operations office and the sections which had resulted in maximum number of sections signing the agreements, thus paving way to get the required funds from IEEE Headquarters to run the sections effectively. The highlights of the outcome of detailed discussions held during F2F meetings with regard to the agreement are as follows:

- i. In order to have legal authority, all sections should get registered with the State's Registrar of Societies and take action strictly to follow the "Law of the Land" as specified in the Bye Laws.
- ii. The IEEE India Operations Office, Bangalore will reimburse the expenses made by the Sections on production of proof of expenditure. (This is the change from the earlier funding procedure of Receiving Rebate)
- iii. The agreement in the present form will have annexure (incorporating the points agreed upon). This will be issued by the IEEE India Operation Office, Bangalore in due course of time after getting the approval from the IEEE HQ.
- iv. Section/Societies will continue to get the awards (in addition to the reimbursement given by the IEEE R 10/HQ either directly or through the IEEE India Operations Office, Bangalore.

(d) In this connection it was appreciated that Hyderabad Section had not only registered their section with the local authorities but also followed all the regulations of the Govt.

of India/State rules in filing IT Returns properly (For exemption from the Tax authorities after prolonged efforts), and got the process of getting FEMA registration done. It was the first section to sign the agreement. Other sections were advised to follow these requirements in order to avoid any issues rising in the future.

3. Participation in R 10 AGM

Dr. Ponnaivaikko IC Chair 2013, attended the R10 AGM held in Chiangmai Thailand on 3rd March 2013. There was a “Side line meeting of IC held during this AGM at Thailand.

4. Vice Chairs of IC - 2013

A committee comprising Mr. Ashok Jagatia and Anthony Lobo was constituted to evolve a working plan for the Vice Chairs of India Council in collaboration with sections. The report submitted by Mr.Ashok Jagatia and Mr.Anthony Lobo is given in Annexure –I. It was resolved that the Vice-Chairs be addressed detailing their responsibilities and requesting them to initiate activities. It was also resolved that the inactive members be relieved of their Vice Chairmanship if they do not take active participation.

5. All India Student Congress – 2013

All India Student Congress – 2013, an important event of IC was successfully organized at Amirtha Institute of Technology from 3rd to 5th October 2013 in Coimbatore. This was co-ordinated by Madras Section. Around 330 delegates attended the conference from all over India. This activity of India Council was supported by IC (both Technically and financially). Rs.20,000/-was given to Madras Section through IC Vice Chair SAC Dr. Ms Preeti Bajaj. Further, sponsorships were received from other sections/affinity groups/chapters. As per the report submitted during the F2F meet by the Madras Section Chair at Bangalore, approximately Rs.90,000 will be the surplus. Once accounts are finalized by the organizers the surplus generated will be transferred to India Council account. Dr. Ponnaivaikko, IC Chair, Dr. Preeti Bajaj, VC SAC took active part in the All India Student Congress.

6. M.V. Chauhan – Student Paper Contest – 2013

IEEE India Council Vice Chair SAC Dr. Preeti Bajaj organized M.V. Chauhan – Student Paper Contest – 2013 successfully. For the first time on line submission system was made

available to the students for submission of papers. Total 34 high quality papers were submitted from reputed Universities & Institutions like IITs NIT etc. Around 20 reviewers reviewed all the papers and finally seven good quality papers were shortlisted. A two Professor Committee was appointed to evaluate the shortlisted papers. Based on the committee's recommendations, the following three papers were declared as winners:

1. First prize paper ID 24 - Neeraj Kumar Sharma from ISc Bangalore: **“Detect and sample Event – Triggered sampling and Reconstruction of sparse Real Trigonometric Polynomials”** - Rs.6000/- award & Certificate.
2. Second prize paper ID 27 - Gaurav Saxena from IIT: **“Design Fabrication and Characterization of Square Micro Hot Plate”** - Rs.4000/- award & Certificate.
3. Third prize paper ID 20 - Navjot Kharia from LPU: **“A Novel high Isolation Single – Pole Four Throw RF MEMS Switch for x based applications”** - Rs.3000 award & Certificate.

The selected papers were presented in the All India Student Congress held at Amirtha Institute of Technology from 3rd to 5th Oct 2013 at Coimbatore. Dr.M.Ponnaivaikko IC Chair graced the occasion and congratulated the winners. The prize money and other expenses were given from IC fund.

7. IEEE India Council News letter:

Mr. H R Mohan, News letter Editor IC had put in tremendous efforts to bring out the IC News letter (e-version) every month during 2013. Wide coverage was given for the Sections' activities in addition to very useful articles written by several leading authors. This is archived at http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r10/india_council/newsletters.html and is available for reference by the members.

8. India Council Web site

Due to the efforts put in by the Web Master Mr.Quraish Bakir the India Council Web site is updated with the latest information. This was very well appreciated by the members. The information about the activities of India Council and the sections are readily available for the members in the IEEE India Council website.

For the first time, an exclusive Group mail ID for IC EC list serve was created to make the communication easy. The efforts of Mr.Quraish Bakir was acknowledged with thanks by the IC EC.

