



# IISc Alumni

Newsletter of IISc Alumni Association

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*IIScAA Wishes you a Happy New Year 2017*

## IIScAA Activities Honouring Senior Gurus

IIScAA organized the function of honouring senior Gurus of IISc on Saturday 15th October 2016 from 4.00PM to 5.30PM in the faculty hall of IISc. Veterans honoured\* were: 1. Prof. V.G. Tikekar, Mathematics, IISc, 2. Prof. M. Satyam, ECE, IISc, 3. Prof. D.P. Sengupta, Electrical Engineering, IISc, 4. Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Electrical Engineering, IISc and 5. Mr. T.V. Sathyanarayana, ECE, IISc, and 6. Prof. G. Venkataraman, Electrical Engineering, IISc. Prof. Anurag Kumar, Director, IISc and

Patron, IIScAA honoured each one of the senior Gurus and addressed the gathering. Large number of IIScians witnessed this function. Dr. M.P. Ravindra and Dr. H.K. Anasuya Devi steered this function to great success.

*\* Prof. Satyam, Prof. Parthasarathy, and Prof Venkataraman could not attend the function, but their representatives came to receive the honors.*



Director's Speech



Prof. Anurag Kumar honouring Prof. V.G. Tikekar



Prof. Anurag Kumar honouring Prof. D.P. Sengupta



Prof. Anurag Kumar honouring Shri T.V. Sathyanarayana

## President's Message

Dear Members,

Greetings and Best Wishes from the IISc Alumni Association (IISCAA).

As we step into the New Year, on behalf of the Executive Committee Members and myself, I take this opportunity to wish you and your family members a very happy, prosperous, eventful and safe New Year 2017!

As we bid goodbye to 2016, we express our thanks to all of you for your support in all our activities. 2016 was the year which gave birth to a new web portal of IISCAA, [www.iiscalumni.com](http://www.iiscalumni.com). I encourage all of you to visit this site and do cashless registration through the payment gateway.

The first ever Alumni Day function of IISc held recently was jointly organized by the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs (ODAA) and IISCAA with active support from the Student's Council, which was a major success. IISCAA was also proud to host the 1st Alumni Day run as a part of this occasion. A new joint initiative between IISCAA and IIFS to celebrate Women in Science and Engineering was also a great success.

We conferred the Distinguished Alumni Awards (DAAs) 2016 to three senior alumni from across the world. Another feather in our cap was the new initiative of hosting a student network meet at the Institute on the occasion of the Founder's Day. Our quarterly newsletter now disseminates information about all the events conducted by IISCAA to all of you.

As we welcome the New Year 2017, we have lined up many activities in 2017 like newer editions of the Science Forum Lectures and the Annual Sports Day. The year 2017 is also an election year as we choose a new Executive Committee in October. I encourage all members to come forward and take part in the online election scheduled for the third quarter of 2017. In 2017 too, as in the past, IISCAA will confer the Dr.Srinivasan Rajagopalan award and Appaji Rao awards, apart from DAAs.

We look forward to your active participation in all our activities and request you to encourage your fellow alumni to join IISCAA as registered members. We also look forward to your advice, suggestions and feedback on our present and future activities.

**L. N. Satapathy**

## From the Editorial Committee

Dear Reader,

The Editorial committee wishes every one of you a prosperous and successful new year.

Union, reunion, recognizing talents, bringing talents together even in challenging situation makes miraculous implications. Connecting in real as well as virtual ways can make nation stronger, which is substantiated by our action filled events conducted in the last three months. The Alumni day conducted by IISc in collaboration with IISCAA proves the close knit of the Alumni with the Alma Mater. All the same, it is absolutely necessary to bring forth IISc faculty and students together with the Alumni in all matters concerned with IISCAA. In the forthcoming months, Sports meet, Science forum lectures, and additional outreach actions are planned.

Your support is solicited in all respect, primarily for our activities and in membership drive. IISCAA web site is active and membership registration can be done through this website by paying fees online.

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

**H Saroja Devi, H K Anasuya Devi, S Ramachandra**

## IISCAA Science Forum – Popular Lecture



Prof. R. L. Kashyap, currently Honorary Director, Sakshi Trust, Bengaluru, delivered the 55th IISCAA Science Forum Lecture on the topic " Knowledge of the four Vedas and its relevance " held on Saturday, November 19, 2016 Faculty Hall, IISc. Dr. M. P. Ravindra, President-Elect, IISCAA, was the moderator for this lecture. For more information, please visit the website : [www.vedah.com](http://www.vedah.com). The lecture was well attended by over 150 members.

## Alumni Day (December 16 – 18, 2016)

IISc has produced nearly 30000 graduates over 107 years, who have been successful as academicians, scientists and technologists world over. To bring these Alumni together, the function of the Alumni Day of IISc was held with active support of IISCAA from 16th December evening till 18th December forenoon. The events were a great success and exhibited grandeur.

