



IEM NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President

It gives me great pleasure to address all of you, IEM Members, in this June 2010 edition of our IEM newsletter, the first one since the constitution of the new IEM Council for the years 2010-2012. First of all, let me pledge to lead this Council towards new heights, based, naturally, on the achievements of my predecessor, Mr Jagadish Soobarah. To that end, the following Committees were set up right from the beginning:

Committee	Chair
Publications	Dr D K Hurreeram
Website	Mrs N Daby Seesaram
Membership	Mr HV Jadav
Essay Competition	Dr V Proag
IEM House	Mr D L Dhondee
Events	Mr C Sam Soon
External Relations	Mr D L Dhondee
Members Compliance	Mr D Gungadeen
Constitution & ECM Bill	Mr C Wong So

The Committees are free to co-opt

Council and non-Council members to assist them in their tasks. They meet whenever necessary and report to the IEM Council during its monthly meeting scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month.

I hereby make an appeal to all IEM Members to help us serve you by sending your comments, views, suggestions and even criticism to iem@intnet.mu. Moreover, if you wish to volunteer to serve on any of our committees to provide additional impetus, we will be pleased to welcome you on board. I am glad to report that we are already making good progress on several fronts as you would certainly note from the contents of this newsletter and from information posted on our website.

Let me wish you all a good reading of this newsletter and the future ones to come at regular intervals.

IEM New Council

Following the Annual General Assembly held on 1 March 2010, the newly elected team met on 8 March 2010 and the Council of IEM was constituted for the year 2010-2012, as follows:

President :

Mr Sarupanand Kinnoo

Vice President :

Mr Hirji V Jadav

Secretary :

Mrs Nadia Daby Seesaram

Treasurer :

Mr Dhanraj Gungadeen

Members:

Mr Donald Lindsay Dhondee
Dr Dinesh Kumar Hurreeram
Mr Aboo Bakar Peermamode
Mr Shyam Ramsurrun

The following members have been co-opted in line with the provisions at section 6.1.2 and 6.1.4 of the IEM Constitution

Dr Viren Proag
Mr Clement Sam Soon
Mr Claude Wong So

IEM House

The IEM Council Members are delighted to inform that, following the announcement made at our AGM by the outgoing President, Mr J Soobarah, we have accepted the solution proposed by the Ministry of Public Infrastructure (MPI) in respect of the IEM House, and have taken over the Government Quarters (Q5) located at the corner of Ollier and Hitchcock Avenues at Quatre Bornes.

Members of IEM will no doubt be relieved that this brings to an end a very long search for a suitable location for setting up a building which IEM could rightly and proudly call its Headquarters, or the IEM House. We wish to put on record our thanks to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Infrastructure and to the Hon. Minister Anil Kumar Bachoo for their support in this venture.

The eventual commissioning of the IEM House will represent a milestone in the IEM's history. We have now embarked on a renovation project on this building to better serve the needs of the Institution. We are envisaging facilities such as a Committee Room, a modest sized Lecture Room, and a Reading Room which we can equip with books and literature on engineering and technology, applied sciences and other related topics. We intend to use the premises to run and provide lectures and introduce Continuing Development Programmes (CPD) for all our members, juniors as well as seniors on a regular basis.

We shall welcome any new ideas and help, financial or otherwise, from our colleagues and members in connection with the renovation works.



Obituary Dr B K Baguant IEM Mourns an Active Member, Friend and Supporter



Dr B K Baguant, known as Kishore among his colleagues of the academia and the IEM, but Prakash among his relatives, passed away in the early hours of Saturday 15th May. Those who knew him and recalled very recent exchange of "Hi" or "Hullo" received the news of his demise in utter disbelief but it was the sad truth. Members of IEM who have been his colleagues, associates and friends have no doubt lost a trusted and sincere collaborator in him and those of us having certainly lost someone dear to us at some time in our own lives can very well understand and feel the pain and grief that his sudden and unexpected death must represent for his spouse and children, as well as for his close relatives.

Dr B K Baguant's research work and investigations on the behavioural aspects of concrete had earned him recognition as the Concrete Expert among his colleagues, professional engineers and builders, including his overseas collaborators and friends. Incidentally, he was among the pioneers in the use of rock dust for enhancing the durability of concrete. His findings on the subject in fact served to dispel any apprehensions that engineers and builders and promoters might have had as to the use of rock dust as an ingredient in concrete.

At IEM we have had multiple reasons to regret his passing away. In addition to having been an active member of the Institution and attending all the major IEM sponsored events, he served on the IEM Council for some time. He worked towards a greater collaboration between the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Mauritius and our Institution. Kishore was also the man of the occasion at the major functions of the IEM where the services of a Master of Ceremony was needed, - his sense of humour as illustrated in his interventions between the speeches-of-the-day have always been welcome. Sometime in September when IEM will celebrate the Engineers' Day, Council of IEM, members and their regular guests will surely feel the absence of Kishore.

The Editorial Committee associates itself with Council of IEM and its members in extending our condolences to the Baguant family, especially to Kishore's mother, his wife Sheila and children. At IEM we are indeed proud to have been associated with him. We would like to remember him and Mrs Sheila Baguant as the smiling couple who would never miss the IEM's Annual Function.

Coming up

Best UOM Engineering Project Award

The IEM Best Project Competition for the final year engineering students of the University of Mauritius will be organised in collaboration with the Faculty of Engineering, in the month of July 2010. The first prize donated by EMTEL is intended to recognize the meritorious and innovative project work of the final year students. In addition to the prize, souvenir shields and certificate of participation will be awarded to the best students.

IEM Journal

The IEM Journal is scheduled for release on 13 September 2010 to coincide with Engineers Day celebrations. We have so far received positive response to the call for papers. However, we can still accommodate additional submissions from IEM members. The deadline for sending in your contribution is set for end of June 2010. Members who wish to send papers for consideration for the Journal are invited to contact the editor by email at dk.hurreeram@uom.ac.mu The call for papers with details of paper format and proposed contents is available on IEM website.

Engineering companies who wish to sponsor the IEM Journal, by placing adverts therein, are kindly invited to send their details to iem@intnet.mu

World Engineering Congress and Exhibition

The World Congress and Exhibition "Engineering 2010 - Argentina: Technology, Innovation and Production for Sustainable Development", will be held in the city of Buenos Aires, next October. Updated information about the event, i.e. programs, registration to participate, call for papers, keynote speakers, sessions, air transportation, hotels and post-Congress technical and tourist trips, can be found on our website and at: www.ingenieria2010.com.ar

IEM Website

The IEM website has been revamped to keep our members and readers abreast of the happenings in the engineering world. We have regular postings on events, seminars and conferences organised locally and internationally to the benefit of our members. As a full fledge member of the World Federation of Engineers Organisation, the documentation we receive are now available online. Moreover, we email our members notifications we receive thereon on a regular basis.

We have also posted the list of IEM members to enable the engineering community to better network. We shall soon launch a Job Corner especially for our engineering graduates and a CPD Corner for fellow colleagues in the engineering profession.

Visit www.iemauritius.com for details.

Engineers Day Celebrations

In keeping up with the tradition, a dinner will be organised on Monday 13 September 2010 to mark the Engineers Day. This year IEM Council has agreed to contribute towards the expenses of the dinner!

Watch out for the invitations and book the date in your calendar.

IEM New Members

IEM Council approved the admission of the following new members

1. Mr Kaviraj Appiliappiah as Associate Member
2. Mr M S Hawseea as Student Member

Congratulations

Our heartiest congratulations to Mr Ram Bahadoor for having been made Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers, UK. Ram is ICE Representative for Mauritius



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