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WIE Mentor's Message

Dear Friends,

We have grown steadily since inception under the able leadership provided by the previous Chairs, Vice-Chairs and the constant support from IEEE Bangalore section. Today, we are at the cusp of taking up greater responsibilities and roles in ensuring that IEEE WIE Bangalore section participates and benefits from the global technology progress and efforts. I thank profusely all the WIE members in Bangalore both in academics and industry for their unstinting contributions as volunteers to WIE and look forward to their continued guidance and support.

We look to our members to provide us the technical heft needed to take up such tasks and make significant contributions to ensure that our section benefits maximally and at the earliest from new and innovative technologies. We look forward to working with you all to pro-actively contribute to WIE in all aspects both at the national and international level.

Please do not hesitate to pass on your suggestions for improving our productivity and contributions, and please work with us to increase our membership to include as many stake-holders as possible.

With Best Regards

Dr. Y V S Lakshmi**Editor's Piece**

Women's Day celebrations were on for most part of early March. It was very heartening to see women from all walks of life being hailed and rewarded for their efforts. It was double the pleasure to see some of our own members get recognized for their achievements.

On the WIE forum, we had a hearty discussion on 'networking and its benefits among ladies'. Many members shared about how the IEEE forum and WIE had changed their lives for the better. The group got emotional with some of the comments and shares. Everyone agrees that the guidance, mentorship and camaraderie that such a forum brings is priceless. The gratitude felt by each one on the group was genuine and heartfelt.

But this got me thinking, aren't women supposed to be good at networking. Don't we always give ourselves wholly to the endeavor at hand. Yet, if I ask women at the workplace, most of them do not network professionally. It is one of the reasons why women find it difficult to change jobs especially at the higher management levels. Why do you think this is so? I would like to hear from you all.



IEEE Bangalore Section WIE Affinity Group



Activities conducted in March 2019

- Monthly WiE Execom meeting for the month of February was conducted on 2nd March
- The introductory meeting for the Women in Engineering Conference WiECON-ECE was held on 6th March 2019
- The WIE team has been actively reaching out to build the WIE student branch affinity group database. Some of the colleges are yet to complete this process.
- Several colleges across Karnataka conducted special programs for the occasion of Women's Day. Some of our WIE members were felicitated and honored during these.
- Prof Anandi Giridharan visited Ballari Institute of Technology and Management (BITM), Bellary on 8th March for women's day.
- A talk by Mrs. Smitha Mave, Director Engineering, Athena Health and Mrs. Nandini Raghuchandra, Proprietor, Earth to Earth was held on 8th March at Canara Engineering College followed by a Workshop series under the banner Canara Summer of Codes on 9th March.
- Dr. Bindu A Thomas and Dr. Ashwini Appaji M were invited as chief guests of the Women's Day celebrations at PES College of Engineering, Mandya on 9th March.
- A special team of women experts was constituted for the PhD EDITS 2019 program to be held at Amrita College of Engineering in August 2019. The team of experts are Dr. Bindu Thomas, Ms. Manisha Sanai and Ms. Vijayalakshmi B K.
- Ms. Divya, WIE Chair visited the IEEE Branch at St Claret Science college, Jalahalli, Bangalore on 23rd March and met students and faculty.
- On the eve of Women's day views or experience on "Networking & benefits among ladies" was shared.
- The MoU with IEEE Bangladesh section for WiECon-ECE is underway. The conference is slated to be conducted on 15-16 November 2019. Please await the call for papers and other details shortly.

There is a call for IEEE Student 2019 awards. Kindly encourage students to apply for the same. The deadline is 31st March 2019. For more details refer to the IEEE website

(<https://students.ieee.org/awards/>)

We would like to hear from you. Keep those messages and pictures coming. Share your ideas and thoughts. This is your newsletter. Help us make the most of it.

Regards,
WIE Team