Dear Affectionate Members of CSI Family,

Happy and Prosperous New Year 2011 to make your life as beautiful as you can imagine. My prayers to the Almighty, for blessing you wonderful joy, in your continuous attempts for extending voluntary services to the family of CSI.

During December 2010, several conferences / events have been organized by CSI in different parts of the country, by promoting High Quality RESEARCH in several areas.

National Conference of IT for Defence: A National Conference IT for Defense was organized by the CSI Special Interest Group on Information Security (SIG-IS) during 2-3 December 2010 along with Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO) and Bangalore Chapter of CSI on the theme: "Emerging Technologies in the Modern Battle Field Scenario". The event Chair and Chairperson of SIG-IS, Dr. C. R. Chakravarty deserves our salute for the over all success of the conference. The Event-Chair, Mr. T. Sabapathy – Program Chair, Dr. Anirban Basu – Organising Chair, Mr. Vishwas Bondale – Finance Committee Chair and Mr. T. N. Seetaramu - Registration Chair had excelled in making the events successful. We are grateful to DRDO for encouraging this conference with knowledgeable resource persons. We thank DRDO, M/s. Barco and KFMG, VMware, Intel, IITs, Public Sector Undertakings - M/s. BEL and ECL for their contributions and sponsorship support. The members of the CSI-SIG-IS and Dr. Rama Subramanium, IFIP-TC-11 chair had contributed for the success of the event. Dr. R. Sreehari Rao, Chief Controller of Research & Development (CCR&D) for Electronics and Computer Sciences of DRDO has inaugurated the conference and delivered the key-note address.

This conference has provided the logistics for Computer Society of India to setup research center(s) in the areas of Information Security at academic institutions. Dr. C. R. Chakravarty would lead the SIG-IS with new research centers.

AP State Students convention: 1st AP State Students convention at Anil Neerukonda Institute of Technology & Sciences (ANITS) SB, has been organized with the support of Visakhapatnam chapter on the theme: " Techno progressivism for Renaissance of IT in India" during 10-11 Dec 2010. About 3000 student delegates had attended and about hundred Technical papers were presented apart from the theme sessions. Heartly Congratulations to Prof. K. Rajasekhar Rao, AP Students Coordinator, Mr. P. Salyanarayana, Prof P S Avadhani and Prof. Suresh Chandra Satapathy, Mr. V Thapovardhan deserves our appreciation and we thank Infosys and Kenya for their support.

COMAD 2010: International Conference on Data management (COMAD) has been organized well at Nagpur during December 8-10, 2010. Prof Sudarshan, Prof Sreenivasa Kumar, Prof Sriti Parthasarathy, Mr. C. G. Saharsrabudhe and Dr. T V Gopal, have put in commendable effort in organizing COMAD. It had attracted good participation due to excellent resource persons. Special thanks are due to Prof. P S Deshpande and Ms. Meera Dhanu of the Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT), Nagpur for their support for comprehensive deliberations on “Management of Data”.

National Conference on E-Government & E-Society (NCCEGPS-2010): Heartly Congratulations to Allahabad Chapter of CSI on successfully planning and organizing a National Conference on E-Governance & E-Society (NCCEGPS-2010) in association with CSI, Division-III (Sc. Applications) & CSI SIG on E-Governance during December 11-12, 2010 at Allahabad. We appreciate the efforts, put in by the organizing Chair Mr. D K Dwivedi, SIG convenor Gen. Dr.K.K.Bagga, CSI conference Chair Mr. M D Agrawal, Division III Chair Prof. S.Subramanian, Managing Committee of CSI Allahabad Chapter lead by Mr. Zafar Aslam and Mr. Anupam Agrawal and their teams for bringing up the event, involving the practitioners of E-Governance.

International Conference on Signal & Image Processing: Seventy Four Research Papers which were selected by the International Editorial team, were presented in parallel Sessions with 200 participants attending the International Conference on Signal & Image Processing during 15-16 December 2010 which was organized by RMD Engineering College and CSI student Branch of RMD in association with IEEE. The management headed by Mr. R.S. Muniratnam Naidu, Mr. R.M. Krishna and Mr. Y. Pradeep had encouraged the event while Prof. R. M. Suresh, has excelled in organizing the logistics with the support of Dr. K Sivaram and Dr. K Dharmalingam. The infrastructure and professional participation is so good that Dr. C R Chakravarty has assessed and accepted the proposal to start a CSI research Centre on Information Security at RMD Engineering College with the Support of the Management of the RMD group of Institutions.

Workshop on “Frauds and Crimes in the Digital World”: Dr. Cyril Raj has organized an interesting workshop on “Frauds and Crimes in the Digital World” with the help of Mr. H R Mohan & Prof. Tamilarasi, in Dr. MGR University on 17th December 2010. CSI Student members had an excellent time to listen to about a dozen experts presenting their papers on the theme. We are grateful to Mr. ACS Arun Kumar for his support and encouragement.

Workshop on “Applied Computer Science”: Dr. D. Sreenivasa Reddy, Student Branch had organized a work shop on “Applied Computer Science involving experts on Technologies related to languages, Speech, Security, and Image Processing, e-Governance, Data Engineering, Spatial Informatics and related subjects during 18-19 December 2010. It has been a great Knowledge sharing environment created by Dr. R K Bagga, Prof. K S Rajan and Dr. Suryakant with the support of the humble Director of IIIT: Prof. Rajeev Sangal.

International Conference on Communication and Computational Intelligence: Kongu College of Engineering (KCE) has been successful in organizing a High Quality Research conference during 27-29 December 2010 in its attractive campus in Perundurai near ERODE in Tamilnadu. CSI-KCE Student Branch had a regional meet of students to get associated with this conference. Original research contributions in the form of 27 research papers, each in the classification under Advanced Networks & Information Security, 28 papers in Communication and Embedded Systems, 15 papers in Computational Intelligence, 13 papers in Advanced Computing and 8 papers in Internet Technologies have been selected by a dedicated International Editorial and Advisory Committee drawn from a dozen counties and were presented in parallel sessions. An attractive Proceedings has been published by M/S. SciTech Publications (India) Pvt.Ltd with ISBN: 978-81-8371-369-6. Dr. Bala Srinivasan from Australia and Dr. A Alphones from Singapore contributed on theme sessions while Dr. K Karunakaran, Vice Chancellor of Anna University, Coimbatore had inaugurated the conference. We congratulate Prof. S. Kuppuswami and his dedicated teams of Professional for their success in organizing such kind of International Research meet in rural surroundings of the college, developed by the Philanthropy of KONGU families. The services provided to all participants by the KVIT trust headed by Mr. M Murugesan, the President of KVIT and his colleagues: Mr. Sathiamoorthy, Mr. Viswanathan, Mr. Muthuswamy, Mr. Phalniswami, Mr. Krishnanawasi and other SWAMIs, is worth remembering as KONGU Hospitality.

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