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"Success is never permanent and failure is never final"

Word from the President...

Dear Co Alumnus

Seasons Greetings.

Our Chapter has been continuously looking into various ways of widening and diversifying the scope of our activities. With this in mind, we had successfully organised a National Seminar named "AUTOFOCUS" during October 2009. The seminar addressed various fields in automobile engineering & technology, the like of which was not conducted earlier by any one, as far as our knowledge goes.

Later our Chapter took up another area, viz. Technical Training for Industry. We very successfully organised and conducted a three day training programme from 26th to 28th April 2010 on the Standards DO 178 & 254 which find wide applications in the fields of Avionics, Medical, Nuclear and Industrial Control. And for the first time a foreign Company, M/s High Rely, USA joined hands with us in the above Training Programme. I wish we conduct many more such programmes which will benefit software professionals.

I am glad to mention that a few alumni

from the 52nd Batch have recently become Members in our Chapter. These youngsters have evinced keen interest in the activities of the Chapter and expressed their desire to take active part in all of them in the future. And they have promised to bring in more Members. This, indeed, is an encouraging trend to take the Chapter to higher level of activities. I assure the Younger Generation our support in all their endeavours.

Our Chapter planned a picnic to Lepakshi which did not come through due to disturbed conditions there. Currently plans are on the anvil to organise overnight picnics to Wayanad / Jog Falls. Also being deliberated is an international picnic to Singapore / Malaysia. Details of this programme are available elsewhere in this NL. I would request the Members to join this picnic in large numbers and make the event a memorable one.

I wish all the Members, their Families a great time ahead.

Warm regards,

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MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS



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

PAST EVENTS



• DO 178B/254 Training

The Bangalore Chapter of MIT Alumni Association organised a three day Training Programme on DO-178B and DO-254 Standards that are widely used in Aviation and other industries. The Training Programme was held at AeSI Building, Bangalore, India during 26 - 28 April 2010 joining hands with an international partner, M/s HighRely, USA.

Mr Francois Guay, an experienced DER from HighRely conducted the training programme and it was well received by the participants from Private and Government Organisations. The DER appreciated the enthusiasm and level of involvement of the participants in the workshops and discussions. A total of 75 delegates attended the Training and received the Certificates.

The Training Programme was formally inaugurated by Mr Pon Manivannan, Practice Head Avionics & Defence Electronics, Infotech Enterprises by lighting the traditional lamp. He reiterated the importance of the DO-178B & DO-254 Standards used by service industries in the field of Civil Aviation.

The Convenor Mr P Swaminathan welcomed the participants and gave a Brief of the Training and Mr V Narayanasamy, Secretary, MITAA-BC proposed the Vote of Thanks.

• Talk by Dr Chandrakanth

Mr V Narayanasamy, Secretary, MITAA-BC had arranged a Talk titled "Common Middle Age & Old Age Medical Problems" by Dr Chandrakanth, a practicing Physician. The Talk covered general aspects of middle age and old age problems, the causes of those problems, how to prevent them and the curative options. It was well attended by the Members and their Family. Though the session was scheduled to end with lunch, the lecture was so interesting it continued for another three hours.

• Meeting with fellow MITIANS

• Mr Gopalakrishnan, T 543 AU from USA

Meeting of EC Members and other MITians with Mr Gopalakrishnan was arranged on 14th August 2010.

Mr Gopalakrishnan, after passing from MIT, joined Hindustan Steel, and then moved to Union Carbide. He, thereafter, went to Japan and finally joined the World Bank, Washington DC from where he retired in 1985. Later he worked as a consultant till 2008. Fully retired, presently, he has settled down in Unit # 250, Middlesex Borough, NJ-08536 with his daughter who works in the Pharmaceutical area. His son is also in USA and he is MD (Tech) for City Group.

• Dr T B Ramachandran, T 136/EL from USA

A get together was arranged on 7th April 2010 in the conference hall of AeSI premises to meet Dr T B Ramachandran, T 136/EL, who was on a visit to Bangalore from USA. Members of the Bangalore Chapter, along with the Executive Committee members attended the get together. The President, Mr Gopalakrishnan introduced him to the Members present.

