AISYC '15

ALL INDIA STUDENT & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONGRESS

REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

IEEE has always been instrumental in providing the right motivation and propitious inspiration for all its members to brace up and become a proper professional who can bring in path breaking innovations the world has ever seen.

Continuing on its vibrant tradition of holding "All India Student Congress" annually, 2015 was to be one which deepened the engravings. Remolding AISC to All India Student & Young Professionals Congress, the first ever combined Congress for the two major segments of members in IEEE, AISYC 2015 played host to a plethora of world-renowned researchers, visionary entrepreneurs, industry experts and of course, outstanding IEEE volunteers. IEEE Kerala Section in association with IEEE India Council and support from IEEE Kochi Subsection brought ashore yet another event which gave the younger generation of the country a dose of worldly wisdom and ignite in them a fire to last a lifetime.

With 211 students representing 11 Sections in India and 38 Young Professional members, among the brightest in the country, AISYC 2015 played host to one of the most dynamic set of participants, an enthralling panel of speakers and the most dashing bunch of volunteers, the world has yet to see.

AISYC 2015 – A BRIEF REPORT

Day 1

Starting off the day and the auspicious event with the "IEEE Code of Ethics", the Inaugural Ceremony graced off to a start with the Welcome Address by Mr. Unni Sankar, Chair, IEEE Kerala Section. A short intro to the event was delivered by Mr. Arjun R Pillai, Co-Chair, AISYC 2015, followed by the Presidential Address by Mr. Deepak Mathur, Chair, India Council who pivoted on the importance of volunteering in an Indian perspective and how India Council has been coordinating the activities across India with new and innovative initiatives.

Inauguration for AISYC by lighting the lamp was blessed by the honoured presence of the Chief Guest Prof. Lawrence Jenkins, Chairman, EE Dept. IISC Bangalore. Felicitations by dignitaries on the dais included Rev. Fr. Dr. Antony Kariyil, Director, Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology; Dr. Preeti Bajaj, Student Activities Chair, IEEE India Council; Dr. A. Unnikrishnan, Principal, Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology Mr. Muhammed Kasim, Student Activities Chair, IEEE Kerala Section.

Mr Sabarinath Pillai, Executive Chair of AISYC 2015, in his vote of thanks, specially thanked the Student and Young Professional volunteers of IEEE Kerala Section & IEEE Kochi Subsection for the immense effort put in for the organizing of event, and the integral role played by them in laying the foundation of the event, strong.

After a short tea break to provide a pause after the Inaugural Ceremony, the Keynote Address by Dr. Prahlad Vadakkepat, Associate Professor, NUS, Singapore followed, on the topic – Emotional Engineer.

This was followed by back to back sessions from a prestigious panel of speakers, including Mr. C. Balagopal IAS, Founder, Terumo Penpol; a talk on the Vision of India Council by Mr. Deepak Mathur; History of Student Activities in Kerala and Beyond by Mr. S Gopakumar, Past Chair & Past Student Activities Chair, IEEE Kerala Section.

As the participants broke off for lunch, the excitement was pretty visible in the atmosphere with the Speakers *beehived* by the participants, eager to interact with them personally and collect the drops of wisdom that they so radiated.

The afternoon session started off with Mr Parshva Barvi talking on IEEE – a Broad Picture. This was followed by a highly futuristic session on Emerging Technologies for the Next Decade by Mr. Satish Babu, Director, International Centre for Free and Open Source Software.

The Breakout Sessions were the first in a series of high impact takeaway moments. The First Session on Volunteer Training, handled by Mr. Aswin Shibu, Chair, AISYC 2015, corner stoned around SB Administration, Membership Retention, Vtools Reporting and the different stages of Member Lifecycle. The Second Session was collectively handed by the dynamic duo from IEEE, of Mr. Dhanu Pattanashetti and Mr. Parshva Barvi, covering IEEE Collabratec, IEEE Resume Lab, IEEE Mentor Centre, IEEE Center of Excellence & IEEE Client Services.

The Third Parallel Session was on WIE, including a panel discussion brainstorming on finding solutions to problem statements faced by WIE Community and a special session on WIE ILS to be held in Chennai.

Breaking off the Breakout Sessions with tea, the participants reassembled for a session on "Role of IEEE in the World" by Mr. Prasanna V. This was followed by a very dynamic and musical session by famous playback singer Mr Sachin Warrier who elaborated on the life-fulfilling goals of "Following One's Passion". Ms Reshma Valliappan, Artist & Activist who delivered the second Keynote of the day.

The hour long cultural night was one full of fun and fervor with Sachin Warrier's band performing a musical melancholy of numerous resorts with an Unplugged Musical Concert.

