

Message from the Chairman



Dear IEEE Indian Members,

I am happy to see that fourth and final issue of 2019 of India Council (IC) newsletter is being released. The newsletter is having information of India Council, Sections, Chapters, Affinity Groups etc., interesting articles on diverse fields of interest to our members along with few regular informative columns. I congratulate and thank the efforts taken by Mr. H.R. Mohan, Newsletter Editor. I would also like to put on record and thank the Section leaders who have extended their cooperation in providing the inputs to the newsletter.

The flagship technical conference of India Council, INDICON-2019, was held in Marwadi University, Rajkot, Gujarat in collaboration with IEEE Gujarat Section during December 13-15, 2019. Out of 502 papers received, 241 papers were accepted after at least 3 technical reviews by the reviewers. INDICON was inaugurated by Toshio Fukuda, IEEE President 2020, Professor, Beijing Institute of Technology/ Meijo University (China). 15 invited talks, 2 tutorials, 2 workshops, 2 focused sessions, start-up-innovation session, YP-WIE session, MVC paper contest and 241 paper and poster presentation through multiple parallel sessions were the highlights of INDICON-2019. Mallikarjun Kompella and Riteshkumar & Shubham Saxena (jointly) were awarded MVC paper contest winner under UG and PG category respectively.

This year India Council has constituted IC Leadership Awards. Sri RK Asthana, Delhi Section was conferred with IEEE India Council Chair Lifetime Achievement Award 2019. Prof Sivaji Chakraborti, Kolkata Section, Er TS Rangarajan, Madras Section, Er NV Rao, Hyderabad Section, Prof Anil Roy, Gujarat Section, Prof KVS Hari, Bangalore Section, and Prof D Doke, Pune Section have been conferred with IEEE India Council Section Chair Lifetime Achievement Award 2019. During INDICON-2019 Awards function, these awards were presented to them.

IC AGM and EXCOM were held on 14th December at Marwadi University Rajkot, Gujarat. Secretary's report, Finance report, Status of INDICON-2020 and AISYWLC-2020 were presented. Council is happy to share that, under IEEE R10 Incentive Scheme, IC has scored highest point and secured first rank among all the three councils of IEEE R10. An incentive of US \$2000 will be received from IEEE R10 for IC's activities and overall performance.

New guidelines for IC Awards and e-notice were formulated. Now any IEEE event information can be sent through e-notice to all the Indian IEEE members by paying INR 5000/ per e-notice, to IC account. Section chairs should endorse the e-notice for the same.

I am sure that with the help of active IEEE volunteers in India, we will be able to make IC as one of the best councils of IEEE.

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