Soon after passing out of MIT in 1953, Dr Ramachandran joined AIR but left it within a few months to join DSL (Defence Science Laboratory, Delhi). In 1957 he went to USA for his Masters Degree and continued his studies

to obtain his Doctorate. He worked in many labs, like Bell Telephone Industries and joined Microwave Associates, where he worked for a number of years. He then started his own Company, the Microwave Devices Technology Corporation in Boston, USA, which is a highly successful venture. A couple of years ago, after very successfully running the Company, Dr Ramachandran called it a day and rested from active working. But he is still associated with the Company and keeps himself busy in his field. He has settled down in North Bellerica, Mass. and is living there since 1966. He is a Life Member of our Chapter since 2003.

The introduction was followed by an interaction and exchange of views and ideas between him and the Members present, which was very illuminative and informative.

During the meet, Dr T B Ramachandran donated a substantial amount of USD 15000 to our REAP Fund. The Chapter is grateful to him for this gracious and thoughtful gesture of his.

➤ **Mr Vinjamuri Gopalakrishnan, T 810 / AE from USA**

Mr V Gopalakrishnan visited India during January 2010. Members of our Chapter met him on 22nd January 2010 in AeSI and had useful discussions.

Mr Gopalakrishnan has specialised in materials, composites and high pressure gas cylinders for CNG for motor vehicles and medical oxygen. He holds a few US Patents. He is at present very much interested in transferring the technology and all the relevant information, like source of materials, methodology of production, etc. to entrepreneurs in India. He is particularly interested in MITians taking up this project. According to him the market for these cylinders is high, not only in India but worldwide.

• **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

• **Picnic**

An International Trip of 7 days and 6 nights to Singapore / Malaysia during Nov /

Dec 2010. Details attached elsewhere in this NL.

* **AGM**

The Annual General Body Meeting is scheduled for Oct/Nov 2010.

• **Technical Lecture**

A Technical Lecture "WHAT GOT YOU HERE WON'T GET YOU THERE" by Mr Mali Mahalingam of symphony Services Corporation is planned for Friday, 12th November 2010, 6.30 p.m.

PROFILES

• **EMINENT MITIAN**

Prof Dr A Joseph Stanley, T 23005/AE currently is the Dean of MIT Campus, Anna University, Chennai. After his schooling and BSc course at St. Joseph's College, Trichy, he joined the prestigious Madras Institute of Technology for his under graduate engineering course in Aeronautical Engineering.



He did his ME Aeronautical Engineering at Madras Institute of Technology (1976). He completed his PhD at IIT, Madras from the department of Applied Mechanics.

He was a Senior Scientific Officer at GTRE in the year 1977-78. Subsequently, he joined Anna University as a faculty in 1978 and rose to the position of a Professor in 2003. He was Executive Warden, MIT Hostels (2001-2004), HOD, Aeronautical Engineering (2004-2007) and Director, Centre for Aerospace Research (2007-2008). He assumed charge as Dean, MIT Campus in July 2008.

Prof Dr A Joseph Stanley is a Fellow of the Aeronautical Society of India (FAeSI) and Member of the Institution of Engineers (MIE). He is an Examiner of Doctoral Thesis in various Universities and External Examiner for a number of PhD scholars.

He has published about 30 papers in International and National Journals and guided two PhDs and is guiding five PhD Scholars. He has been Referee for International Journal on Structural Mechanics. He has been Chairman, Organizing Committee for National Conferences.

Prof Dr A Joseph Stanley was Co-ordinator for Workshops under TEQIP for the years 2007 & 2009. He has conducted more than 10 Short Term Courses for ADA Executives and HAL Management Trainees. Prof Dr A Joseph Stanley took additional responsibilities as Academic Council Member of Anna University, Chairman of Board of Studies (Mechanical Branch) of MIT, Chairman of Aeronautical Society of India, Chennai Branch (2005-2007), Member of AR & DB Manpower Development & Aerospace Information Panel (2004-2007), Syndicate Member, Anna University since 2008, Committee Member of DRDO and CPWD Interview Panels.

