

## IEEE President Visit



IEEE President & CEO, Dr. Jose F Moura visited Bangalore and met India Council EXECOM on July 27, 2019. A brief presentation on IEEE India Council was made before IEEE President and Executive Director to familiarize them about India Council activities and initiatives. It was informed to the IEEE President that Membership growth in India was 7% and 12% in the year 2017 and 2018 respectively. If 12% YoY growth rate is maintained, by 2026 (when IC will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee year) India Council will have more than 1.35L Members (Equal to 2018 membership of IEEE R10). Even at 7% YoY growth rate by 2031, India Council will have more than 1.35L members. Hence, IEEE HQ should seriously consider making India as a region. It was informed to President and Executive director that IC is facing following major challenges:

- Membership
  - a. Retention and Addition
  - b. Transformation of Student member to Regular member
  - c. Higher membership Fee
  - d. Limited Value to IEEE Members
  - e. Outlook
- Collaboration with Govt & Industry
- Volunteers
  - a. Deficit
  - b. Motivation
  - c. Micro volunteering

A request to provide a dedicated secretarial assistant to India Council, who can also assist other India Sections if required was made in front of IEEE President and Executive Director.

IEEE India office has arranged a dinner meeting with India Council volunteers, IEEE President, IEEE Executive Director and few industry leaders in Bangalore on July 26, 2019.

The MoU between IEI and IEEE was signed on 26 July 2019 at IIT Bangalore in presence of Dr. Jose Moura, President & CEO, IEEE, and Dr T M Gunaraja, President IEI as part of Inaugural function of IEEE CONECCT 2019. During the event Prof Bhargab Bhattacharya of ISI Kolkata, was presented with the 4th IEI-IEEE Award for Engineering Excellence.



IEEE President with IC EXECOM at Dinner Meeting



At MoU signing between IEI and IEEE