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IIScAA Wishes You



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A Happy New Year 2016

Director's Views on "Mission Vision of IIScAA"

It was a great privilege and honour to have interacted with the Director IISc on various aspects related to IIScAA. During his interaction he expressed his views and directions to shape the future of IIScAA in the years to come. IIScAA takes great pride in congratulating the director Prof. Anurag Kumar for his commendable achievements.

In this Interview our Director Prof. Anurag Kumar has given his infallible answers to the questionnaire on "Mission and Vision of IIScAA" as perceived by himself. The purpose is to share and work together globally with the past, present and future alumnae in all their endeavours towards bringing up IISc to greater and greater heights. It is this kind of synergy and capacity needed to perform the task and make it happen.

Prof. Anurag Kumar, during our interaction on 3rd August 2015 elaborated his words of wisdom on the following questions:

Q Considering that the Institute is 106 years old, the alumni is relatively lean, what in your opinion the Alumni Association should be doing to ensure that at least 25% of the current strength become members and as a consequence, what help would the Institute would be able to lend in this regard?

As you would, no doubt, know the Institute has started an Office of Alumni Affairs, along with a Development Office, jointly called the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs (ODAA).



This office has launched a very user friendly Alumni Portal. It is expected that this will attract a large number of the IISc Alumni to reconnect with IISc. Thus, this can be a vehicle for encouraging the Alumni to join the Alumni Association; the benefits of doing so can be advertised on the Alumni Portal.

Q With your academic and professional background you would have come across alumni of reputed institutions in the fields of Science, Technology, Medicine, Management and Finance. With outstanding success, what in your opinion should IISc Alumni be doing to learn, research, adapt and grow?

The Alumni can get involved in activities such as teachers training, start-up mentoring, and guidance of undergraduate and graduate students in their final year projects, professional societies, career counselling for young persons, etc.

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President's Message

Dear IIScAA members,

Greetings and happy New Year wishes to you and your family members. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as your new President for the term 2015-17. I am excited to work with our new Executive Committee, who have been elected through online secret ballot for the first time in the history of IIScAA. Since takeover on 17th October 2015, we conducted series of meetings with EC members and finalised the activity plan and tentative budget. We had the first formal network meeting with our patron and Director of the Institute along with the officials of newly functioned Office of Development of Alumni Affairs (ODAA). I look forward to your support and guidance in making the IIScAA reach alumni in every part of the globe through our planned effort of enhancing membership and making IIScAA web portal interactive.

L.N. Satapathy

From the Editorial Committee

Dear Readers,

It gives us immense pleasure to place before you this issue of newsletter and we take it forward with your active participation and interaction. We are grateful to all those Alumni who have elected and given us this opportunity. This issue of newsletter presents a few notable IIScAA activities and plans for the future. We seek your support to increase the membership, enhanced contribution and involvement from the various chapters of Alumni Association, AANA and Alumni spread across the globe.

Please feel free to express your views about our newsletter by email to : iiscaanlg@yahoo.com.

The Editorial Committee wishes all the readers a Happy, Prosperous and purposeful New Year 2016.

H Saroja Devi, H K Anasuya Devi, S Ramachandra

Q What is your perspective for IISc Alumni for 2025?

That they will be proud to be the products of a world class Institute, in a modern and prosperous nation, with a healthy and literate population.

Q Considering the enormous academic activity in the various disciplines inside the campus we at the Alumni Association feel that the departments could be proactive in identifying top professionals from their departments and share knowledge on a systematic and periodical basis. How would you react to such a scenario?

The departments are encouraged to, and have already begun, connecting with Alumni, and other professionals, in order to engage with them in various ways: co-instructors on courses, adjunct faculty members, collaborators on research projects, and co-organisers of events such as workshops and conferences.

Q Can the Institute help the Alumni in identifying top notchers in various fields of specialization who could contribute and guide on a periodical basis to conduct the activities the Alumni Association deems fit?

The Alumni Portal is one way in which IISc can help; connections that faculty members might have is the other means.

Q Do you see the Newsletter as an active media to enable vast Membership Drive so that the alumni could be a very large body with consequent benefits?

Publicity always helps. IISc has also started a newsletter, namely, Connect. You should monitor the benefit of each mode of publicity by which Alumni get to know about the Association, and apply your efforts to those modes that have been the most productive. When an Alumnus joins the Association ask him/her (in the joining form) how he/she got to know about the Association.

H K Anasuya Devi, K S Mukunda

Network Meeting

The network meeting was organized on 21st Nov. 2015 by IIScAA. The Director, Chairpersons of Divisions and Departments, Executive Committee Members of Students Council, and ODAA Executive were Special Invitees on this occasion. Highlight of the Meet being address by Patron of Alumni Association, Director, IISc. Foremost objective of the meeting was the Interaction of New EC with Director, Alumni and other functionaries of IISc.

