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IIScAA Sports Meet 2017

The 7th IIScAA Sports Meet among IISc alumni was held on 29th January 2017 (Sunday) at IISc Gymkhana ground. About 80 members including alumni and family members participated in the event. Breakfast was served in the beginning. Varieties of events were held.

The cricket match was played among 30 alumni. Two teams Team A and Team B were formed. Dr. Ashok was the captain of Team A and Dr. Narendranath Udupa was the captain of Team B. Each team had about 15 alumni members. It was decided to play 20 over game with Tennis ball. The Team A decided to bat first and scored 101 runs in 20 overs. After the drink break, Team B was invited to bat and they scored the winning 102 runs in 20 overs. Team B won the match. Mr. Pranav was declared the Best Batsman, Mr. Pratap - the Best All Rounder and Mr. Shankar - the Best Wicket Keeper.

In the ladies game section, Musical Chair was won by Ms.Gowri, Choosing the circle by Ms.Suma, Pairing



by Ms.Prasanna & Ms.Pranathi and Throwball by Ms.Jayashree.

The 7th 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.

JAGRUTI 2017

JAGRUTI 2017, a first time initiative of the Students' Council of IISc, actively supported by IIScAA was held on 12th January 2017. IIScAA, with the support of M/s.Bajaj financial service has sponsored the event upto Rs.50,000/- in the form of conference kit, mementos to the distinguished speaker etc. Membership drive is also done during the event. IIScAA made arrangement for Life Time Membership registration of students and also provided gifts.

Upcoming Events

The Annual General Body Meeting of IIScAA, tentatively scheduled on Sunday, 24th September 2017 at 9.00 a.m. in the Faculty Hall, IISc.

IIScAA is organising the programme on "Welcoming Graduates of 2017" with a hightea at the JN Tata Auditorium on 6th May 2017 between 3.00 and 6.00 p.m.

From the Editorial Committee

Dear Reader,

IIScAA is contributing greatly to the growth of the Alumni and in channelizing awards for excellence in their fields by recognizing talents. Many awards were presented, the most recent one being Professor Srinivasan Rajagopalan award. The selection process for distinguished Alumni will start immediately.

By way of the IIScAA activities, the message of power of being entrepreneurial is propagated. Thrust towards imparting high impact work in the direction of winning awards such as Nobel prize is sensitized.

The bondage between IIScAA, IISc and IISc students is

getting stronger. The IIScAA Sports day and IISc open day celebrations are remarkable events involving participants from all fronts. Financial support is extended to IISc students in many ways. Events of IISc Students' Association are jointly held by the IIScAA. With this increased interaction, the membership to IIScAA has also increased considerably. More outreach programs and link with IIScAANA are also in view for the forthcoming months.

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

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Green Open Day

Trash Free Green open day was held on 4th March 2017, with a focus on waste management & segregation, treatment and recycling. IFF (IISc Families and Friends) together with IIScAA and Student volunteers conducted this event. IIScAA, apart from volunteering in all the above activities, also sponsored T-shirts for more than 50 green volunteers (faculty, students, alumni and families) with an intention to spread the message: Reduce-Reuse-Recycle. The message is sent to all age groups, school children, college students, adults and across all sections of the society. At the end of the day, IISc was so clean that it was difficult to believe 22000 people had visited the campus. Going forward, IFF & AA plan to make all events in IISc trash free and leading the society by an example that our waste is our responsibility.

IISc Court Meeting

The President of the IIScAA, Dr L N Satapathy attended the IISc Court meeting as an invited member representing all the alumni of the institute on 24th March 2017. The meeting was chaired by the President of the IISc Court Dr. Kasturi Rangan. Among others, the Director, IISc highlighted the achievements of IISc in 2015-16 and presented a roadmap for the future. The alumni awards for excellence in research for Science and Engineering 2017 were presented to four IISc faculty members. This award was instituted by IIScAA during 1990 and is fully administered by IISc.

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, 2017.



