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“Without your involvement you can’t succeed. With your involvement you can’t fail”

- Dr. ABDUL KALAM.

A word from the President



Dear Co-Alumnus,

Season’s Greetings,

I send my warm wishes & greetings to all members and their families for a Happy & Prosperous New Year 2008.

I am very happy to begin this newsletter with the information that this year also our chapter has funded the tuition fees for two needy students of MIT. In this regard, you are aware that our Chapter has started raising a corpus fund for the Refundable Education Assistance Plan (REAP). I wish to express my sincere thanks to all those who have readily contributed to this fund. We are overwhelmed at the spontaneous response from our respected senior Sri K.V. Appa Rao, T. 1/ Elcs, who has sent us a D.D. for Rs 5,000/- from Hyderabad. May I take this opportunity to request all other members also to come forward and contribute liberally to this fund.

I am also extremely happy to bring to your notice that the panel discussion – Entrepreneurs from MIT -organised recently

by our Chapter has kindled the minds of all our youngsters to widen their thought processes. I sincerely thank all the panelists who have readily shared their personal views during the programme. Details of the panel discussion are given later in this newsletter.

Our Chapter has planned a number of activities like family picnic, technical seminar evening lectures on technical and general topics and get-togethers. I request all of you to participate in large numbers to make the events memorable.

Our website is being periodically updated and all our members are requested to visit the site and give us their valuable feedback for improvement.

Looking forward to getting your valuable suggestions for enhancing the quality of our activities.

With warm regards,

V Gopalakrishnan

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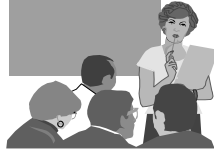
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MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS



The Executive Committee met regularly on the second Friday of every month.

EVENTS



★ PANEL DISCUSSION

On Sunday 16th December 2007 MITAA- B organized a family get together at the Aeronautical Society of India auditorium. It was a different get together compared to all the previous such events. Instead of the usual entertainments, games for children etc there was a panel discussion with five successful entrepreneurs among us.

During the AGM of 2007, Mr. Venkat Rajendran (24th batch Electronics) gave the idea for such a program, which was taken up by Mr.J.Ravishankar (26th batch Electronics) who arranged the panelists. Mr. J.Padmanabhan (21st batch Electronics) took up the role of the moderator and organized the program.

The panelists were;

1. Mr. Ashok A. Chabria, Director, Geetha Electronics (T 26304/Elcs)
2. Mr. Dataram Mishra, MD-CADES Digitech Pvt Ltd (T 33102/Aero)
3. Mr. V.Narayanasamy, MD-Infoscript (T 32322 / Elcs)
4. Mr. J.Ravi Shankar, Director, Webstar Pvt Ltd (T 26332/Elcs)
5. Mr. R. Venkat Rajendran, Chairman and MD-Billionways (T 24338/Elcs)

The panelists come with experience in different areas of business such as retail marketing of electronic products and components, product development, design services, medical transcription, manufacture etc. The moderator asked questions specific to the type of industry and experience of each panelist and this enabled the panelists to share a lot of information with the participants.

The panel discussion was divided into three sessions, namely “Starting the Venture” “Running the Venture” and “Words of Wisdom”. Each session was followed by question and answers, which had a very active participation by all. The program which was very well appreciated by all participants for its content and useful information it provided started at 11 a.m and went up to 1 p.m.

The EC thank Mr. J.Padmanabhan for anchoring the discussion, conducting it smoothly and giving a write up on the event for this newsletter. The EC also thanks Mr. J Ravishankar for arranging the panelists.

Refundable Education Assistance Programme – REAP

An Appeal To All Members

As we had mentioned in our earlier Newsletter, our Alma matter ‘MIT’ is an inseparable part of all MITians. It is the heartfelt desire and earnest endeavour of every alumnus to give back something substantially to his/her Alma Mater. This thought has been engaging the attention of MITAA-BC feeling strongly that assistance to the alma mater should be extended in some form or the other. You are aware that we had initially planned to donate books to the library and later made some initiative to build a book bank. Soon we discovered that there was another greater need and hence it has been decided to create a fund to provide financial assistance to needy and deserving students studying at MIT. You may be aware that two of our members have been funding the tuition fees for two students in MIT during the last two years, on a specific request from Parent Chapter, which in turn had received the request from the Dean. The Parent Chapter and the Singapore Chapter are funding two students each. This would be a recurring feature and is an opportunity for us to give back to our Alma Mater something that will benefit the students and the Institute. Our General Body in their meeting held on 29th July 2007, approved unanimously the

Refundable Education Assistance Programme (REAP), formulated by a special committee, after studying all aspects involved.

Briefly stated, this would be Refundable Educational Assistance to needy students, who would be identified by the Dean, MIT and the Parent Chapter. Certain criteria for eligibility, like he / she should be a full time student of MIT for any of the courses offered by MIT, should not be employed anywhere, should have a family financial background that deserves assistance and should have an academic performance deserving assistance as per assessment by the Dean of MIT. This assistance will be in the form of interest free loan for the student. The idea behind making it refundable is that the fund will be available to more students on rotation and that the student who benefits will take it seriously and will help in funding more students.

