



# IISc Alumni

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## Prof. M. Vijayan Lecture Series

The Second lecture in this series was delivered by Prof. Sir Tom Blundell, 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 the Faculty Hall, IISc, Bangalore. Prof. P. Balaram, Emeritus Professor, Molecular Biophysics Unit, IISc, was the moderator for this Lecture. The meeting was well attended by more than 170 members.

## IIScAA Sports Meet 2016

The 6th IIScAA Sports Meet among IISc Alumni was held on 17th January 2016 at IISc Gymkhana ground. The convener of the event was Mr. B. N. N. Prasad. About one hundred members including alumni and family members participated in the event which was kick started with breakfast in the Gymkhana ground. The Breakfast was sponsored by Mr. Sivakumar Narayanaswamy, Executive Committee Member, IIScAA. The cricket match was played among 30 alumni participants. The Chief Guest for the event was Shri. A. V. Jayaprakash, Former International Cricket Umpire.

In the cricket, two teams were formed : Secretary XI and President XI. Mr. Vishnu Makkapati was the captain of Secretary XI and Dr. Narendranath Udupa was the captain of President XI. Each team had 15 alumni members. It was decided to play 20 over game with Tennis ball. The Secretary XI won the toss and elected to bat first and scored 115 runs for the loss of 6 wickets in 20 overs. After the drink break, President XI was invited to bat and they scored the winning 117 runs for the loss of 5 wickets in 20 overs. President XI won the match.

Mr. Anil Kumar was declared the Best Batsman, Mr. Pandarinath - the Best Bowler and Mr. Vijendra

- the Best All Rounder and Mr. S.R.K. Murthy - the Best fielder.

The 6th sports meet ended with a group photograph and lunch in the Gymkhana ground.



The event could not have been successful without the active support from all the alumni participated with family members, Mr. Poonacha, Senior Sports Officer of IISc Gymkhana and his staff, the Office Bearers, EC members and Office Staff of IIScAA and the Institute Authority. We take this opportunity to thank each one of them and look forward to similar alumni get-together events in future.

## From the Editorial Committee

Dear readers,

With the grandeur of the IISc founder's day on 3rd March 2016, where our President paid floral tribute to the founder, this newsletter issue has other special events and celebrations to report, which has become possible with the hard work of the IIScAA EC team. On the Founder's day, we also organized a network meeting involving all stakeholders of IIScAA to mark the occasion. Prof. M. Vijayan lecture is a significant technical event in January followed by the annual Sports day. We felicitated the IISc alumni PADMA awardees for 2015 in a special function and organized the Prof. S. K. Chatterjee Award Function in February. We also had M. S. Vasudeva Memorial Lecture in March. Besides our regular programmes, we ventured into

new areas of activities such as planning Women's day celebration jointly with IISc Friends and family forum and a panel discussion on entrepreneurship; both these events are being conducted in April. Further, a TeDEX event is being planned in 3rd quarter of this year, which will be a first of its kind event in the institute. Lot of hard work goes in organizing such events and we look forward your wholehearted support in this regard. The entire EC members wish you and your family "Happy UGADI".

Please feel free to express your views about our newsletter by email to: [iiscaanlg@yahoo.com](mailto:iiscaanlg@yahoo.com)

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### Prof. S. K. Chatterjee Award Function



IIScAA organised the Prof. S. K. Chatterjee Award Function to Prof. Anju Chadha, Dept. of Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, on February 8, 2016 at the Council Chamber (ground floor), Main Building, IISc. Prof. Anurag Kumar, Director, IISc, presided over the function and presented the award.

### Floral Tributes to the Founder



Dr. L. N. Satapathy, President, IIScAA, paid the floral tributes to the founder, J. N. Tata, on the occasion of Founder's Day on March 3, 2016.

### IIScAA Science Forum - Popular Lecture Series



IISc Alumni Association has been organizing the Science Forum lectures by eminent persons for the benefit of public at large and with students, Faculty and Alumni of IISc in particular with a view to spread scientific knowledge, culture and scientific temper and inspire young minds to take up challenging problems of society and find solutions for future.

The 52<sup>nd</sup> lecture under this program was held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Prof. H. P. Khincha a well known Power Engineer and Scientist gave a scintillating talk on the power sectors opportunities and challenges going forward. It was eminently moderated by Mr. A. Raja Rao, former ED Electronics Division, BHEL, Bangalore. The lecture was organized in

memory of Shri M. S. Vasudeva - a passionate Power electronics flag bearer in his times and accomplished much in "Make in India". The talk is arranged annually and is supported by the corpus fund his friends and family have created for the purpose and managed by IIScAA.

