



**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (IIScAA)
BANGALORE –560012**

**SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017
(1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017)**

The Indian Institute of Science Alumni Association (IIScAA) was formed in the year 1976 to provide a common platform for the alumni of the institute to reach out to other alumni across various batches, branches, and interests. Following report summarizes the activities of IIScAA during the financial year 2016-17.

WiSER Conclave

The IISc Alumni Association and IISc Family and Friends Forum under the able guidance of Prof. Rohini Godbole came together to celebrate '**Women in Science, Engineering and Research**' in IISc. The first WiSER Conclave, organised on 2nd April, 2016 at Faculty Hall, Main Building IISc, brought together the women faculty, women students & alumni of IISc along with eminent women from both industry and academia. The intent of this conclave was to bring together achievers from women community, identify concerns on campus, deliberate on possible solutions and provide a roadmap for the future WiSER events. The idea was to awaken the society and impact policy changes at the Institutional level.

Dr. Madhurima Das, Joint Secretary, IIScAA gave the welcome address. Prof. Rohini Godbole highlighted the thought behind WiSER and its mission. Prof. Anurag Kumar, Director of IISc and Patron of IIScAA delivered the opening remarks and introduced the Chief Guest & Key note speaker for the day, Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Chairperson and MD, BIOCON.

Panel Discussion

IIScAA in collaboration with Students Council, IISc and Entrepreneurship and Innovation in IISc (EntIISc), organised Panel Discussion on the topic – “**Entrepreneurship or Employment - What governs the choice?**” on 9th April 2016, at the Faculty Hall, IISc. The five Panelists were :

1. Ms. Shradha Sharma, Founder and Chief Editor, YourStory.com
2. Mr. Abhinay Choudhari - Co-founder and Head, of New Initiatives, Bigbasket.com
3. Prof. Swami Manohar - Senior Researcher, Microsoft Research Center (MSR) India,
4. Mr. Pavan Sriram - Founder and CEO, ITTIGE Learning and
5. Ms. Vandana Suri – CEO and Founder, TaxShe.

The session was moderated by: Mr. C. S. Murali, Chairman, Entrepreneurship Cell, IISc, Bangalore.

Alumni Network Meetings

1. Alumni Network Meeting – August 7, 2016:

IIScAA organised the alumni networking meeting over breakfast on August 7, 2015 at the Lawns of the Main Guest House, IISc. The intent was to develop closer interaction among members, spread membership awareness and notify new initiatives of IIScAA. Quite many senior members, family and children participated.

Honours and Award Functions

1. Honouring Senior Gurus Function – October 15, 2016:

IIScAA organised Honouring Senior Gurus on October 15, 2016 at the Faculty Hall, IISc. Prof. Anurag Kumar, Director, IISc, honoured the following Senior Gurus:

1. Prof. V. G. Tikekar, Mathematics, IISc
2. Prof. M. Sathyam, ECE, IISc
3. Prof. D. P. Sengupta, Electrical Engineering, IISc
4. Prof. K. Parthasarathy, Electrical Engineering, IISc

2. Distinguished Alumnus Awards – September 11, 2016 :

Prof. Anurag Kumar, Director, IISc, presented the Distinguished Alumnus Awards-2016 to the following awardees on September 11, 2016 at the Faculty Hall, IISc.

1. Prof. N. Balakrishnan, Honorary Professor, Department of Aerospace Engineering and Supercomputer Education and Research Centre, Indian Institute of Science
2. Prof. Ajay K. Sood, Honorary Professor, Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Science
3. Prof. Ramalingam Chellappa, Chair, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, USA

On this occasion, Prof. S. K. Chatterjee Award for the year 2016 was awarded to two people, Prof. Parbati Biswas, Dept. of Chemistry, Delhi University, New Delhi and Dr. Suja Elizabeth, Chief Research Scientist, Dept. of Physics, IISc. Dr. Suja Elizabeth could not attend the function and on her behalf, the chairman of the Physics dept. Prof. V. V. Venkatraman received the award.