Ideally for such schemes, a corpus fund should be created and payment should be made from the interest earned thereon. In order to create such a Corpus Fund, it is proposed

- To approach our members and other interested and philanthropic persons for donations to be collected throughout the year, as an ongoing programme.
- An annual voluntary donation from every member of the executive committee and office bearers.
- A percentage of the money made by conducting Seminars/Workshops will be earmarked for this fund.
- This fund will be maintained separately but will very much form part of the funds of the Chapter.

It will also be ensured that the student would be in regular contact with MITAA-BC and keeping the Chapter informed of his/her contact address, email ID and phone number regularly.

The Executive Committee of MITAA, Bangalore Chapter appeals to all Members to contribute to this fund liberally and speedily and be a proud part of this worthy assistance programme, remembering with gratefulness all that our Alma Mater has given us. The contributions made to this fund will be acknowledged and names of the Donors will be published in our News letter and also in our Website www.mitaabc.org

PROPOSED EVENT

★ PICNIC TO HOGENAKKAL

A one-day picnic to Hogenakkal Falls is arranged on 10 Feb 2008 (Sunday). The tentative cost of the trip per person is Rs 300/- (inclusive of food and travel). Kindly furnish the details with your payment by crossed cheque on MIT Alumni Association, Bangalore. Children below 5 years will travel free. Kindly furnish details in advance and do the booking, as the total number of people is limited. Also, kindly give the confirmation of participation along with payment on or before 01 Feb 2008 as this will facilitate advance planning

Kindly send an eMail to mitaabc@gmail.com on or before 01 Feb 2008. The detailed schedule will be intimated to those who registers for the trip. Kindly participate in full strength and make this trip a successful one.

★ NATIONAL SEMINAR ON NEXT GENERATION WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATIONS

A National Seminar on "Next Generation Wireless Technology and Applications" is being organized in Bangalore-the Silicon Valley of India during April 2008 at HAL convention center by Aeronautical Society of India (AeSI) and The Bangalore Chapter of Madras Institute of Technology Alumni Association (MITAA).

This seminar will have three technical sessions namely

- (i) Software defined Radios
- (ii) Wireless technologies for short and medium range applications
- (iii) Wi Max and beyond

This seminar will feature eminent speakers from industry and participants from various defence establishments, private industry and academia.

PROFILES

EMINENT MITIAN



Shri N. Ramachandran, T 2158 / Elcs, was born on 18th June 1950. He started his educational career with B.Sc (PHYSICS) from Madras University. Then he joined Madras Institute of Technology

(MIT) Chromepet, Madras from where he obtained his B.Tech. Degree in Electronics Engineering. Subsequently he finished D.M.M. – (DIPLOMA IN MARKETING MANAGEMENT) from the Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University and D.I.T. – (DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE) from the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi (PGDP1976).

He has undergone numerous training from various institutes like three months Training in Bio-Medical Engineering in Germany, three month Management Development Program conducted by International Trade Center (UN-GATT) Geneva, Switzerland, three weeks program in Australia at the initiative of HRH Duke of Edinburgh and a Short-term program on Technology Management at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

His professional experience spans a total of 35 Years. Presently he is the Managing Director of MEL SYSTEMS AND SERVICES LIMITED since 1st April 1996.

From 1981-1996, Sri Ramachandran was with the Murugappa Group and in 1981 he joined the group to start the Electronics activities for the Group. Since then, have been involved in starting and managing various electronics business for the Group including manufacturing of Soft Ferrites, Audio Magnetic Tapes, Agency Activities, Automation & Control and Power Electronics. Before taking up responsibilities at MEL Systems & Services Limited, he was the Vice President of EID PARRY (I) LIMITED.

During 1978-1981, he was the SENIOR MANAGER – COMPONENTS. He was heading the All India marketing of Components Division of MELTRON, Maharashtra Government Undertaking. Was closely associated with setting up of Meltron Semi Conductors Ltd plant at Nasik. He was handling All India marketing of the products made at Nasik along with many of the Components made by the Small Scale Industries in Maharashtra. Shri. Ramachandran was also responsible for handling the entire range of Thomson CSF Components Group.

He was with MAHINDRA & MAHINDRA ELECTRONICS during 1976-1978 and was involved in All India marketing of Plastic Film Capacitors.

He worked as a Sales & Service Engineer during the period 1973-1976 with Seshasayee Products Pvt Ltd at their Delhi Branch, where he was handling Sales & service of Electro Medical Equipments.

He is also closely associated with a number of Industries Associations including ELCINA, CII, Indo Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industries etc.

He was the President of Electronics Components Industries Association (ELCINA) for the year 1996-97. Presently he is a Member of the MSME panel of CII Tamil Nadu and the Chairman of the SME Desk of the Indo Japan Chamber. He is also closely associated with Technical Institutions like Murugappa Polytechnic, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (Chennai Chapter Head of the IIFT Alumni Association since October 2007) and Madras Institute of Technology and Anna University. He held the post of President of the MITAA Parent Chapter for the last 3 years.