9. Elevated to Fellows – India

The following members in India were elevated to Fellow grade membership during 2013 :

- (a) Dr. Balaji Rajan – Indian Institute of Science Dept of Electrical Communication Engineering – Bangalore Section.
- (b) Dr. **Soumitro Banerjee** – Indian Institute of Science Education and Research – Kolkata Section.
- (c) Dr. Krishnan Sivalingam – Indian Institute of Technology – Madras Section.

10. Awards

During the year 2013 the following members were awarded by MGA

- (a) **Dr. Mini Thomsas (Delhi Section) – 2013 MGA Larry K. Wilson Transnational Award** - For outstanding Innovation and Leadership in IEEE Member and Student Member development and engagement, global dissemination of the IEEE message and collaboration across organizational units.
- (b) **Mr. Sateesh Babu (Kerala Section) – 2013 MGA Achievement Award** - For continues efforts in member engagement and development by promoting humanitarian Technology and fostering collaboration between the IEEE Computer Society and the Computer Society of India.

- (c) **Rayees Amar Ni Shad (Kerala Section) 2013 MGA Gold achievement Award** - For exception leadership and outstanding contributions to IEEE Young Professional Programs in Region 10.
- (d) **Mr. Manjunath Iyer (Bangalore Section) – 2013 MGA Gold Achievement Award** - For continuous support to IEEE Teacher in service Programme (TISP) and Student Transition and Elevation Partnership (STEP) events.
- (e) **Ajain Baby (Kerala Section) – 2013 MGA Gold Achievement Award** - For Outstanding leadership in bringing students and young professional together through innovative activities in IEEE Kerala Section R10.

11. Student web site Contest 2013 – R10

Some highlights of the student web site contest 2013 – R10 are given below:

- 1) First place USD 500 and certificate. – Federal Institute of Science and Technology (Kerala Section.)
- 2) Second place USD 350 and Certificate – JEPPIAR Engineering College (Madras Section)
- 3) Third place USD 200 and certificate – Thadomal Shahani Engineering College (Bombay Section>)

12. Round Table discussion organized by India Association Congress – 2013

A Round Table discussion organized by Indian Association Congress was held on 23 Aug. 2013 at Chennai. Many EC Members of IC attended the same. The outcome of the discussion on the Theme : Organizing IEEE Conferences in India was discussed at the IEEE India Council during F2F meeting at Nagpur.

13. Events / Conferences organized by various sections supported by India Council

A number of Events and Conferences were organized by The Sections during the year 2013. They were given wide publicity in IC Newsletter and Web page of IC. The sections which have reported their activities regularly were Kerala, Chennai, Hyderabad etc., India Council gave its Technical support in organizing some of these events.

14. New SB/Chapter formation

During the year 2013 IEEE IC was informed by R-10/ HQ IEEE HQ regarding New SBs/Chapter formation procedures. The Sections were informed of the same.

15. Slate for 2014

IC EC formed the Nomination Committee for 2014 after deliberations in the EC meetings for recommending the slate for the India Council EC 2014 . The committee submitted the slate. It will be presented in the AGM and will be placed in the IC Website, calling for petitions, if any.

16. Treasurer's Report / Financial Status

As there was no handing / taking over of accounts done between the outgoing treasurer and the incoming treasurer, the IC EC decided to open a new account in the Syndicate Bank, Nanganallur Branch, Chennai for ease of administrative reasons. Two signatories i.e. The IC Chair and Treasurer were authorized to operate the accounts at Syndicate Bank. Kerala Section transferred Rs.2,50,000/- (Surplus generated during INDICON 2012). With this fund the IC supported the activities conducted during – 2013.

The previous balance held with HDFC account at Hariyana by the past Chair and Secretary-cum Treasurer was not transferred till date despite all out efforts taken by the current IC Chair. It was informed by the HDFC authorities that the account opened for IC is a "Proprietary" account opened in the name of IEEE India Council and operated by Dr.R.G.Gupta to start with and Dr.V.R.Singh was added later as a joint operator. Since it is a Proprietary account unless the individual who is operating the account gives in writing to transfer the balance it will not be possible to transfer the balance held with the SB account. Dr.R.G.Gupta, the past Chair is not willing to transfer amount to the present account of IC. The case has been referred to the HDFC legal dept for their further actions by the Bank Manager.

The Income / expenditure statements were regularly presented during the F2F meetings (a copy handed over to the EC Members) and which were duly approved. After the conclusion of the flagship event INDICON – 2013, the surplus generated by the Mumbai Section will be transferred to IC account. Similarly Madras Section will transfer the surplus after the Income/Expenditure of “All India Student Congress” is finalized. The final accounts will be made and circulated to the EC of IC. A proper handing over the responsibilities of the Secy/Treasurer will be done with the newly elected person for the year 2014.

I convey my sincere thanks to all the members of IC for their full support extended to me to carry out my responsibilities during 2013.

Major(Retd.) V.V.Chandrasekaran,
Secretary-cum Treasurer, EC, IC