

History of IEEE Bombay Section

IEEE activities started in India fifteen years ago with less than four score members. A band of dedicated engineers started IEEE - India Section at Bombay and today, the IEEE India Council, as it is now termed, has a membership approaching 2000. Over the years, Sections at Bombay, Bangalore, Madras, Delhi and Calcutta and Sub-sections at Kerala, Kanpur and Hyderabad have been formed. Out of the Sub-sections, Kerala and Hyderabad have already made petitions for elevation to full-Sections. IEEE-Society Chapters in Power, Industrial Applications, Computer, Electronic Aerospace, Nuclear Plasma, Industrial Electronics, were formed. Student Branches came up at various Engineering Colleges. Thus with a small beginning at Bombay, IEEE activities have spread over the length and breadth of India and Bombay Section, the eldest in the family, continues to assist and guide IEEE Members all over India.

Bombay Section has been very active at Regional level, having given it in Mr. F.C. Kohli the first Indian Region 10 Director, the Regional 10 Secretaries in Dr. V.P. Kodali and Mr. T.V. Balan, as well as Mr. D.N. Purandare and Mr. T.V. Balan as Region 10 Membership Development Chairman and Mr. Kirit J. Sheth as Educational Activities Chairman. Prof. P.V.S. Rao and Dr. B.D. Pradhan were selected as distinguished speakers to tour Region 10 and deliver lectures on computer technology.

The IEEE8s all India Annual Activity in the form of 'Annual Convention and Exhibition' (ACE) which first started in Bombay ten years ago has now become a regular annual feature and Bombay Section has played host to six such functions so far, at some of which IEEE Presidents and Past Presidents were present. Bombay & Delhi Sections played joint hosts to 1984 SMC Conference held in January 1984.

Amongst the other activities, Student Activities of Bombay Section are well organised and annual paper contest is a regular feature. A few students of Bombay who had entered Region 10 Student Paper Contests, won top awards. The Section's News-letter too has been regularly published.

IEEE Headquarters has selected five Bombay Section members viz. Mr. F.C. Hohli, Mr. T.V. Balan, Mr. D.N. Purandare, Mr. Kirit heth and Mr. H.S. Sonawalla, for 'IEEE Centennial Medal Award' for 1984 as the IEEE President, James Owen states: "For loyal and dedicated service to the Institute and in recognition of the exceptional service to the profession". We are indeed proud of this unique recognition.

IEEE Bombay Section's relations with other professional Institutions have been very close, especially with the Institution of Engineers (India) the largest national institution and they hold a number of joint programmes.

In the IEEE Centennial year, 1984, IEEE Bombay Section has proposed to organise programmes to bring to the notice of Engineering Fraternity in particular and Society in general, the contribution made by IEEE during the last one hundred years and its plans of future contributions in nation's developments.

"IEEE has come to stay in India for professional excellence and solidarity".