He is in the Selection Board for the MBA program of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade New Delhi. He is an active member of the Rotary Club of Madras Marina and the President elect for the year 2008-09.

He lives with his wife Kala, a housewife, son Rahul who is studying in NIT Trichy (ECE) and daughter Dipika who is studying Computer Science in MIT Chennai. He can be contacted in the following address

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SPONSOR

The sponsor of the newsletter is Shri J. Padmanabhan, 21st Batch Electronics, T. No: 2154, passed out in 1972. He started his career in Space Application Center, ISRO, Ahmedabad, where he worked on early

remote sensing satellite systems. He developed interactive digital image processing systems for remote sensing satellites.

After ISRO, he worked in the R&D unit of OEN Micro Systems Ltd, Cochin for 8 years. He developed a range of products and systems and was also responsible for setting up the production facility. He joined Advanced Micronic Devices Ltd, Bangalore in 1986 where he is currently the Senior Executive Vice President, heading the Strategic Electronic Division. The two main technology areas he handles are GPS and EDA and he is responsible for all India business. In the course of his career, he had the opportunity to visit various countries and bring in appropriate and strategic technologies to India.

He has been active in many technology forums like CSI and IMA and have presented technical papers on various platforms.

His other activities include giving technology talks in various Engineering colleges and universities. He is also involved in a few social-service activities. He is a trustee of a school started in a backward area of Kerala to provide quality education to the economically weaker section of the society. This school, in addition to imparting education, also undertakes community welfare initiatives such as health care camps, free eye camps cancer awareness programs etc. (www.sreemarutividyalaya.com)

He is deeply interested in classical music and fine arts, he occasionally writes articles and poems on Hindu philosophy in journals.

We express our grateful thanks to Sri Padmanabhan for sponsoring the newsletter once again.

NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES



❖ DIRECTORY UPDATE

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➤ Ms Gowri Sankari K, MS (by Res)MIT
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Thippasandra, Bangalore – 75

❖ REAP FUND CONTRIBUTION

Alumni who have made the contributions towards the REAP fund for sponsoring the needy students at MIT,

- Shri. K.V.Appa Rao, T No.1/ Elcs, Hyderabad Rs 5000/-
- Shri KV Bhima Rao, T201, Rs 1000/-
- Shri VV Tarvadi, T23077, Rs 1000/-
- Shri V Narayanasamy, T32322, Rs 1000/-
- Shri R Arunagiri, T27103, Rs 1000/-
- Shri J Ravishankar, T26322, Rs 1000/-
- Shri.V Babuji, T1361, Rs 1000/-
- Shri.R Arunachalam, T22003, Rs 1000/-
- Shri.L.Ramakrishnan T37324, Rs.1000/-

❖ LIFE TIME SUBSCRIPTION

The following Alumni have contributed towards Life time subscription of Rs.2000/- to MITAA –BC.

- Shri. R.Velvandan, T45122, Engineer, Helicopter Division, HAL, Bangalore.
- Shri. PRS Mani, T34111, Project Manager, Goodrich(India) Ltd., Mahadveapura, Whitefield Bangalore
- Shri.N.Chandrasekaran, T1845
- Shri.N.Ramanathan, T 24321
- Shri.Vijay Bhaskar, T 33337
- Shri.M.V.Kannan, T22010, Head, Experimental Division, ISAC, Bangalore
- Shri.S.Desikaman, T 1137

❖ MOVEMENT

Shri.S. Ramanathan T33109/Aero from CADES to TCS, Bangalore.
Shri CT Sambandam T44122/Aero from CABS to HAL as Senior Manager.

❖ WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Ms. Gowri Sankari, Infosys, Bangalore back to our Bangalore chapter.

FOR THE KIND ATTENTION OF MEMBERS

Those who have not paid their subscription are, hereby, requested to do so at the earliest. Members may send their subscriptions by a cheque drawn in favour of “Madras Institute of Technology Alumni Association, Bangalore Chapter” to Treasurer, MITAA-BC, AeSI Building, Suranjandas Road, New Thippasandra Post Bangalore- 560 080. PLEASE SEND THE ONE TIME PAYMENT OF Rs 2000 AND AVOID THE INCONVENIENCE OF PAYING Rs. 200 EVERY YEAR.

Also, newsletters and directory of members are being uploaded in the association web site. Members are requested to view the membership directory and provide the feedback regarding the changes and addition of the members whom you are in touch with. The web address is www.mitaabc.org. Any change/ discrepancy in the directory of members can be emailed to the association email id mitaabc@gmail.com. Any suggestions and improvements regarding the association activities can be mailed to this id.

All the alumni are requested to provide information regarding the achievements of the self and family members for coverage in the newsletter for information and inspiration to others.

Executive Committee

Entrepreneurs from MITAA - BC



Panelist sharing their experience

Shri JP anchoring the Panel discussion



Audience of Panel Discussion Event

The year 2007 that has gone by