PROF. LAWRENCE JENKINS LIGHTING THE LAMP AT THE INAUGRAL CEREMONY OF AISYC 2015

STUDENTS LISTENING TO FIRST KEYNOTE ADDRESS

ARTIST SACHIN WARRIER PERFORMING AT AISYC 2015

TALK BY ACTIVIST RESHMA VALIYAPPAN

Day 2

With the first day of the Congress focusing on IEEE Awareness, Training and Networking, the second day theme revolved around Technology & Entrepreneurship.

Starting off to an early morning breakfast, the first session was by Ms Preeti Bajaj, Student Activities Chair, India Council who dialogued on "A Note on Paper Presentation".

Mr Bibin Parukoor Thomas, Global Team Lead, IEEE Day 2015, one of the most vibrant and dedicated volunteers of IEEE Kerala Section and an UI Expert professionally, detailed about the initiatives and activities planned for IEEE Day in 2015.

Mr Vineeth Vijayaraghavan handled his dedicated session on EPICS, followed by the first keynote of the day by Mr Anurag Batra, Chairman, Business World, who shared his life experiences on importance of failing and rising up in life, especially from an entrepreneur's point of view.

Mr Varghese Cherian, Director, Centre for Excellence, UST Global and one of the most well-known figures in the professional community of Kerala, handled a marvelous session on Soft Skills for an Entrepreneur.

The parallel track of Young Professionals was chaired by Mr Ranjit R Nair, Young Professionals Coordinator, IEEE Region 10. A discussion on how to grow Young Professionals at India Council Level was overseen by Mr Deepak Mathur. The one hour long track brainstormed on the problem statements faced by the Young Professionals in India, including migration, retention and benefits.

The photo session followed next, which needless to say, was met with a lot of enthusiasm and of course, selfies!

Mr Anson Ben, Global Learning Officer, Inmobi delivered a very inspiring session on how the youth should consider and deliver themselves as the Future of the World and why sustained inspiration is the key to success in every phase of our life.

After lunch, Mr Dhanu Pattanashetti, one of the most familiar faces from IEEE India Office shared his thoughts on 15 Years of IEEE Explore. The second keynote was followed by Mr Bilal Ghalib of Maker Movement, which resonated as one of the highlights of the second day.

The much awaited trip to Marine Drive, Kochi followed where the participants enjoyed the beauty of the beautiful backwaters of Kochi and shopped for the famous antiquities of Kerala.

TRIP TO MARINE DRIVE-HIGHLIGHT OF DAY 2 AT AISYC 2015

Day 3

Themed on Professional Training/Development, the day could not begin on a better note than by the session on "Mind to Market" by Dr Suresh Nair, Innovator & Researcher, CTO of NeST Group and Chair, IEEE Kochi Subsection. A technologist, well known across India, with over 13 patents to his name and over 70 publications, he dealt with the detailing on how an idea conceived in the mind can be converted to a product and eventually presented in the market as a business.

Mr Sasi PM, Past Chair, IEEE Kerala Section and Associate Director CDAC shared his thoughts on Massively Open Online Courses.

The parallel tracks for the day were as follows –

- Power of Networking by Mr Bibin Mathew Joseph
- Kick start your Social Media by Mr Nivas Ravichandran
- Beyond IEEE by Mr Ranjit R Nair
- Studying abroad by Mr Hari Ganesh

The Track on SIGHT was chaired by none other than the very person who initiated SIGHT globally, Mr Amarnath Raja, and included a panel discussion with Mr Prasanna V and Mr Vineeth Vijayaraghavan. It was also followed by a description of Eyes Free Science Camp and SIGHT Camp, two major SIGHT activities of IEEE Kerala Section in recent years, by Mr Bibin P Thomas.

The Young Professionals track had a session on Over view of MGA Young Professionals, handled jointly by Mr Ranjit R Nair and Mr Arjun R Pillai; How Young Professionals can contribute effectively to the Section by Mr Jayakrishnan MC, Chair IEEE Kerala Section SIGHT and How to Grow with IEEE by Prof V K Damodaran, Senior Member IEEE and Advisor, IEEE Kerala Section Young Professionals.

The very final session of the Congress was definitely the best for the last – Ethical Volunteering by Mr Sabarinath Pillai, Executive Chairman, AISYC 2015. He detailed his thoughts on what makes a truly selfless volunteer and how there is no "I" in IEEE and how it's all about team work and the community; how values and ethics play a major role rather than positions and awards.

Mr Aswin Shibu Abraham, Chair, Organizing Committee, AISYC 2015 proposed the vote of thanks for the whole event and brought it to a close.

And thus, the lights to another lamp faded down. One full of glory, inspirational storyline and experiential moments to last a lifetime. For a journey that has been carrying on for years, AISYC 2015 just provided another boost to the never ending legacy.

A LOOK AT YP TRACK OF AISYC 2015

TRADITIONAL ONAM SAREE WORN BY KERALA SECTION VOLUNTEERS ON DAY 3 TO MARK ONAM CELEBRATIONS

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