PRESIDENT’S DESK

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Dear Affectionate Members of CSI Family,

While attempts are being made to promote regular activities in CSI, we are continuing our efforts to promote RESEARCH in CSI. We are looking for some of our members who had contributed in promoting research in their chosen disciplines that are relevant to the objectives of CSI and who can contribute in promoting research activities in CSI.

Hon. Research Directors:

Happy to inform you that our distinguished members Dr. Jayasri Choudhuri of Kolkata, Dr. Rattan K. Dutta and Dr. S. Ramakrishnan (Ramki) from Delhi, have kindly accepted our request to be Hon. Research Directors in CSI. On similar lines, we shall consider nominations as Research Directors in CSI. Nominations may be sent to hq@csi-india.org

Knowledge Sharing SIG-e-GOV Summit at Bhopal:

Government of Madhya Pradesh in association with Bhopal chapter of CSI has hosted a Knowledge Sharing Summit on e-Governance that has been steered to success by our SIGeGOV team headed by Prof. Ashok Agarwal. The event has been exceptionally handled by a team of dedicated members of CSI family. The experiences of using ICT for improving the quality of services by Governments in different states and at Centre are shared. It has been a feast of Knowledge sharing experience. Prof. Ashok Agarwal, Mr. Anurag Jain, Mr. Anurag Srivastav, Ms Avanthika, Mr. Vivek Dhawan and their teams have excelled in conducting Knowledge sharing process. The event was so good that I was amused to see many visitors coming and asking for becoming the members of CSI. Dr. Pukhraj Maru, Principal Secretary, Technical Education paid his life membership fee and joined CSI after the inauguration. He said that all educational Institutions be promoted to become Institutional members of CSI so that teachers and students are connected to the practitioners of ICT. It has been a great experience to listen to Mr. Kailash Vijayvargia, honorable minister of IT in MP, Hon’ble Justice Rajesh Tandon, Chairperson of Cyber Appellate Tribunal, Ministry of CIT, Dr. S.S.Mantha, Chairman, AICTE who have valued the contributions of CSI to the Nation. MP Government deserves my salute for successfully organizing the knowledge sharing process on e-Governance.

Presidents Council:

We would like to have the honor of bringing together our past presidents of CSI and form Presidents Council, which would be convened by the immediate Past President. It is to pool their rich experiences and to help the CSI family on continuous basis in promoting the objectives of CSI. We have requested Shri S. Mahalingam to convene a meeting of the Presidents Council at the CSI 2010, Mumbai.

SEARCC International Schools Software Competition 2010

School Students below the age group of 18 would be participating from member countries of the South East Asia Regional Computer Confederation (SEARCC) at the International software competition to compete and win the F.C.Kohli Challenge Trophy during 22-23 October 2010. This trophy is named after the father of the SEARCC movement Dr. F.C.Kohli of TCS.

RMK Engineering College, Chennai has kindly agreed to host the event. Dr. R.M.Suresh and Shri Ramasamy, Tamilnadu student coordinator would work on the modalities to make the event, a grand success.

CSI – CDAC MoU: Signed on 26th June 2010 at Trivandrum

Mr. Rajan T. Joseph, Director General, CDAC signed the MoU with CSI. The scope of the MoU is to facilitate closer interacting between CSI and CDAC in research, designing and offering new courses in relevant topics, testing and certification of the successful candidates. The joint activities will be primarily in specialized areas such as Free/open source software, language computing, cyber security, cloud computing and so on. This is to provide an opportunity to our members for attending/participating in research and education programs on continuous basis. Thanks to the efforts put in by Shri M.D.Agrawal, Mr. Satish Babu, Mr.Srinivasan(past Chairman of Trivandrum Chapter), Mr. Brajesh Kaimal along with the team from C-DAC represented by Mr. Sasi P.M, Mr. George L. Arakal for their contributions in bringing up MOU on our request.

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Our professional members of CSI are required to have orientation and develop expertise on project management in order to come up in the ladder of professionalism. Also it is required that our Institutional Members need to keep track of the latest research and developments on project management in order to modify syllabus and organize training programs to faculty and student members.

Our CSI members who are certified as Project Management Professionals (PMPs) by Project Management Institute (PMI) are requested to help us on the above requirements. Mr Brajesh Kaimal, Shri Satish Babu and Shri Srinivasan of CSI and Mr. Raj Kalady and Mr Jacob Varghese on behalf of PMI have interfaced this MOU between CSI and PMI. Mr. Raj Kalady, Managing Director, PMI signed the MoU with CSI.

CSI and PMI also would collaborate with each other in Research, Education, exchange publications and involve members to participate in respective events & conferences.

Mr Brajesh Kaimal, Prof. H.R.Viswakarma and Wg. Cdr. M. Murugesan would carry forward the process of implementing the activities on behalf of CSI and a working group from both PMI and CSI would announce the programs.

A model worth considering:

We could meet Dr. Ajay Kumar, Principal Secretary, Kerala state, who informed us that CSI Trivandrum chapter is contributing in several initiatives of the state government. I am impressed that CSI Trivandrum chapter is becoming a part of the IT Mission of the state. CSI objectives are appreciated by the state Government. Our professionals in the chapter are so dedicated that their contributions are appreciated by the state Government. Let this be a model to follow at other places.

Reviews

I appreciate the efforts of our regional Vice-Presidents Mr Sanjay Mohapatra, Mr. D.P. Mukherjee and Shri Jayant Krishna for their good initiatives with respective chapters, divisional chairmen to identify new activities.

Prof. P. Thrimurthy
President, Computer Society of India