



IEM NEWSLETTER

P. O. BOX 464 Port Louis

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Sixty Years of IEM

Message from the Institution's President

Dear Colleagues

Day by day we are getting nearer to Engineers Day, the 13th September. We are almost there. May I then, on your behalf and mine, offer our **Blessings, Best wishes, and Happy Returns** to the Institution on the occasion of its 60th anniversary. May I also congratulate you on this occasion for having, all this time, believed in, stood by and supported the vision that the founding fathers of the Institution had for the Association they created and named the **Association of Engineers** in 1948, and which became the **Association of Professional Engineers**, and finally the **Institution of Engineers Mauritius** on 1st December 1978. Our **Best Wishes** also go to each one among us.

It is after a quite while that you are receiving a communication from the Institution, and that too directly from the President. Let me assure you that we are in business as usual in spite of this "*silence radio*" as our French speaking reporters would put it. Donald Dhondee has taken over as Secretary from Ishaan Tegally who expressed a wish to be replaced because of pressure from his other engagements. The Executive Committee itself has undergone a rejuvenation with a few very promising and energetic members on board. This is a most welcome development considering that your Institution which is now 60 years old, has planned to celebrate these sixty years through a series of activities spanning over the forthcoming 12 months, starting on 13th September, the Engineers' Day, and concluding on same date in 2009. We hope, through these activities, -

- (i) to provide an opportunity to our members to get acquainted with developments in the field of engineering and technology, geared towards making the world a better place to live while enjoying a better and better quality of life;
- (ii) to get our seasoned as well as our young and bright engineers to share their experience and knowledge with their other colleagues;
- (iii) to promote an active and contributive participation of engineers in all the issues of national importance which can benefit from their inputs; and
- (iii) to provide an opportunity to our members to speak out their views on the Institution, and their expectations from the Institution and its Executive Committee.

We start with the launch of the IEM-Sixty activities on

- (i) **13th September (the Engineers Day), at the Lecture Theatre 2 of the University of Mauritius.** Programmed between **9.00 AM and 12.30 PM**, with the launch address by Dr. The Hon A.R. Beebeejaun Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping. (see website for programme details)
- (ii) Engineers Annual Dinner, which traditionally is held on Engineers Day, will this year take place on Friday 10th October 2008. Please watch out for Details, including venue and the payable charges on our website <www.iemauritius.com>.
- (iii) The third activity programmed is the Final phase relating to the Essay Competition initiated by the outgoing Executive Committee, planned to take place sometime after the HSC examinations.

There will be more from the Executive Committee and me as we march on. For now, let it suffice for me to say that the Executive Committee welcomes views, suggestions and novel ideas from its members. If you have a valuable suggestion on an activity IEM could undertake this year or even sometime in the future, then let us have it.

Address your communications to the Secretary by letter or mail to P.O.Box 464 and <iem@intnet.mu> respectively. Let us know if you have specific interests, which you think are shared by other members and could be promoted by IEM. The Institution wishes to be heavily dependent on your active and unhesitating support to all the Institution's activities. So let us have it.

Thank You.

Jagadish Soobarah (President IEM)

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You views, comments, and suggestions to <iem@intnet.mu> may be directed as follows:

- (i) IEM Policy Issues: to J. Soobarah (President)
- (ii) Activities: to Sarupanand Kinnoo (Vice President).
- (iii) Professional House: to Donald Dhondee (Secretary).
- (iv) Subscriptions and Accounts: to Dhanraj Gungadeen (Treasurer)
- (v) Website issues: to Nadia Seesaram (Member)
- (vi) Publications: to Dinesh K Hurreeram (Member).
- (vii) Other members who can assist: R. Gungoosingh, Aboobakar Peermamode, Shyam Ramsurrun, and Ishaan Tegally, and Anwar Ramdin.