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IEEE, India- WIE – GOLD – STUDENTS' MEET (WGS MEET 2010)

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REPORT

IEEE (India) – WIE – GOLD – STUDENTS' MEET (MEET 2010) was organized by the members of WIE, GOLD and Student branches of IEEE at Calcutta Section at Jadavpur University campus on 17th December 2010, as part of 2010 Annual IEEE India Conference INDICON 2010.



About 55 participants from all over India along with 30 IEEE members, guests and speakers attended this event. Prof Ramalatha Marimuthu, Global IEEE WIE coordinator graced the occasion by her august presence as the Chief Guest of this function. The meeting started with a welcome address by Prof. Kalyan K. Mallik, Chair IEEE Calcutta Section. Prof. Nabanita Das, Chair WIE Affinity group of Calcutta Section highlighted the global and Indian scenario on gender barrier present in engineering education and engineering workforce with recent data. She presented some glimpses of the social activities on Science and Computer awareness, organized by WIE AG, IEEE Calcutta Section, for the benefit of Engineering students with special emphasis on girl students, school children, under privileged children and mothers of women engineers. Prof. Das also recollected the memories when this WIE group of Calcutta Section was awarded the Best WIE Affinity group of the year award for 2007. Similarly, Dr. Jamuna K. Sing, Chair, GOLD Affinity group of the section presented the major activities to the audience. This was followed by a report from Prof. Bhaskar Gupta, Chair Students' Activities who listed the important events conducted at various student branches affiliated to Calcutta Section. Student branches of ISM Dhanbad, NIT Rourkela and NIT Silchar were cited as very active branches in this geographical territory. In his talk he congratulated Mr. Sayantan Dhar, Chairperson of Student Branch of IEEE at

Jadavpur University who won the second prize at M.V. Chauhan student paper contest 2010 organized by IEEE India Council. Prof. Gupta also congratulated Mr. Sujoy Mukherjee for bagging the best student poster award globally awarded by IEEE on “History of Electronics”. Dr. Ayush Gupta, Chair, GOLD, IEEE Delhi Section, reported the activities of GOLD affinity group at Delhi Section. Next, in the inaugural address Prof. Ramalatha presented the importance of WIE to inspire, engage, encourage and empower women worldwide- especially the need to utilize their technical skills to help under privileged women and children. She highlighted the events that have been undertaken by various sections towards conducting technical awareness programs and acknowledged the awards won by various sections over the past few years. Her motivating lecture was really mind-touching, and surely it will encourage the young IEEE members to get involved with diverse activities of IEEE for social benefit and advancement. Finally, vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Susmita Sur-Kolay. Vice Chair, WIE, IEEE Calcutta Section.



Following the inaugural session, there was a panel discussion on 'Entrepreneurship and Engineers in India' moderated by Prof. Sujit K. Biswas of EE Department at Jadavpur University. Five entrepreneurs from India and abroad shared their experiences with the audience in a very interactive way- that says entrepreneurship is lucrative for people who loves freedom but the path is not made of roses. They also insisted that the mindset of the society against entrepreneurship should be changed. It was also highlighted that women engineers have ample opportunity in entrepreneurship with flexible duty hours. Also, entrepreneurship gives the opportunity to serve the society in a great way. The CEOs participated include Mrs. Alakananda Rao, Mr. Animesh Mukherjee, Mr. Diptendu Dutta, Mr. Probal Sengupta and Prof. Subhashis Majumdar. The panel discussion was full of interactions and it is hoped that it will be an eye opener for the students and young engineers.

After the panel discussion, a short open house session on Career Development followed. It was chaired by Mrs. Archana Rai Law of Wipro Technologies. In her presentation the speaker stressed upon the individual judgment for selecting a career option. Students should follow the path that may offer them satisfaction. She also mentioned the necessity of co-curricular and extracurricular activities in one's career. The session was full of interactions and participants were greatly benefited from this enlightening talk.

The meeting was concluded with lunch arranged for all attendees.

We wish that this event turns out to be an annual event along with INDICON in the coming years.