Dear Affectionate Members of CSI Family,

I am privileged to take this opportunity to bow before you, thanking you for the continuous support extended to me since 1980s and for electing me this time, as the first person to serve you.

Let the light of Wisdom from this CSI family with the divine light, enlighten us, to open up new avenues and enable us to reach new frontiers in using ICT for improving the quality of life in all sectors of economy.

**Employability:**

The Trinity of Academics, Industry and Government need to have better bondage to make ALL the outturn of our Educational Institutions employable. While our IT sector is contributing to earn impressive Foreign exchange year after year in good arithmetic progression, we are concerned on the prevailing statement that “25% of our Engineering Graduates are only employable”. As is obvious, our economy would grow in Geometrical progression, only when every Graduate is employable. Let us encourage our CSI Educational programs, seminars, conferences, workshops and publications to provide such kind of thought processes, which would improve the Quality of education, professionalism and connectivity. We believe that “Child is the father of the Man” and we have respect for the youth. We shall work for their empowerment of knowledge.

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We are grateful to TCS for developing the CSI knowledge portal and for the efforts put in by Mr. S Mahalingam in steering the implementation and launching the portal in record time. We also appreciate the passion of Mr. Ravi Raman, the incoming Chairman of Mumbai Chapter, who conducted review and feed back sessions with chapters/members and had given a shape to the portal.

By April 2010, the portal is expected to respond on some of the important initial functionalities. The portal is now open for your feedback. The content development is in the hands of all CSI members. The first attempt is to clean the database. However, quality is a continuous process.

Each member is requested to kindly login and update personal details. Please note that the e-mail address given in the portal would be the main communication link to each member in future.

Data on each chapter needs validation. Each chapter is given about four pages to upload important photographs, chapter write-ups, calendar of events, Managing Committee details and to share news. We request each chapter Chairperson to utilize the space.

On our portal, we plan to host articles on technology updates, innovations, success stories, motivating lessons etc. that help us to continue as a professional. I appeal for sending such articles to Prof. M Chandwani, who has kindly accepted to be the Chairperson of the Web-Publication Committee whose e-mail address is: chandwani.m1@rediffmail.com. Interested members are welcome to join him in contributing/editing articles.

**Distinguished Speakers**

Dr. S Ramani has spoken to me to seriously work on identifying Industry experts who can visit our Educational institutions and build the Industry-Academic bridges. In order to make available some of the distinguished persons from Industry/academics, as Keynote speakers/resource persons to the chapters/student branches, we plan to recognize eminent people who can extend such services. Chapters/Institutions may recommend the names with their bio-data, photo and details on their specializations to hq@csi-india.org.

**Events:**

Student Branch at JayPee Institute of Technology, Guna has conducted a regional student meet which has been inaugurated by Prof. S. K. Khanna on 5th March 2010. A salute to Dr. Vipin Thagy, student counselor and President of ISCA and Prof. Rao, Director of JayPee Institute for promoting the student activities.

Vallabhi Vidyantarang chapter has conducted “IT FUTURA-2010” during 5-6 March 2010.

Congratulations to Dr. Deepthi, Dr. Dr. Paresh, Dr. Darshan, Mrs. Jyoti, Dr. Preeti, Mr. Himansu and Mrs Chayaben on their success in attracting more than 200 registrations with presentation of about 20 research papers.

IFIP International conference on Bioinformatics was conducted by SVNIT, Surat and was coordinated by Dr. Rattan Dutta. Congratulations to Dr. P D Porey, Dr. M N Mehta, Mr. H A Parmar Dr. Neeru Adlakha and Dr. K R Pardasani on making the event, a grand success.

Regional student meet (Eastern) was conducted in Jadavpur University Campus and Dr. Phalguni Mukharjee deserves my salute for promoting students by selecting 16 papers for presentations and a dozen papers for poster sessions on February 20, 2010.

**Request to Chapters:**

I request all chapters to complete the election process and send the election details and accounts statements to the HQ at once, so that the WHO’S WHO can be printed at the earliest.

**For their contributions in EXECOM:**

We thank the out going President of CSI Mr. S Mahalingam and past Presidents Prof. K K Agarwal and Mr. Lalit Sawhney (who is also CSI representative to Gen. Assembly of IFIP), Mr. Bipin Mehta, Dr. C R Chakravarthy, Mr. V L Mehta, Mr. Rabindra Nath Lahiri and Prof. S V Raghvan for their excellent contributions to CSI.

Let us welcome Mr. M D Agarwal, Prof. H R Viswakarma, Prof. D P Mukharjee, Mr. Sanjay Mohapatra, Mr. C G Sahasrabuddde, Mr. Jayant Krishna, Prof. T V Gopal and Mr. H R Mohan on board and look forward for their valuable services. We also welcome the Nominations Committee headed by Dr. S S Agrawal with most experienced members of CSI, Prof. U K Singh and Dr. S C Bhatia.

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While saluting the founder fathers of CSI, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. F C Kohli, Mr. Hemantbhai S Sonawala (HeMan), Mr. N Vittal and Dr. P P Gupta who located me in Vallabhi Vidyantarang and encouraged me on my passion for making all my students employable during 1985-’86. Some of the deliberations with them, helped me to initiate research work and I could produce a dozen Ph.Ds during the next few years. It is with respect, I owe my gratitude to Prof. V Rajaraman, Prof. H N Mahabala, Prof. PVS Rao, Dr. R K Dutta, Brig. SVS Chowdry, Dr. M L Goyal, Dr. S Ramani, Dr. R Srinivasan, Prof. C R Muthukrishnan, Prof. A K Pathak, Mr. M L Ravi, Mr. Lalit Sawhney, Prof. K K Agarwal, Mr. S. Mahalingam for involving me in various levels to serve CSI and to Prof. D B Pathak, Gen Balasubramaniam, Prof. Ashok Agarwal, Gen. (Dr). R K Bagga, Prof. DVR Vithal, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Prof. T P Ramara, Dr. Vinay Deshpande, Dr. L C Singh, Dr. Subash Pani, Mr. S K Syal, Dr. O P Mehra and Prof. S C Bhatia, Mr. S Sundaram and all the present and past ExecCom members for their support on several missions to encourage me in extending my services to CSI.

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