The lecture was well attended and was very well received, as the post lecture dialogue went on for half hour and stretched into the networking time too. Prof. Khincha brought out very significant perspectives and clearly identified the head room one has for invention and innovation in the areas of generation, transmission and distribution as also the challenges that are both technical and political that people in the field and general public have to be aware of.

### Felicitation function for Padma Awardees

IIScAA organised a felicitation function for the Padma Awardees of IISc Alumni – Dr. V. K. Aatre (Padma Vibhushan), Dr. H. R. Nagendra (Padma Shri) and Prof. Dipankar Chatterji (Padma Shri) on February 26, 2016 at Faculty Hall, IISc. Prof. Anurag Kumar, Director, IISc, felicitated the awardees.



◀ Prof. Anurag Kumar felicitates Padma Vibhushan Dr. V. K. Aatre

Prof. Anurag Kumar felicitates Padma Shri Dr. H. R. Nagendra ▶



◀ Prof. Anurag Kumar felicitates Padma Shri Prof. Dipankar Chatterji

## Students' Network Meeting On Founder's Day – 3rd March 2016, Faculty Hall, IISc

IIScAA organised a “Students Network Meeting” under the Theme – **“Your key issues are our concern too - Let us find the road map to success”**, this meeting was chaired by Prof. Anurag Kumar, Director, IISc.

A first time initiative could well be an annual feature on every founder's day. This was planned to interact and engage with Faculty, Students, Department Heads and Divisional Chairmen.

**Dr. M. P. Ravindra**, President Elect, IIScAA, elaborated on the student centric activities of IIScAA on why and how the student should stay connected to IISc.



**Mr. Sushant**, a Students Council representative complemented the Association for this idea and thanked them for prioritizing activities addressing student emergent needs. He was particularly emphatic on the “help to students for attending conferences and placements”.

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**Mr. Mukunda**, General Secretary, IIScAA, made a presentation titled “Road Map to students success – an IIScAA perspective”.

He elaborated on the importance of creation of MASTER MATRIX to identify Help Organisations / Institutions in specific areas of students concern viz., Employment, Entrepreneurship, Projects, Internship, R&D and Higher Education. He emphasized the need to form a proactive group drawn from students representative in Departments, ODAA, IIScAA, IIScAANA, Students Council and Placement Cell. The proactive group could prioritize thrust areas in each division and zero-in on Help Organisations/ Institutions. Such a group could take measures to improve the BRAND IMAGE of IISc by studying and researching on methodology adopted by leading institutions which are highly successful in placement of their students.

Mr. Mukunda elaborated on “Finishing School Concept” which requires designing of special Curriculum for mentoring and training students by experts from organizations atleast 1 year ahead for PG and 2 years ahead for UG prior to completion of graduation.

### Key Message :

*The General Secretary requested :*

- ❖ All students to become Life Members of IIScAA before embarking on their professional career.



- ❖ All students to spread this message amongst fellow alumni and stay connected with IISc, ODAA and IIScAA by sharing their contact details and a permanent IISc E-mail ID.



- ❖ All faculty, Department Heads to spread the message of IIScAA Membership to passing out students and lead them by becoming Associate Members of IIScAA themselves.

Mr. Mukunda's pertinent question in this regard is “Can IISc administration make it mandatory for incoming / outgoing students, Faculty, Department Heads, to become registered members of IIScAA?”.

**Prof. D. N. Rao**, Divisional Chairman, stressed on the need for all passing out students to become Life Members of IIScAA. He specially complemented IIScAA on this new initiative.

**Mr. C. S. Murali** highlighted on the creative and innovative minds to focus on entrepreneurship as a great opportunity that should not be missed out. He offered all possible help to students with such a mind set and intention to become future entrepreneurs.

**Prof. Rangarajan**, ODAA Chairman, explained the role of ODAA and how the alumni could help IISc in the long run.

**Prof. Mohan** stressed on the need to collaborate with IIScAANA and formation of chapters in various regions within the country. In Dr. Mohan's opinion identification of key personnel from industry bodies in various sectors/ thrust area would give momentum to the agenda set forth by IIScAA.



**Prof. Anurag Kumar** in his presidential address clearly appreciated the efforts of IIScAA and advised it to actively join hands with ODAA. He stressed on the importance of these two bodies in fostering comradeship and suggested them to do everything possible to network with IISc alumni around the globe for the benefit of students and in turn improve the Brand Image of IISc.