He is happily married to Mrs S J S Thamaraiselvi and they are blessed with one son, Mr Darius Stanley and one daughter Ms Nancy Stanley.

* **OBITUARY**

- Mrs N Umayya Parvathi, aged 76 years, mother of Mr R Arunagiri, Treasurer, MITAA-BC passed away on 16th February 2010.
- Mr V L Ramakrishnan (9th / IT) passed away suddenly on 23rd March 2010. He retired from English Electric, Chennai and was engaged in Share Broking for some time.
- Mother of Mr V N Murthy, Patron, MITAA-BC, Mrs Maragatham Vembu passed away on 30th May 2010 at the residence of her son Mr Raju at Kottivakkam, Chennai.
- Mr T K Kailasam (T 863 / EL) passed away on 21st June 2010 at his residence at D-309, Chandrakiran Apts, Netaji Road, Cleveland Town, Bangalore.

He was ailing for quite some time with a kidney problem and was on dialysis. In spite of his frail health he used to take part in almost all the major programmes of the MITAA. Mr Kailasam worked with the Defence R & D Organisation (DRDO) for more than two decades. He joined Photophone Ltd after taking VRS from DRDO and retired from that Company. The MITAA-BC has suffered an irreparable loss in his demise.



- Mr Vijay V Tarvadi (T 23077 / EL) passed



away on 29th May 2010. Mr Tarvadi was snatched away from his family and all of us under tragic circumstances. Things looked wonderful for him as his son got a job after doing his MD and in-formed

him about it on 28th May. Tarvadi and his wife had been to the passport office on that fateful day after noon. After parking the car on the road side, they both got down and when he was about to lock the car he slipped and fell into a 5 ft pit. He was immediately admitted in a nearby hospital, but died the next day morning due to a massive brain haemorrhage. Mr V V Tarvadi was DGM (Retd), ITI Ltd, Bangalore. Mr Tarvadi was our current Vice-President.

- Mr K Raman (T 1455 / EL), Promoter

Director, Former President and COO of HCL Technologies passed away on 7th July 2010 at Delhi. An announcement in the Economic Times read: "A soft spoken technocrat who lead from the front, he will always be

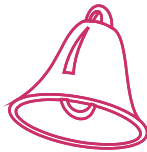


remembered for his gentle leadership, expansive vision and inspiring personality.”

- Mr C K Sukumaran (T 856 / EL) passed away on 17th September 2010 due to a lung infection. After graduation from MIT, Mr Sukumaran worked in LRDE, Bangalore for two years and later in DLRL, Hyderabad till his superannuation. He is survived by his wife and a son.

MAY THE SOULS OF THE DEPARTED REST IN PEACE IN HEAVEN. WE PRAY THAT THE LORD GIVE STRENGTH TO THEIR FAMILIES TO BEAR THE LOSSES.

WEDDING BELLS



- Mr J Ravishankar (T 26332 / EL) and Mrs Brinda Ravishankar celebrated their son, Chi Aravind's wedding with Sou Gayatri at Chennai on 5th February 2010 followed by a reception at Bangalore on 7th Feb 2010.
- Wedding Bells rang for Chi Ravikiran, son of Mr & Mrs K P Achuthakumar (T 22046 / EL) who married Sou Manjushree at Chennai on 27th November 2009.

MAY HEAVEN'S CHOICEST BLESSINGS BE SHOWERED ON THE NEWLY WEDDED COUPLES. WE WISH THEM A LONG, HAPPY AND CONTENTED MARRIED LIFE WITH PINK OF HEALTH EVERY DAY ON ALL THE DAYS.

PROMOTIONS

- Mr K Tamilmani (T 24119 / AE) has been promoted as Distinguished Scientist.
- Mr T K Sundaramurthy (T 26121 / AE) has been promoted as Scientist H from Sc G at ISAC, ISRO, Bangalore.
- Mr R V Ramkumar (T 50108 / AE) has been promoted as Scientist D from Sc C at CABS, Bangalore.
- Mr K Kandasamy (T 39206 / AE) has been

promoted as Senior Manager (Design) from Manager (Design) at RWR&DC, HAL, Bangalore.