With a mandate given by the Director of IISc to organize the Alumni Day on 17th day or 3rd week of December of every year, the ODAA organizing committee, under the chairmanship of Prof.S.Mohan and President-Elect of IISCAA Dr. M.P. Ravindra, together with other representatives of IISCAA took initiative to conduct the Alumni day of this year. In the first meeting of the Organizing Committee it was proposed by members that it should be more like homecoming than a program. This resulted in making it a 3 day affair which could be termed as Alumni Union! Primary objective was to make Alumni aware of how much IISc has changed over the years and inviting them to join hands with the management in every way to grow the Institution to become a Globally attractive place of learning by reaching eminence in its areas of strength.



On 16th evening, the Director received the Alumni with a grand dinner on the lawns of the Main Guest House.



On the second day, 17th, the Director addressed the gathering and appraised them of the

academic growth IISc has achieved both in terms of number of programs and number of students graduating, awards and recognitions won by faculty of IISc and in brief some of the significant contributions made by the scientists and technologists highlighting social impact. He also explained the needs for expanding the overall capacity and called upon the alumni to take active part in making it happen.

This was followed by two panels with experts drawn from industry and academics to debate the importance of collaboration and also entrepreneurship development.

Following this was the inauguration of the ODAA building. After lunch which was hosted by The Director, Alumni of several departments had an opportunity of visiting and interacting with their faculty and see the various labs and get to know the work underway.

In the evening a short musical evening was organized in Satish Dhawan Auditorium.

On the 18th morning, IISCAA in partnership with Student Council organized a Campus Walkathon ending with a sumptuous breakfast in the A mess.

Student council with support from IISCAA office had done a great job of coordinating everything to perfection that included morning tea & coffee, route mapping, water stations where they had bananas and glucose, security, Ambulance and making arrangements for receiving the registered alumni, and breakfast in the A Mess. Those who could not make it have reasons to feel that they missed an excellent opportunity to enjoy the Campus and the delicious fare that was served by the mess staff with a lot of love and care! It was true homecoming feeling!



## A Walk to Remember - IISc Alumni Meet Walkathon 18th December, 2016



It was a beautiful Sunday morning when 200 enthusiastic alumni participated in a 5km Walkathon (also called Science & Technology run- SnT run) to celebrate the 2016 Alumni meet organised by the Institute. The IIScAA was entrusted with organising this walk. Dr. M.P. Ravindra, President Elect and Mr. BNN Prasad, EC member, who led the initiative, with the commendable support of the Student Council Chairman Mr.Naveen and Mr. Vikram, Gymkhana Secretary and their team ensured a successful event. The walk took the alumni across the length and breadth of the campus, new facilities and buildings. It was both a moment of reminiscence and a

time to see the new things on campus.

The walk culminated with a sumptuous breakfast at the A Mess. Prizes were also awarded to the lead participants. The event lead sponsor was M/s.Integra Micro Systems pvt. Ltd. Other EC members whose generous support made the event possible are Mr.Sivakumar Narayanaswamy, Dr.Gnanamurthy, Mr.Mukunda, Dr.Seetharamu, Dr.H.K.Anasuya Devi. We thank you all for your participation and look forward to seeing you all in larger numbers next year.



## Call for Nomination for Dr. Srinivasan Rajagopalan Award

Indian Institute of Science Alumni Association solicits nomination for the second Dr.Srinivasan Rajagopalan Award, instituted by the family of Dr.S.Rajagopalan. Dr.S.Rajagopalan was a Research Scholar(1938-41) and then a Fellow(1952) of IISc. The family contributed a lumpsum amount to IIScAA and requested to institute this award once in two years to a young Chemist.

The first award was shared by two young chemists from IISc in the year 2015.

The biennial award for 2017 to a scientist carries a prize of Rs.50,000 and a scroll. The award function is scheduled to be held in IISc, Bangalore, during April 2017 and the exact date will be intimated to the awardee well in

advance. The awardee is required to receive the award in person and deliver a technical talk during the award function highlighting his/her significant contributions. A committee presided by the President of IIScAA and consisting of distinguished scientists will scrutinize the applications and select the awardee.

Please submit the filled application form (refer to the link <http://www.iiscalumni.com/> for more information) in MS word format to: [alumni@admin.iisc.ernet.in](mailto:alumni@admin.iisc.ernet.in) or Hard Copy to the address:

The President, IISc Alumni Association, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore - 560012, on or before 31st January 2017.

### Announcement

IIScAA is supporting IISc student council to conduct JAGRUTI 2017, All India Students representatives' conference on 12-1-2017. IIScAA is sponsoring events to an extent of Rs.50,000 by providing conference kit and mementos. IIScAA has approached M/s.Bajaj Financial Services to contribute Rs.30,000 towards their initiative "MAKE IN INDIA". Student membership initiative will be driven during this event.

### Membership Request

All students, staff and Alumni are requested to enrol for IIScAA membership as life member, Associate member, Student member or Annual member through our website (<http://www.iiscalumni.com/members/membership/>) or in our IIScAA office.

### Upcoming Events upto December 2017

1. IIScAA Sports Meet, January 29, 2017 at Gymkhana Ground, IISc.
2. Prof.M.Vijayan's Lecture, February 2017
3. Students Network Meet, March 3, 2017 at Faculty Hall, IISc
4. IIScAA Science Forum - M S Vasudeva Memorial Lecture, tentatively, March 11, 2017

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 Office or 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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