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"It is the man who does not want to express an opinion whose opinion I want."

- Abraham Lincoln

A Word from the President

Dear Co-Alumnus,

Seasons Greetings!

It gives me immense pleasure to begin this newsletter with the information that Sri. Velvendan, 45th batch/Production, one of the MIT student beneficiary of our REAP has started repaying to the fund. We are overwhelmed at the spontaneous response from our respected senior Dr.M.V.R.K.Murthy, 1st batch/Instrument Technology, who has donated US \$130 when he recently visited Bangalore. While thanking all our executive members, who have spontaneously contributed to this fund, may I take this opportunity to request all other members also to come forward and contribute liberally to this fund?

I am happy to report that there was an overwhelming response to our recently organised one day family picnic to Hogenakal.

The details of the same are given later in this newsletter.

I am extremely sorry to inform our members about the demise of Sri. Rangarajan, fondly known as 'Sujatha' at Chennai. We pray Almighty to give sufficient strength to his family members to meet this loss. May his soul rest in peace.

I would like to request for feedback and suggestions from our members on the activities and functioning of our Chapter. Please do so by logging on to our recently updated website www.mitaabc.org. You may post your views by e-mail.

With warm regards,

V Gopalakrishnan

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MEETINGS

* EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS



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

EVENTS



PICNIC TO HOKEGANEKAL

Ms S Kapila, D/o T.K.Sundaramurthy would like to share the experience on the trip to Hogenakal. The trip was scheduled for a single day on 10th Feb '08. There were two buses arranged for the trip. We started off at 8.00 am. MITians along with their families and friends were picked up from the scheduled spots. We had a small break for breakfast on the forward journey at 9.30 am. All of us had been thinking of and discussing then as to how to enjoy playing in water along with the kids, who were also so happy to in anticipation of reaching the place.

We reached Hogenakal at about 12.45 pm. As we were already late it was decided we take lunch, which was ready at Hotel Tamilnadu and then go for outing. So, we freshened up ourselves and had our lunch. By 2.pm, we were all ready to go and enjoy in the water. But, all of us were totally shocked and disappointed as there was no boating or other entertainment because of some strike. Also, the temperature was so high that all of our dreams were shattered. Finally, we had a look at the little water fall at an angular distance and convinced ourselves that we could at least drench our feet in the Cauvery water. But some of the enterprising members and their families managed to have a bath. Few assembled in the Lounge, watching a cricket match going on and others assembled in the lawns of the Hotel for conversation and exchanging interesting tidbits concerning anything under the sun. Later, we had snacks with Tea/Coffee and left the place at 4.30 pm.

We reached Bangalore by 8.30 pm. But the only disappointment was that we couldn't have fun in water instead had little fun in the bus. In total, the picnic ended in a totally new experience which we never faced in our earlier trips. However this is a memorable trip in more than one way!

The MITAA-BC places on record its thanks to Ms Kapila for giving a brief write up on the one day picnic.

MEETING WITH FIRST BATCH MITian

Dr.M.V.R.K.Murty, of the 1st batch/ Instrument Technology was in city recently. The executive committee and some members, including his classmate took the opportunity to meet him in AeSI conference Hall on Monday, the 17th March 2008. He has specialised in the field of Optics and has made very significant contributions in the field. He shared his experiences in MIT - as a student and subsequently as a faculty member in the instrumentation technology faculty, - his research activities in BARC and in Mexico. He is now actively associated with the Optical Society of South California. His contact details: e-mail- collimate@yahoo.com and lives in Carson, California, where he is known by the name of Murthy Mantravadi.

His classmate, Shri. C.S. Ramachandran, Patrons Shri. K.V Bhima Rao, and Gp.Capt V.N.Murthy, President Shri. V. Gopalakrishnan, Vice President Shri. Tarvadi, Secretary Shri. V. Narayanasamy, Treasurer Shri. Arunagiri, members Shri. Arunachalam, Shri. Gokul Das, Shri. T.K Sundaramurthy, Shri. Kandasamy, and Ms. Gowri Shankari met him during the meeting. When the young members were introduced to him he told that he is meeting his "Children" and he also mentioned his T.No without any difficulty.

Mr. GopalaKrishnan, President MITAA-BC briefed about the activities of the association including REAP. He was happy to know the cause of REAP and appreciated the efforts taken by the association to help the needy students.

Being in the 1st batch of students at MIT, he was asked as to how he had come to know about the Institute, which was opened newly and his joining the Institute and the faculty. He said that he had come to know from a friend and then met the then Director and got the admission immediately. He also informed the gathering that he could not join Engineering course after Intermediate as his name was in the waiting list. So he joined B.Sc Mathematics and due to uniqueness of MIT, he could become an Engineer.

When he told this everybody felt sad because presently this uniqueness was lost. He also recalled the uncertainty about the continuance of the Institute and even some students left the course fearing the worst. He informed us about life in the Institute and hostel in those days like the students going to Madras Christian College, Tambaram for Physics and Chemistry practical classes.

