



IEEE BOMBAY SECTION Secretary's Report for the Year 2001

Dear IEEE Members,

I have great pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year January – December 2001.

1. Election of Office Bearers

The last AGM was held on 22nd December, 2000 and office bearers listed below were declared elected.

Prof. Juzer Vasi	-	Chairman
Prof. B. R. Prabhu	-	Vice Chairman
Mr. Raju Hira	-	Treasurer
Prof. U. B. Desai	-	Secretary

Members of the Executive Committee:

Dr. V. K. Madan
Mr. A. K. Banerjee
Dr. Y. G. K. Patro
Prof. M. M. Shah
Prof. A. Shaiwalla
Mr. H. Kalyanasundaram

Chapter Chairs:

Prof. M. V. Pitke	-	Communications Society
Mr. D. M. Tagare	-	IAS/PES
Prof. Girish Kumar	-	APS/EDS
Mr. R. Muralidharan	-	Computer Society

During the course of the year, the following members were co-opted to the Executive Committee:

Mr. V. S. Dorai
Mr. Anthony Lobo
Dr. S. Dutta

Dr. S. Dutta was nominated Chair of the revived GOLD activity.

2. Technical Programs

A total of 41 events were held during the year 2001, of which 35 were technical talks, workshops, symposia and conferences. This represents a high level of activity in the Section throughout the year. Of the talks, 9 were by Distinguished Lecturers of the IEEE. A complete list of the events is given in the Annexure.

3. Co-Sponsored Conferences and Symposia

The IEEE Bombay Section co-sponsored the following Conferences/Symposia:

- Seminar on “Renewable Energy Resources”, Pune, August 31 – September 1, 2001
- Seminar on “Digital Signal Processing, VLSI Design & Applications (DVDA-2001)”, November 26 – 27, 2001
- International Conference on “Broad Band Optical Fibre Communication Technology (BBOFCT-2001)”, Jalgaon, December 3 – 7, 2001
- International Conference on “Quality, Reliability and Control (ICQRC-2001),” Mumbai, December 26 – 28, 2001

4. Chapter of the Year Award

The IEEE Bombay Joint Chapter of the Antennas & Propagation Society and Electron Devices Society was awarded the “Best Chapter of the Year Award” for 2001 by the Electron Devices Society (EDS) out of 103 Chapters world-wide. A presentation was made to the Chapter at the Plenary Session of the International Electron Devices Meeting, the flagship conference of the EDS in December 2001.

5. Student Activities

We now have 39 Student Branches in our Section. This represents a significant increase in the number over last year. We now have the second highest number of Student Branches of any Section in the world.

The Annual IEEE Bombay Section Student Paper and Project contests were held on 24th March, 2001. A number of papers & projects were received and short-listed papers & projects were presented by the students. The best paper received the prestigious Prof. K. Shankar Memorial Award.

The most important student event held in 2001 was the IEEE India Council National Student Congress held on 6 – 7 March, 2001. This Congress attracted students from all over the country.

Student teams for the IEEE Bombay Section won several international award during 2001:

- VESIT (Vivekanand Education Society’s Institute of Technology) Student Branch won the award for the best Website in Region 10, and the third prize in the 2001 Worldwide IEEE Student Branch Web Contest.
- VESIT was awarded one of the AT&T Labs Student Enterprise Awards in a world-wide competition.
- A team from IIT Bombay won the Microsoft Innovation Award of the IEEE Computer Society’s International Design Competition.

6. Silver Jubilee Celebration

2001 was the Silver Jubilee Year of the IEEE Bombay Section, which was founded in 1976. A very successful Silver Jubilee function was held on December 8, 2001 at the Hotel Le Royal Meridien, Sahar, Mumbai. During the afternoon technical session, two lectures by Dr. Keshav Nori and Prof. Rajesh Gupta held a 150-strong audience enthralled. During the evening session, the IEEE Bombay Section honoured some of the stalwarts of the Section: past Section Chairs, Fellows, Members of 25 years’ standing, and others.

7. EXECOM Meetings

The Executive Committee of the Bombay Section held 11 meetings during the year to transact various businesses.

8. Membership

The current membership of the IEEE Bombay Section stands at 3915 (including 2116 student members) at the end of October 2001. Though we are the second largest Section in India, this number represents a fall from the high membership of 4665 at a similar time one year earlier.

9. GOLD Activity

The GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) activity was revived in the IEEE Bombay Section after a lapse of 3 years. The Chairman of the GOLD Committee is Dr. Saurav Dutta. Three GOLD talks have been held in the second half of 2001.

10. Region 10 Meeting

The Region 10 meeting held in Singapore on April 6-7, 2001 was attended by the Chairman of the IEEE Bombay Section. A banner was presented to the IEEE Bombay Section at this meeting to commemorate the completion of 25 years by the Section.

11. Section Rebate

The rebate received from IEEE Headquarters included, for the fifth consecutive year, the 10% bonus for submitting all records and accounts on time.

12. IEEE Bombay Website

The Section website www.ieee.org./bombay/, maintained by Mr. Quraish Bakir, continues to be a source of information on current events and past activities.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all my colleagues in the Executive Committee for their help and support.

Uday B. Desai

Secretary