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IEEE Bombay Section Branch Counselor and Students Chair Meet - 2015

An Enthusiastic Start to a new IEEE year

Introduction

28th of August marked one of the most important date in calendar of IEEE Bombay Section as a colossal event spanning participants from more than 17 colleges from Mumbai, Thane, Nashik and Pune region gathered to exchange their ideas at Sardar Patel Institute of Technology, Andheri(w). The purpose of the meeting was to share the past experiences, discuss the positives of   IEEE membership for students and planning to work on collaborative environment for student centric technical and professional activities.

Prof. Talele, SAC of IEEE Bombay Section opened up the meeting introducing the respected speakers and the subjects they would enlighten us upon and welcomed the dignitaries.

Mr. Gandhar Suryavanshi

- *Opportunities for Student Congress*

Some really unexplored sides of IEEE were discovered in this session. Gandhar pointed out functions, life cycle and various aspects of student branch. A very important topic on 'sources of funding' was discussed upon. Icing on the cake was the opportunities student branches were yet to explore, and they included IEEE Conferences in India and abroad. Overall, this session definitely spotlighted IEEE's phenomenal potential and sap that Student Branches can potentially earn out of it.

Dr. Prachi Gharpure *(Principal - S.P.I.T., Mentor IEEE SPIT)*

- *Effective Planning and Organization to Student Branch Affairs*

The Principal of S.P.I.T added to the five star start by Mr. Suryavanshi, going deeper into a very crucial aspect of Student Branch Activities. She began with suggesting the perfect solution for electing new enthusiastic committee. Continuing, she added the best possible method to direct a student calendar and sectioning various activities that are part of the calendar.

Dividing the activities under heads - Technical, Professional and Social. She elaborated on the scope of each section which was a well received homework from their professor. Student branches in the room definitely started tickling their gray matter for smarter activities to develop.

Prof. Dr. Vinit Kotak *(Former Student Activities Chair - IEEE Bombay Section)*

- *Student Membership Development and Dynamic Role of a Counsellor*

Dr Vinit Kotak had Lion's share in contributing for the event. Prof. Kotak highlighted the features of IEEE and answered the question that bugged most student branches - "Why does IEEE membership cost so much?". Prof Kotak pointed out that IEEE is a huge ocean and it is not the committee that is going to serve you facilities, it's you who have to choose what's best for you. Sir highlighted major features like student branch resources and different awards and scholarships under IEEE. Similarly the awards counterpart for mentors, their application process and requirements. Overall a complete feast of detailed information of some of the most unexploited features of IEEE. Student branches welcomed his thoughts with applause.

Student Branch Presentations

IEEE Student committees from different colleges summed up their activities through presentations. IEEE SPCE-SPIT, IEEE SAKEC, IEEE UMIT and IEEE RAIT presented the overwhelming response they received from IEEE activities at their campus.

Er. Anand Gharpure *(IEEE Young Professional Chairperson)*

- *Development of Young Professionals through IEEE*

Mr. Anand Gharpure nailed his presence at the meet after a tiring trip from Nashik to Mumbai. He emphasized on importance of networking, student development through volunteering and career programs and potentials at IEEE. Mr. Anand told how IEEE YP helps young professionals to evaluate their carrier goals and polish their professional image. Mr. Anand also focussed on Business Plan and basics of Entrepreneurship.

Prof. Kiran Talele *(Student Activity Chair - IEEE Bombay Section)*

- *Entrepreneurship Development Activities*

Prof Talele concluded a well spent 6 hour journey discussing the direct implication of all the knowledge conceded in the day. Entrepreneur development and its activities on global scale, exactly what would be the nectar of all the hard work put in developing technical skills through IEEE activities and programs. Creating newer and better technologies for humans and opportunities to bring them into existence were extensively discussed. After all IEEE is all about - Advancing Humanity through Technology.

The day concluded with handshakes, applause and networking amongst all the IEEE Student Branches, Professors, Mentors and most importantly interaction IEEE Bombay Section EXECOM members especially Mr. Aiyappan Pillai who came all the way to meet the gathering. A one of a kind event which received very positive response overall and was requested to be organised more frequently.

IEEE Bombay Section Meet will soon return with greater promises to make, till then it's time for the students to create history!

Zimare (Secretary, IEEE-SPIT)