IISc Alumni Association website was launched by IISc Director Prof. Anurag Kumar on 11th September 2016 after the Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony.

Lecture Series

1. IIScAA Science Forum - Popular Lecture Series :

- a) Prof. Tarun Khanna, Jorge Paulo Lemann Professor, Harvard Business School, USA, delivered the 53rd Lecture on the topic - "**Science and Start-Ups**" on July 23, 2016 at the Faculty Hall, IISc.
- b) Dr. Kartik Shanker, Director, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Bangalore, delivered the 54th Lecture on the topic - "**From soup to superstar : the making of a marine conservation icon in India**" on August 25, 2016 at the Faculty Hall, IISc.
- c) Prof. R. L. Kashyap, Honorary Director, Sakshi Trust, Bengaluru, delivered the 55th Lecture on the topic - "**Knowledge of the four vedas and its relevance**" on November 19, 2016 at the Faculty Hall, IISc.
- d) Dr. Murthy S. Gudipati, Principal Scientist, Science Division, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, USA, delivered the 56th Lecture 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.

2. Special Lecture by Nobel Laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus:

IIScAA organised the Special Lecture by Nobel Laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus, on the topic - "**The Zero Effects of Social Entrepreneurship**" on February 6, 2017 at the Faculty Hall, IISc.

Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) – September 11, 2016:

The 41st AGBM of IIScAA was held on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at Faculty Hall, IISc. The Meeting was well attended by about 80-90 members. On this occasion, amendments to IIScAA Bye-law was proposed and approved by the members present.

Current OFFICE BEARERS:

President	:	Dr. L. N. Satapathy
President Elect & Vice President	:	Dr. M. P. Ravindra
Vice President	:	Prof. H. K. Anasuya Devi
General Secretary	:	Mr. K. S. Mukunda
Joint Secretary	:	Dr. Madhurima Das
Treasurer	:	Prof. C. Ravindranath

Current MEMBERS :

Dr. K. Gnanamurthy ; Dr. S. Seetharamu ; Dr. S. Ramachandra ; Dr. Manjunath N. Hegde ; Prof. Kalluri Subba Rao ; Dr. H. Saroja Devi ; Dr. K. Poornima Wasdani ; Mr. B. N. N. Prasad ; Dr. Prashant Vidhyadhar Bhosale and Mr. Sivakumar Narayanaswamy

IIScAA Newsletters :

The IIScAA Newsletters of Issues - April 2016, July 2016, October 2016 and January 2017 were released. Dr. H. Saroja Devi, Dr. H. K. Anasuya Devi and Dr. S. Ramachandra are the Editorial Committee 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.

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.

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

7th IIScAA Sports Meet 2017 – January 29, 2017:

The 7th IIScAA Sports Meet among IISc Alumni was held on 29th January 2017 at IISc Gymkhana ground. The convener of the event was Dr. L. N. Satapathy. About 100 members including alumni and family members participated in the event which was kick started with breakfast in the Gymkhana ground. The cricket match was played among 30 alumni participants.

Floral Tributes to the Founder – March 3, 2017:

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.

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.

Sponsorships/Contributions :**a) 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.

b) Contributions received:

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

Mr. D. N. Prahlad = Rs. 20,000/-

Dr. M. P. Ravindra = Rs. 10,000/-

Mr. K. S. Mukunda = Rs. 10,000/-

Using the above fund, IIScAA provided financial assistance to Mr.Tariq Ahmad Najjar, Ph.D. Student of MBU, IISc, for attending International Conference.

c) JAGRUTI 2017:

IIScAA supported IISc students' council to conduct **JAGRUTI 2017**, All India Students representatives' conference on 12th January 2017. IIScAA with the support of M/s.Bajaj financial services, sponsored the event to an extent of Rs.50,000/- by providing conference kit and mementos.

d) 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.

Membership Status:

IIScAA has Members as on 31st March 2017 : **9541**

Total number of members enrolled during the period 2016-2017 : **232**