In all, it was a pleasant evening with Dr.Murthy recalling golden memories. Mr.Gopalakrishnan, President MITAA-BC thanked Dr.Murthy for accepting our invitation and spending time with all the members in spite of his age. The meet with Dr.Murthy once again showed the unique emotional attachment of and the bondage between MIT Alumni, irrespective of which batch he/she belongs to.

* PROPOSED EVENT

HALF A DAY FAMILY GET TOGETHER

A half a day program on "Family Dental care" and family get together is planned to be held on 11th May 2008 (Sunday) at AeSI building premises.

* AGM

The annual general body meeting is proposed to be held during June 2008. It is proposed simultaneously arrange a family get together with a trip to Bannerghatta Zoo. Kindly await details and participate in big numbers to make it a brand success.

NATIONAL SEMINAR

The National Seminar on "Next Generation Wireless Technology and Applications", originally planned to be held in April, has now been scheduled to be held in June-July 2008. The objective of the seminar, as intimated in our last newsletter, would be to show case Software Defined Radios, Wireless Technology for Short & Medium range Applications and WiMaX and beyond.

PROFILES

* EMINENT MITIAN



Shri K Tamilmani, T 24119/Aero, an Outstanding Scientist, is the Chief Executive of CEMILAC, Department of Defence R&D, Ministry of Defence. He did his Degree in Aeronautical Engineering

at MIT, Chennai, post graduation in BITS, Ranchi, MA (Defence Studies) at Madras University, MBA(HRD) at IGNOU and continuing his PhD at Madras University.

He has served in Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) and CEMILAC, before joining CABS in 1988. He is one of the two Flight Test Instrumentation Engineers of DRDO, trained at EPNER, France.

He is a fellow of Aeronautical Society of India (AeSI) and life member of Indian Society for Advancement of Materials and Process Engineering (ISAMPE). He has received the DRDO outstanding contribution awards in 1992 & in 1995 and Prof VM Ghatge Award from Aeronautical Society of India in 1995 for his significant contributions to the indigenous development of Airborne Early Warning (AEW) system.

Shri K Tamilmani is currently the Chairman of AeSI, Bangalore Branch.

Recently he was awarded the Outstanding Alumnus award by MIT Alumni Association at Chennai. The details may please be seen later in this newsletter.

Shri K Tamilmani has the firm support of his wife Smt Santhosam Tamilmani, and their two sons. The elder son Shri Karthik Tamilmani has completed his MS in the US and is currently employed by M/s Amazon.com, while his sibling Shri Naveen Tamilmani is at present pursuing his MS at Stanford University, USA. The contact details of Shri. K Tamilmani is given below.

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NEWS ABOUT OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

*** SUBSCRIPTION**

Alumni who have made the contributions towards the REAP fund for sponsoring needy students in MIT.

- Shri. V.K.Kannan, T35339, Rs. 1,000/-
- Shri. B.S.Seshadri, T1361, Rs. 2,000/-
- Shri. D.Saji, T36114, Rs. 1,000/-
- Shri. S.Ramanathan, T33109, Rs. 1,000/-
- Shri. C.Vasantharaj, T 33118Rs. 1,000/-

Alumni who have made the one-time life membership payment,

- Shri. V.K.Kannan, T35339
- Shri. Meenakshisundaram, ME, L&T Pvt Ltd

*** MOVEMENT**

Shri. S.Ramanathan, T33109/Aero has left TCS and has joined Sathyam Computers.

Shri. Ramaseshan, T 32114/Aero has left TCS and has joined Sathyam Computers.

*** WELCOME**

We extend a hearty welcome to Sri V.K. Kannan, B.Tech. T 35311/Aero and his family to our Chapter.

*** ACHIEVEMENTS AND HONORS**

Sri K.Tamilmani, T 24119/Aero, Chief Executive, CEMILAC, was awarded the Prof V M Ghatge award for design excellence. The award is in recognition of airworthiness and certification tasks by the team at CEMILAC. He was also awarded the National Aeronautical Prize for the outstanding contribution to aeronautics by the Aeronautical Society of India. We convey our congratulations to him and wish him many more laurels. This year, Sri K.Tamilmani, was honoured with the Outstanding Alumnus award by the MIT Alumni Association. See report later under "News from Parent Chapter"

*** GENERAL INTEREST**

The Sathabhishekam (80th Birthday) of Sri V.Gopalan , T 15/Auto, (1st batch), founder President of MITAA, was performed by his children, Sri Ravi Gopalan, Dr.Swarnalatha Gowrishankar and Sri Suri Gopalan in Hyderabad on 13th Jan 2008. Sri T.A.S.Balagopal, Patron, Parent Chapter, MITAA attended the function and conveyed the best wishes of all members of our Association. We wish and pray that the Almighty shower his choicest blessings on Smt Jaya Gopalan and Sri Gopalan for a long and healthy life together.