## New Initiatives

### Divisional Chairmen Office extends its support to IIScAA

Dr. M. P. Ravindra, President Elect and Mr. K. S. Mukunda, General Secretary of IIScAA met Prof. S. Ramakrishnan, Deputy Director ; Prof. Y. Narahari, Divisional Chairperson, Electrical Sciences ; Prof. G. Rangarajan, Divisional Chairperson, Interdisciplinary Research, and Prof. Rahul Pandit, Divisional Chairperson, Physical & Mathematical Sciences, at the Divisional Chairmen Office and explained in one of their monthly meetings the IIScAA's new initiative "to think differently and make things happen".

1. It was requested of them to enthruse Students, Faculty and Department Heads to become IIScAA members
2. Lend support to identifying Help Organisations / Institutions in key thrust areas ; so, IIScAA can network.
3. Give IIScAA a 10 minute slot during their meetings to help IIScAA apprise them of the progress on activities and programmes planned on a continuous basis.

IIScAA is indeed grateful to the Deputy Directors and Divisional Chairmen for their gesture.

### IIScAA Explores meaningful and active engagement with IIScAANA

IIScAA acknowledges and immensely thanks the visit to its office in the campus of two of IIScAANA's Board Members – Dr. Gajanan Birur and Dr. Mrinalini Rao. Discussion during their visit centered around clarity on the role of ODAA, IIScAA and IIScAANA and Joint collaboration of IIScAA and IIScAANA.

Mr. K. S. Mukunda and Dr. M. P. Ravindra shared the IIScAA perspectives on the road map to success. The need to prioritize and focus on student centric activities was explained in detail. A policy on sharing membership fee of IIScAA members migrating to USA and IIScAANA members returning to India could greatly

help in improving the finance and activities of the two bodies.

Mr. Mukunda requested IIScAANA to explore possibility of identifying Helping Organisations / Institutions in US with whom IIScAA could connect on a regular basis to address all areas of students concern. There is an urgent need to share the contact details of IISc alumni in US. IIScAANA members could help create a master alumni database. An active, healthy and continuous collaboration of IIScAANA and IIScAA could surely benefit all stake holders.

### Creation of a New Rolling Corpus Student Development Fund

IIScAA has embarked on a mission to do its bit to the students community. Some of the activities it proposes to engage are :

1. Part help to students in attending Global Conferences.
2. Providing training and mentorship by hiring services of experts in Organisations with a specially designed curriculum to improve students skills in taking up highly rewarding professions.
3. Prepare students to become highly successful entrepreneurs

Our present source of income is only through membership. This apart a few of the alumni do support us through sponsorship when requested. The present committee is devoted to bring in a continuous flow through your generous contributions by putting a system in place. This committee would deliberate on a policy that would detail allocations for various activities from time to time on a percentage basis.

The way ahead is to help students with a commitment from the recipient to return the amount within a matter of 3-5 years or even earlier (after receipt of payment) by which time they are in a comfortable position to repay.

### Contribution from Bangalore Chapter

IIScAA gratefully thanks the Bangalore Chapter for contributing Rs.2.87 Lakhs, specially meant for Infrastructure and Development of IIScAA Office.

### Contributions received

We are grateful to the following alumni for their contribution towards Rolling Corpus Student Development Fund.

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| Mr. D. N. Prahlad  | - Rs. 20,000/- |
| Dr. M. P. Ravindra | - Rs. 10,000/- |
| Mr. K. S. Mukunda  | - Rs. 10,000/- |

### Membership Status

Members enrolled year ending: March 2014 - 112,  
March 2015 - 109 and **March 2016 - 162.**  
Registered members till date - 9315

### Upcoming Events

1. Panel Discussion  
Topic - "Employment or Entrepreneurship - What governs the right choice?"  
Date : Saturday, April 9, 2016,  
Time : 4.00 p.m.  
Venue : Faculty Hall, IISc.
2. Alumni Reunion of the ME (Integrated)  
1992-96 Batch - May 6 - 8, 2016 at  
IISc Campus - Mr. Suthindran Rao's Initiative

## 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 :

- ❖ Student-centric affairs viz., Placement, Internship, Mentorship, Entrepreneurship, Industry related projects, Admission to R&D Organisations and Universities etc.
- ❖ Identification of Experts, Top-notch Professionals, Top- MNCs, Industries and R&D related Industries.
- ❖ Access to IISc facilities, library, guest house & 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, we hereby appeal to you to :

1. Become lifetime 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 share the link of the updated IIScAA website. We request your help to serve you better.

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

We eagerly look forward to your kind action.

Dear friends, We appeal to all alumni to join hands with IIScAA, contribute liberally (even a 1% of your gross earning could help us to give a great thrust to this initiative). Please register your interest with the Alumni Association Office by sending an e-mail to: [alumni@admin.iisc.ernet.in](mailto:alumni@admin.iisc.ernet.in)

We thank you for your gesture.

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