



24<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of India Council held on the sidelines of INDICON 2018 at HR Conference Room, First Floor, Academic Building, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore campus on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Members Present:

Name	Office	Section
Sivaji Chakravorti	Chair	Kolkata
S.N.Singh	Chair Elect	UP
Deepak Mathur	Immediate Past Chair	Gujarat
S.M. Sameer	Treasurer	Kerala
Suresh Nair	Vice Chair Conferences , India Council	Kerala
Abhay Phansikar	Vice Chair, Membership Development & Chair Bombay Section	Bombay
Atul Negi	Vice Chair Educational Activities	Hyderabad
HR Mohan	Vice Chair Professional Activities & ICNL Editor	Madras
Gitansh Anand	Vice Chair, Young Professionals Program	Delhi
Sujit K Biswas	Chair	Kolkata
R.Jadeja	Chair	Gujrat
K.Subramanianam	Chair	Delhi
P A Manoharan	Chair	Madras
Yogesh Kosta		Gujarat
Rajshekharan		Bangalore
P. Bagavathi Sivakumar		Kerala
Benjamin Verghese P		Kerala
Rajnish Sharma	-	Delhi
Sagar Juneja	-	Delhi
AG Hireendralal	-	Kerala
T Shree Sharmila		Madras
S Sundaresh		Madras
T V Gopal		Madras
Prashant Nair		Madras
Ramalatha M		Madras
TG Vikram Rao		Madras
Harish Mysore	Director IEEE India Office	Bangalore
Preeti Bajaj	Secretary	Bombay

Leave of absence was granted to Chair Bangalore Section, Chair Pune Section, Chair Hyderabad Section, Dr. Rajashri Jain - VC WIE, Dr. Rajesh Ingle - VC Awards, Dr. J. Ramkumar - VC SAC. The Annual General Meeting of IEEE India Council was held on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018 on

the sidelines of INDICON 2018 at HR Conference Room, First Floor, Academic Building, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore campus.

As the minimum quorum was not available for the conduct of the AGM, at the scheduled time of 14:00 hours, the Chair adjourned the meeting to commence again 30 minutes later.

**1. Welcome Address by IC Chair:** Sivaji Chakravorti, IC Chair, welcomed the members present. He reviewed the activities for the year 2018 and thanked all Sections in particular and all members in general for their cooperation during the year 2018. He also thanked all the section Chairs and Execom members for their active involvement and regular attendance in all the meetings and requested Secretary to proceed with the agenda of the AGM.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM of IEEE India Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 at the Department of Management Studies, IIT Roorkee :** The Minutes of the IC AGM held at Department of Management Studies, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, Uttarakhand on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were taken as read. Mr. Subramanian proposed the resolution for approval, which was seconded by Mr. P.A. Manoharan.

**3. Report by the Secretary on the activities during the year 2018 :** Preeti Bajaj, Secretary India Council, presented the Secretary's report to the members. Highlights of the report include:

- **Governance** - 3 Online meetings & 6 F2F meetings in 2018
- **SAC & WIE Activities:** AISYWC 2018 was hosted by IEEE Bangalore Section at Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology, Mysore, on Sep 28-30, 2018; National level IEEE Women-in-Engineering Symposium 2018 (22-23 June 2018); In the honour of Late Shri Pralhad Chhabria, Hope Foundation and Research Centre, IEEE India Council and Women-in-Engineering (WIE) Affinity Group, IEEE Pune Section, announced two awards - **Best Outgoing Student** to Jayati Vijaywargiya, final year of B.Tech Computer Engineering at Mody University, College of Engineering and Technology, Madhya Pradesh and **Best Women Engineer (professional in early career)** to Dr. Soma Biswas, Assistant Professor at Department of Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore; "Research Workshop 2018" by IEEE Hyderabad YP and IC YP under IEEE IC Branding on 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in Collaboration with Department of CSE, JNTU College of Engineering & IEEE India Council with support from WIE Hyderabad.
- **Technical Activities under IC and Its Chapters :** India Council in collaboration with the IEEE Bombay Section organised a day-and-half long 'Tutorials cum Workshop on AI&ML' on August 10-11, 2018, at the Centre for Technology and Innovation Management, NITIE, Mumbai and 'Furthering Indian Perception of IEEE' project wherein three engineers from 'Team Indus' shared their exciting experiences of building a 'Moonshot'.
- **Industry Activities:** IEEE India Council as part of Industry Relations initiative organized a 2-day workshop on 5G Technology on June 29-30 at Hotel Sterlings Mac,

Bangalore; IEEE India Council, IEEE TEMS Bangalore Chapter, in association with IEEE Bangalore Section organized an Intrapreneurship workshop on July 28-29, 2018, at Hotel Sterlings Mac, Bangalore.