- Mr P Subramanian (T 33115 / AE) has been promoted as Scientist F from Sc E at CABS, Bangalore.
- Mr G Sivagnanam (T 32116 / AE) has been promoted as Scientist F from Sc E at CABS, Bangalore.

OUR HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PROMOTEEES.

MOVEMENTS

Mr C S Ramachandran (T 54 / EL) wrote:

“With a sense of deep sorrow I am writing this note. On 3rd July 2010 I will be leaving Bangalore to settle in Coimbatore permanently. I have always enjoyed my meetings with all alumni at picnics and other gatherings. I will always remember you all for the respect you all had shown me as a 1st Batch student. Please convey this info to all. I will be sending a cheque for Rs. 15,000 soon, before I leave for Coimbatore towards the REAP Fund.”

AWARDS

- Mr K Tamilmani (T 24119 / AE) and his Team of Scientists from CEMILAC, Bangalore have been conferred the DRDO's Agni Award for Excellence. Mr P Jeyapal (T 32105 / AE) is a Member of the Team.
- Mr K Tamilmani (T 24119 / AE) has been nominated as a Member of Academic Senate by the Chancellor of the Visvesvarayah Technical University (VTU) and Governor of Karnataka.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

- Alumni who have made contributions of Rs. 2000 towards the Life Membership of the Association:

Mr R Ravishankar

Mr M Gokul Das (T 23020 / AU)

Mr T Srichand (T 1692/AE)

Mr N Shunmugavelu (T 25118 / AE)

Mr R V Ramkumar (T 50108 / AE)

- Alumni who have made contributions for the REAP Fund:

Mr M Gokul Das (T 23020/AU):Rs. 2000

Mr T Srichand (T 1692/AE): Rs. 2000

* **7TH BATCH (ELECTRONICS) REUNION**

Mr K G Ramachandran, 7th Batch Electronics, MIT, permanently residing at New Jersey, USA, came to Chennai and Bangalore on a short personal visit in February 2010. Taking advantage of this we organized a reunion of 7th Batch Electronics alumni at Bangalore on 15th February. In preference to normal meeting locations like clubs, etc., we decided to meet in addition to the Narayanans, those present at the Meet, were Mrs & Mr Srinivasan, Mrs & Mr Ramasubbarao, Mr Narasimhan, Mr Venkatesan and Mr Sundar, all from Bangalore; Mrs & Mr Ramaswami, Mr VCK Raman, Mr Santhanam, Mr Lakshminarayan from Chennai; Mrs & Mr Balachandra Setty from Mysore; and Mr Trivikraman Thampi from Thiruvananthapuram and of course Mr K G Ramachandran from USA, making it a nice bunch of 18.

We assembled punctually at the Jayanagar rendezvous point, and immediately left in four cars to the Farm House. Hot snacks and coffee awaited us and the atmosphere of the Farm House was just right for us all to chat to glory without any inhibitions. We talked of our good old MIT days, pulled each other's legs and enjoyed ourselves with chilled Beer and of course soft drinks. We were well served with a sumptuous lunch of hot South Indian delicacies, topped up with delicious Ice cream.

We remembered our classmates who were no longer in this world and paid our

respects to them by observing two minute silence. Each of us had then spoken about our MIT days, Professional and Family lives. We wound up the memorable day with a round of Tambola and finally a round of snacks/coffee before reluctantly calling it a day.

It was a day to remember and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The participation of ladies specially added colour to the get-together and made the day even more pleasant. They enjoyed the day and were most appreciative of the opportunity to meet us all and join in the exchanges and pleasantries. We all wished that the day was longer for a change and departed vowing to meet again.