Smt. Uma & Sri Dataram Mishra performed the Bratopanayanam

(Upanayanam) of their son, Sri Abhishek on 20th Jan 2007 in Bhubaneswar. We send our hearty blessings to the new Brahmachari.

* *NEWS FROM MITians*

NEWS FROM PARENT CHAPTER

An International Conference on Signal Processing, Communication and Networking- ICSN 2008, the second one in the series, was held in the Campus from Jan 4th-6th 2008.

Founder's Day, Institute Day & Alumni Day was celebrated in Rajam Hall, MIT Campus on 26th March 2008. This year, Sri K.Tamilmani, T 24119/Aero was honoured with the Outstanding Alumnus award by the MIT Alumni Association. He thereafter delivered the Sri Rajam Memorial Endowment lecture. Sri L.C.Venkatrangan, MD, Switzer Instruments Ltd. was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The distinguished alumnus for the day was Rear Admiral S.Madhavan, IN (Retd), AVSM, VSM.

With deep sense of regret we inform members that Sri L.S.Janakiraman, Professor of Electrical Instruments, Instrumentation Faculty passed away in August 2007. He was a very nice and soft spoken person, who had endeared himself to everyone.

Sri G.Raghavan, T 924/Auto passed away in Chennai on 27th Nov 2007 after a brief illness. He worked with API, Bombay for a long time and then shifting to Sundaram Group in Chennai before starting his own enterprise. He was an active member of the Bombay chapter of MITAA. He is survived by his wife, Shantha, a son and a daughter and grand children.

Sri C.J.Jacob, T 21 of the 1st batch passed away on 20th October 2007

Late information received:
Sri A.Vincent Julian, T 2037/Auto and his wife died in a car accident on the spot on 3.1.2007. He had just then retired as Senior Manager,

Transport Corporation, Nagarcovil. They are survived by their daughter, a doctor by profession.

Sri N.J.Nair, DMIT/4th batch/Elcs passed away on 3rd May 2007. He retired as the Engineer-in-chief of Doordarshan and had settled down in New Delhi. It was during his tenure the massive expansion of Doordarshan was taken up and with his personal involvement all the projects were completed and commissioned in time. A widely travelled engineer, Sri Nair was a very soft spoken person, always helpful and lovable, by which qualities he had endeared himself to subordinates as well as to superiors. He was a founder member of the Broadcast Engineering Society(India) and his contributions to the Society is cherished by one and all.

We send our heartfelt condolences and pray may the departed souls rest in peace in Heaven and may the Lord Give strength to the bereaved families to bear this irreparable loss.

NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

Sri V.K.Goyal, T 1902/Aero attended the Executive Meeting of our Chapter on 11th Jan 2008. He informed that a Chapter of MITAA has been started in Trivandrum, due to efforts put in by MITians like him and Sri Krishnan Kutty(1st Batch/Elcs) and others. We wish them all success and rapid expansion.

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**". PLEASE SEND THE ONE TIME PAYMENT OF Rs. 2,000 AND AVOID THE INCONVENIENCE OF PAYING Rs. 200 EVERY YEAR.

Educational Assistance Programme, *An appeal to all members*

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. Quite often, he/she is not clear as to how and in what way it can be done. We are sure, similar sentiments will be prevailing with and going through the minds of many of our members.

For a long time MITAA-BC was of the opinion that it should extend some form of assistance to the alma-mater. Initially it planned to donate books to the library and later made some initiative to build a book bank. However, after MIT becoming a part of Anna University, these assistances lost their relevance. 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 for the past few 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 presents an opportunity for us to give back to our Alma Mater something that will benefit the students and the Institute. Keeping this in mind, our executive committee formed a sub-committee to go into all aspects of such a fund. They submitted their report, after studying all aspects involved. This has been approved by the Executive Committee and later by the AGM on 29.07.2007.

Briefly stated, this would be a Refundable Educational Assistance to needy students, who would be identified by the Dean, MIT and the Parent Chapter. Certain criteria for eligibility, like 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

1. To approach our members and other interested and philanthropic persons for donations to be collected throughout the year, as an ongoing programme.
2. A certain percentage of money earned through conducting of Seminars and Workshops be transferred to this Corpus fund.
3. An annual voluntary donation from every member of the executive committee and office bearers.
4. These funds 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 is being /will be acknowledged and names of the Donors will be published in our News letter and also in our Website "www.mitaabc.org " The Committee also requests members to put aside a few moments of their valuable time for this noble cause to meet other people to get donations for the Fund.

Executive Committee



**Meeting with 1st batch MITian Dr. MVRK Murthy
(Courtesy Sri Kandasamy)**



**Patron briefing the 1st batch MITian about the MITAA-BC
(Courtesy Sri Kandasamy)**



**Group Photo of members and 1st batch Dr. MVRK Murthy
(Courtesy Sri Kandasamy)**



**Hogenakal Trip
(Courtesy Sri R. Sundar)**