- **Conferences 2018:** The Conference activities team of India council decided not to compromise on the standard of any of the conferences sponsored by IEEE, and also came up with a standard unification procedure for the same. It is also made mandatory to get a 'No Objection' from respective Section for sponsorship by India Council. Following conferences were organized during 2018 and few were approved for 2019.

A. Indicon 2018, the flagship conference of India Council at Amrita Institute of Science and Technology, Coimbatore during 16-18 December 2018.

B. India Council SSC Chapter and Kongu Engineering College, Bannari Amman Institute of Technology 2018: 9th International Conference on Computing, Communication and Networking Technologies (ICCCNT) held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018, in Bengaluru.

C. Uttar Pradesh Section, India Council Computer Society Chapter, Uttar Pradesh Section PE/IA Joint Chapter and Galgotias University, 2018 organized International Conference on Computing, Power and Communication Technologies (GUCON) on 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Radisson Blu Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India.

D. India Council CAS Chapter and Saintgits College of Engineering are organizing 2018 International Conference on Circuits and Systems in Digital Enterprise Technology (ICCSDET) on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018, in Kottayam.

E. India Council ED Chapter, Mahendra Engineering College, organized 2018 Conference on Emerging Devices and Smart Systems (ICEDSS) on 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2018, in Tiruchengode.

F. 2018 International Conference on Smart Electric Drives and Power System (ICSEDPS) was held on 12-13 June 2018 at G.H. Rasoni College of Engineering, Nagpur, under PES Chapter of IC.

G. **Conferences approved for 2019 :**

- 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Intelligent Computing, Instrumentation and Control Technologies (ICICT).
- 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Emerging Trends in Engineering & Technology (ICETET-SIP 2019) at GH Rasoni College of Engineering.
- INDICON 2019 to be organized by IEEE Gujarat Section.

H. **Mini POCO organized by Kerala Section:** IEEE Mini POCO 2018 was organized jointly by IEEE Malabar Sub-Section, IEEE Kerala Section and IEEE India council on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in NIT Calicut and was co-sponsored by IEEE Region 10.

I. Important Decision: Any conference or symposium organized by institutions or

organizations outside IEEE but technically co-sponsored by IEEE India Council either directly or in association with any of the society chapters of Council shall require a payment of one-time processing fee of Rs.25000/- and a security deposit of Rs.75000/- towards mandatory TCS fee charged by IEEE MCE for extending IEEE technical co-sponsorship. The IC Chair will approve conference application only after receiving these payments in the IC account. The security deposit of Rs.75000/- will be returned to the organizers once they produce the proof that IEEE MCE received the TCS fee of USD 1000 payable to IEEE MCE for Technically co-sponsored conferences and a report of the conference is submitted to IEEE India Council. The security deposit is collected from the organizing institute to make sure that changes happening at the leadership of the organizing team/Institute at any stage of the conference after the approval shall not affect the commitment made to IEEE MCE. In case the organizing team/Institute fails to make the payment to IEEE MCE after the conduct of the conference, IEEE IC will make the payment to MCE on behalf of the organizers and the security deposit will be forfeited. In lieu of the one-time non-refundable processing fee of Rs.25000/- charged, IEEE IC will facilitate two e-notices across all IEEE members in India provided the organizers provide the appropriate content at the specified time by giving two weeks of time for processing an e-notice request. If IEEE IC or any of its Society Chapter either individually or jointly organize a conference with substantial financial stakes, the one-time processing fee and security deposit are not required to be paid.

- **Newsletter:** This year so far three issues of IEEE India Info, the newsletter of IEEE India Council, relating to the first three quarters of 2018, have been published.
- **Educational Activities:** Computational Intelligence Society Chapter organized one week Summer School on “Computational Intelligence: Theory, Implementation and Applications” on 22-27 November 2018. Also Training Programs on ‘Recent Trends in Data Science and Computing’ (with Mr. Swayam Prakash) and ‘Build your own IoT Hands on’ Workshop (with IEEE Hyderabad Section CAS/EDS Chapter) were organized.
- **PES Chapter Dissolution:** It was decided by the founding Chapter Chairs and further in IC to dissolve the PES Chapter of IC.
- Gujarat Section received USD500 for maximum % of voting in Annual Elections of 2018.
- Out of 57 sections, 9 sections of India got incentives for filing activities of the Sections.
- Immediate Past Chair of IEEE India Council, Sri Deepak Mathur, has been elected as the IEEE Region 10 (Asia-Pacific) Director-Elect for the two-year period 2019-2020. He will serve as IEEE Region 10 Director for the years 2021 and 2022 and will be a

member of IEEE Board of Directors. Everybody from IC heartily congratulated Sri Deepak Mathur.