The Director of IISc, **Prof. Anurag Kumar** gave a brief on his participation to IISc AANA meet in USA. His visit to various places was to interact with alumni globally and their involvement in all activities of IISc and recognise the existence of IISc globally. He advised IIScAA to lend a helping hand to ODAA. He acknowledged the need of permanent IISc e-mail IDs to all alumni of IISc and creation of an Alumni Centre within the campus as requested by the President, IIScAA, Dr. Satapathy in earlier interaction meeting. The Director was keen to engage ODAA in helping students for travel, studies abroad and help Alumni Association in

membership expansion, identify alumni interests globally. The Director emphasised alumni to get funds and fund raising for infrastructure, expansion of functioning of certain departments etc.

The General Secretary, Students Council, highlighted the urgent needs of the student body viz., Mentoring, Placements, Travel/Hospitality support for local visits, Internship and attending conferences and also venture capital for entrepreneurship activities.

Mr. Mukunda, General Secretary, IIScAA, made an elaborate presentation on action plan for various activities and illustrated a road-map encompassing all the stakeholders through charts. He emphasised the emergent need to identify the key personnel from Industries, MNCs, Consultants and R&D Organizations for improved networking.

The Open House towards the end allowed free flow of suggestions from the alumni members in attendance.

Appeal to Members and Membership Drive

Dear Friends,

IIScAA has grown over the years to its present status with the active help, co-operation and engagement of its distinguished alumni. A big thanks to all of you for making this possible.

Today, we have a Registered Membership of around **10,000** out of a possible **25,000** pass-outs. We require to create a "Master Alumni Database" of all the students graduated over the last 40-50 years. The **IIScAA** is actively pursuing a massive membership drive to double its registered strength.

We firmly believe that it is a win-win situation once you decide to contribute and engage with alumni affairs.

The basic issue is that we are missing out on the contact details of a large number of alumni who are unable to register for Life Membership due to this disconnect. The advantages of having all alumni enrolled are numerous, particularly, in matters relating to :

- 1. Student-centric affairs** viz., Placement, Internship, Mentorship, Entrepreneurship, Industry related projects, Admission to R&D Organisations and Universities etc.
- 2. Identification of Experts**, Top-notch Professionals, Top-MNCs, Industries and R&D related Industries.
- 3. Access to IISc facilities**, library, guest house and more.

You all will be of immense help and value when we engage and interact on a continuous basis. It is in this context, that the **IIScAA** Committee strongly feels to connect to all of you.

We shall be grateful if you could help :

- 1. By enrolling** as Alumni Association Members
- 2. By providing** contact details viz., Mail ID, Address, Telephone Number, Location and Membership Status of your Batchmates from your Department and persuading them also to become alumni members on our behalf.

Our strength and activities centre around interaction amongst - **Student, Alumni, Departments – Interface**. We shall then connect all stake holders and act as facilitators. Dr. K. Gnanamurthy of our executive committee is leading the membership initiative.

So Friends, can we appeal to you to :

- 1. Become registered Alumni Association Members**
- 2. Share with us contact details of your Batchmates**
- 3. Tell us how you would like to participate in Alumni Activities**

We will soon share the link of the updated **IIScAA** Website. **We request your help to serve you better.**

The Membership details are available at the following link : <http://iiscalumni.com/about-us/membership.html>

We eagerly look forward to your kind action.

K S Mukunda

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Alumni Network meeting of the ECE Department: Golden Jubilee Meet

The ET & ECE batches of 1965 celebrated their Golden Jubilee Get-together on 12th and 13th December 2015 in the Golden Jubilee hall of Department of Electrical Communication Engineering.

The event started with Inauguration by the Director, who warmly welcomed the Class-65, and mentioned the global and national-level achievements of the Institute's alumni and the on-going activities briefly. In the following Reminiscences session, all participants expressed the role of IISc in shaping their professional and personal life.

The audience shared a warm and affectionate reverence with Dr. T.V. Satyanarayana, who handled the very first

class for ECE batch in 1962, during the Guruvandhana session. In the Campus Round session National Centre for Nano Technology was shown. Dr Manjula Waldron, a 65 batch member, organized a Healthy Aging interactive skype session. An Open House session followed by Cultural Programme were arranged, wherein the Director also took part with his family.

The events on 13th made a walk down memory lane with breakfast and lunch in A-mess and game events in *Faculty Club*. Photo session, Guided city tour and Cocktail Dinner at the Vijayanagara Club made the get-together remarkable.

**Upcoming Events**

1) Prof. Vijayan Lecture : Second lecture in this series is going to be delivered by Prof Sir Tom Blundell, FRS, FMedSci, Department of Biochemistry at Cambridge on the topic "**From Insulin & Diabetes to New Medicines for Cancer and TB: Knowledge Exchange between Academia & Industry**" on 4th January 2016 at 11.30 AM in the Faculty Hall, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

2) Sports Meet : The **6th IIScAA Sports Meet** is scheduled on Sunday, 17th January 2016, from 9.00 a.m. onwards at the IISc Gymkhana Grounds.

We invite readers to give us their valuable suggestions. All your correspondences may please be sent by e-mail : alumni@admin.iisc.ernet.in

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