Special Lecture by Nobel Laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus



IIScAA organized a special lecture by Nobel Laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus on the topic of “The Zero Effects of Social Entrepreneurship”, on Monday 6th February 2017 at 1.00PM onwards, in the Faculty Hall

of IISc. Prof. Rahul Pandit, Director-in-Charge, IISc, presided over the function and introduced Prof. Yunus to the audience.

Grameen Bank founder Prof. Muhammad Yunus expressed that Technology and entrepreneurship needed to be combined with the energy of young people. The Grameen Bank had created businesses to solve common social problems and to float new businesses. Prof. Yunus explained the concept of reducing poverty and meeting Millennium Development Goals.

Prof. Yunus explained the initiative of Grameen Bank to fund the studies of the children. This has resulted in many young qualified engineers, doctors and PhDs. Social Business Fund was started and in two-and-a-half years and 12000 businesses have been funded.

President of the IIScAA, Dr. Satapathy, presented the Vote of Thanks, and mentioned that it was a monumental occasion as it was the first time that the IIScAA was hosting an event by a Nobel Laureate on the Institute premises.

IIScAA Science Forum – Popular Lecture Series by Dr. Murthy S. Gudipati

The 56th IIScAA Science Forum Lecture was delivered by Dr. Murthy S. Gudipati, Principal Scientist, Science



Division, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, USA on the topic “Astrophysics, Astrochemistry, and Astrobiology Exploring the Universe in Search of Life Beyond Earth”, on March 11, 2017 at the Faculty Hall, IISc.

Spectroscopy using telescopes became a tool to detect atoms and molecules beyond Earth and the first pieces of the puzzle have been put together. Human and robotic space explorations started looking for the signs of Life on humanly reachable Solar System objects. Meanwhile, the puzzle of “the Origins of Life on Earth” is still unsolved. Exoplanets have been detected and their atmospheres are characterized to find out possibility of Life.

Dr. Gudipati investigates what comets could have brought as prebiotic material to Earth and helped the origin of Life on Earth.

Nominations for Distinguished Alumnus Award 2017

Dear Members,

The Distinguished Alumnus (DA) Award is usually bestowed upon past student of IISc, who has achieved excellence in their chosen professions and made meaningful contributions to Science, Engineering, Industry, Society and to the parent Institute. In the past, 105 Distinguished Alumnus Awards have been conferred since its inception in 1977. The award is presented jointly by the IISc and the IIScAA each year on the occasion of Annual General Body Meeting.

The nomination process for the Distinguished Alumnus (DA) awards for the year 2017 is now open. We request you to send the nomination of the eligible candidates at the earliest as per the Nomination Form sent to your e-mail ID. The nomination should reach IIScAA Office by June 15, 2017. Please note that self-nomination will not be considered.

Nominations sent during the last 2 years and not selected for DA Award will be automatically considered for this year. In such cases, updated CV of the nominated candidate in the revised format may be sent to IIScAA.

The DA awards will be presented at the 42nd Annual General Body Meeting of IIScAA scheduled during September 2017 at IISc, Bengaluru.

Mailing Address for sending the nominations is as below.

The President
IISc Alumni Association
Indian Institute of Science
Bengaluru 560012, INDIA

Nominations by e-mail should be sent to:
alumni@admin.iisc.ernet.in

Sponsorship to Gaurav Tikas, Research Scholar, IISc

IIScAA has arranged sponsorship for Mr. Gaurav Tikas, Research Scholar, Department of Management Studies, IISc, to attend the conference at USA. IIScAA expresses its wholehearted and sincere thanks to the following alumni for their Generous Support and Encouragement for financially helping,

- 1) Mr. Vishwanatha Reddy
- 2) Mr. Umesh Kulkarni (1995 batch)
- 3) Col Sudhir Khanna

- 4) Mr. Janardhana Raju (1967 batch)
- 5) Mr. Satish Kumar (2006 batch)
- 6) Mr. Aneel Raju
- 7) Mr. Laxminarayana
- 8) Mr. P M Ramachandra
- 9) Mr. Narasimhan S.

Dear Friends,

We appeal you all 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 on Office or by sending an e-mail to: alumni@admin.iisc.ernet.in

We thank you for your gesture.

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