- India Council Meeting with IEEE President at IEEE Bangalore office was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2018.
- Prof. KVS Hari of IISC Bangalore has been elected on Board of Governors of Signal Processing Society of IEEE.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of IEEE HKN has been inducted at G.H. Raison College of Engineering.
- Dr. Preeti Bajaj was Elected as Governors at Large on the BoG of HKN.
- **Appreciable initiative** - Flood Relief Activities by Kerala Section: IEEE Kerala Section came forward to start a website Keralarescue, which became the central coordination point of the rescue efforts by Government of Kerala and volunteers from various places. This portal, which was set in a matter of less than a day, could mobilize relief aids and life support to thousands of flood-affected people. IEEE volunteers from large number of student branches assembled emergency lamps and portable power banks and supplied to relief camps and for airdropping in flood affected areas. As one important requirement after the flood was restoration of electricity in flood-affected houses, where the electric wirings were completely damaged, Kerala Section developed a temporary electrification board costing Rs.2500/- and supplied 500 such boards to the poor and needy people with the support from NIT Trichy. Many student branches also made such boards and supplied to the needy people.
- **IEEE India Council Awards Program:** IEEE India Council Outstanding Student Branch Award – 2018 is awarded to Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar College of Engineering (Madras Section) (Branch Code: STB 60551) and IEEE India Council Outstanding Volunteer Award – 2018 is awarded to: Mr. Hareendralal A G (Kerala Section)

The report was proposed for approval by Mr. Sujit Biswas and was seconded by Mr. Atul Negi.

**4. Presentation of annual accounts for the year 2018:** Mr S.M. Sameer, IC Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for the year and the further consolidation of financial resources especially through internal generation of resources from events conducted. Approval of the Treasurer's Report for 2018 was proposed by Mr. Suresh K Nair and was seconded by Mr. Yogesh Kosta.

**5. Confirmation of Recommendation of Nomination Committee:** The Nomination Committee for the year 2019 was formed by IEEE IC Chair as per By-laws of IC. The IC Nomination Committee was as given below:

Chair – Mr. Deepak Mathur, Immediate Past Chair of IC

Member – Mr. Debatosh Guha, Past Chair of Kolkata Section

Member – Mr. J Ramkumar, Past Chair of UP Section

After evaluating all the received nominations and after detailed deliberations, the committee nominated Dr. Suresh K Nair (Kerala Section) as Chair-Elect 2019.

**6. Presentation on INDICON-2019 by Gujarat Section:** Prof R. B. Jadeja Chair- Gujarat Section presented the plan for INDICON 2019 to be held at Marawari University.

**7. Confirmation of INDICON and AISYWC for 2020 and 2021:** Confirmation of INDICON and AISYWC for 2020 and 2021: IEEE Delhi Section expressed their intention to organize INDICON 2020 with Chitkara University Chandigarh as the local host. A presentation in this regard was also made in the meeting. The members noted the sections that have organized INDICON over the last decade and felt that INDICON should be organized by different sections in rotation basis so that every section gets a chance to organize this prestigious conference. It was decided to float separate call for proposals for INDICON 2020, 2021 and also for AISYWC 2019 & 2020 after the new team is in place in Jan 2019 and then to take final decision giving due consideration to the willingness of Delhi Section to organize INDICON 2020.

**8. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:** Mr. Hareendralal A G suggested that can AISYWC have track for life members. It was decided to elaborate more during execom. Mr. S.N. Singh appreciated the IC team for their good work and informed that he wished to do amendments in By-laws and also to streamline signature events of IC like INDICON and AISWYC, where there are not many takers at present, he also appealed all Vice-Chairs to work freely and away from Section, as currently most of their work are confined to their sections only and also updated that soon he shall announce his team for 2019.

**9. Vote of Thanks:** I wish to place on record my sincere thanks to the IC Chair, Past Chair, Chair-Elect, Treasurer, Section Chairs, all IC Vice-Chairs and Executive Committee Members, Ombudsman, Editor IC Newsletter, Webmaster, Office bearers of various IC Chapters of IEEE Societies, IC and Section volunteers, who have worked hard throughout the year and helped us in organising meetings, conducting events and taking India Council to new level.

Preeti Bajaj  
Secretary, IEEE India Council