Inputs courtesy Mr R Sundar, T 760/EL

NEWS FROM CAMPUS & PARENT CHAPTER

- Department of Electronics Engineering, MIT Campus, organized a one day National Seminar on "Research Challenges in Wireless Sensor Networks (RCWSN) sponsored by UGC-SAP on 03rd Mar 2010.
- Dr Thyagarajan, HOD, Instrument Faculty, MIT has been posted as Director-Library, Anna University with effect from 1st June 2010. Dr Boopathy Baghan former HOD of ECE has taken charge as HOD of Electronics and Instrument Faculty.
- Mr Karthick Ramachandran - T 51214 donated the symbolic figure of Rs. 200200 (year 2002 is perhaps the graduating year of 51st batch too!) to AMITA Trust. The total amount collected by AMITA TRSUT is close to IRS 90 Lakhs (approximately) and it is welcome to note that he is the youngest MITian to donate IRS 2,00,200 for the noble cause. Hope his donation will inspire lots of young MITians.
- The AGM of Parent Chapter for the year 2010 was held on 1st Aug 2010, at Alumni Club. Mr V L Swaminathan (14th Batch) travelled all the way from Bangalore to Chennai to attend the AGM and returned by a

night train. A reasonable number of alumni participated, and almost all the chairs placed were occupied. An SMS was received from our beloved Prof KVN on 1st Aug 2010, and it read as below. "My best wishes to all of you who are doing great work, thank you for so kindly sending me the News Letter containing a wealth of information. Congrats. May our MITAA grow to greater heights. My salutations to the elders. God be with you all. Ever your KVN"

- As you are all aware, on 18th July 2010, MIT has completed 61 FULL years. It has stepped into the 62nd year after its inception. On that day, Parent Chapter received an affectionate SMS from our beloved Prof KVN, and it read as below: Quote: "18th July is our Alma Mater MIT's Founding Day. My greetings and gratitude to the kind and helping fellow alumni. May God bless us all. With Love from your KVN. Have a happy Sunday." Unquote: Thanks to our beloved Prof KVN. We will pray for his health. Let us all be proud being alumni of MIT.

- MITAA hosted Farewell dinner for final year students on 28th April 2010. It goes without saying that the function went on well, with welcome address by MITAA President. Dean MIT spoke on scholarship programs by MITAA and invited the future alumni to play active part in MITAA. Anna University VC emphasized that MIT students, wherever they go, should add value in their profession, as zero adds value to any number when it is suffixed. Patron MITAA (Mr Jawaharlal) spoke to the students on the importance of their active involvement in MITAA activities after they come out of the Institute. Secretary MITAA proposed the vote of thanks, and it was followed by DINNER hosted by MITAA. Students responded to the speeches with great applause. One alumnus belonging to 22nd batch Aero travelled all the way from Bangalore to participate in this function. Hats off to him. Around 1000 members had dinner (which includes full time and part time students)

- The Goldies Function on 02 May 2010.

The President, Patrons and members of the MITAA Managing Committee organized a

meet to felicitate the MITIAN Goldies, our Seniors who have completed 50 years or more after completing their studies at MIT. Members from the First to the 9th Batch (inclusive), year of passing 1960 or earlier were to be felicitated. This function was arranged at Alumni Club, Boat Club Road, Off Chamiers Road, Chennai 600028.

NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

- It was encouraging to note that the Hyderabad Chapter has become active.

The following are its Office Bearers:

Chair Person- Shri M V S Suryakantha Rao

Vice Chair Person - Shri Ganapati Ram

Secretary- Shailendra T

Treasurer -Thiagarajan

Advisor / Special Invitee - Shri M A Gaffar

Council Members - Shri Rajgopal,

Shri Rajasekharan, Shri Ramesh,

Smt Sheela, Shri Cyril James.

- Mr P S Saravanan has been unanimously elected as SMITAA President for the term 2010 - 2011, during the AGM held on 20th May, 2010. He will lead the EXCO team consisting of the following members, who have also been unanimously elected during the AGM:

· Mr Nagalingam

· Mr Lokesh

· Mr Jeyachandran

· Mr Sankar P

· Mr Murugan

· Mr Koteeswaran S

· Mr Ramki

· Mr Senthil

· Mr. Ramesh



Get together on 22 Jan 2010 at AeSI with Sri Vinjamuri Gopalakrishnan, T 810/Aero



DO Training Inauguration



DO Training Lighting the Lamp by Chief Guest



DO Training Training in Progress



Parent Chapter AGM New Executive Committee Members



Get Together at AeSI with Shri TB Ramachandran, 1st Batch on 09 Aug 2010

