

President's Message



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Finally my terms as President of CSI is coming to an end! Now it is time to look back and see what I had set to achieve and has been able to achieve.

CSI 2016 Convention organized by CSI Coimbatore Chapter during January 23-25, 2017 was a resounding success. The conference was very well arranged with high quality papers, and invited talks. The ambience of the conference venue [the Le Meridian hotel] was excellent. The registration had to be stopped as the halls were filled to capacity. The Inauguration function was followed by Award Presentation to outstanding members and IT personalities.

The three categories of awards (Fellowships, Hony. Fellows and Life Time Achievement) were presented. My congratulations to all the winners. It was the first time that CSI-IEEE Education Award was presented. The Award consisting of a plaque and US\$500 was presented to Dr. S T Selvi.

The meetings of all statutory committees were duly held and we had fruitful deliberations. I must congratulate all the Members of the organizing Committee led by Mr. P R Rangaswamy, Mr. Ranga Rajgopal, Dr. Nadarajan, Dr. Subramanian and others for working very hard and making CSI 2016 a memorable event.

A number of training programs are being planned for our Members. It includes certification trainings on Enterprise Architecture with The Open Group, Internet Governance with ICANN etc.. We had a meeting with business delegation of Myanmar and we hope to sign an MOU with Myanmar Computer Federation very soon.

I am glad to inform you that our application to make CSI a Registered Education Provider of PMI (Project Management Institute) has been successful and CSI Chapters will be able to offer PMP trainings.

Attempts are being made to improve different publications of CSI. CSI Journal of Computing will resurface in the month of April 2017 in soft copy form.

CSI Elections are going to start soon. It took time as we had to make some radical changes. When I was elected I had promised to bring in transparency in different CSI activities. CSI elections every year is generating controversy every year. There have been questions about the membership database, issues on the integrity of the vendor who has been entrusted to conduct the elections since 2005 etc.. This year suggestions came up in the Think Tank meeting, National Council meeting, and in the AGM during CSI-2016. Accordingly we have taken steps to incorporate the suggestions. You must have received communication from CSI that a member need to validate his/ her identity by giving PAN or Aadhar number. The process has been completed we will have a clean database for the elections. This year CSI elections will be conducted by NSDL, the most reputed agency in the country who has been conducting e-voting. The agreement with NSDL has been signed and elections will start by March 15, 2017 and results announced by end of this month.

There is no doubt that lot of improvements can be done in other aspects of working CSI. It is not possible to complete in one year. The next President Mr. Sanjay Mohapatra will continue the work and hope the successive leaders continue from where we will leave.

With best wishes to one and all,

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