

## **Inauguration of IEEE, OES, India Chapter**

India Chapter of IEEE, Oceanic Engineering Society has been inaugurated on 25 September 2008 at National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India, Chennai, India. Dr. P.S. Goel, Former Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences and Dr. James McFarlane, President, International Submarine Engineering (ISE), Canada has inaugurated the chapter by lighting a traditional lamp along with the other dignitaries. Dr. S. Kathirolu, Director, NIOT welcomed the members and other invitees. Dr. P.S. Goel delivered the inaugural address and appreciated the efforts of IEEE, OES members and office bearers. He dwelled on the importance of interaction among the Ocean Engineering Community of India. He felt that such initiative has to be encouraged by the Institutes involved in Research and Development activities in the field of Ocean Engineering. Dr. M.A. Atmanand presented the need for membership in IEEE by professionals and the vision of IEEE, OES, India Chapter and introduced the office bearers of the India Chapter. The inaugural technical lecture was delivered by Dr. James Mc Farlane. He gave a lecture on "Underwater vehicles: Past, Present and Future". Mr. B.K. Miller from South West Research Institute (SWRI), USA, presented their activities in developing various submersibles in association with ISE.

The inaugural session was attended by representatives from research institutes like, NIOT, Indian Institute of technology (IIT), Madras and Ocean Engineering industry. 28 IEEE members and 57 others attended the function. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by the Vice President of IEEE, OES, India Chapter, Prof. P.R.S. Pillai, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi, India.

On-line registration facility to join IEEE, OES was provided at the venue for the benefit the invitees and other participants. The meeting was web-cast live, sponsored by NI Systems India.

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Dr. Kathirolu, Director, NIOT addressing the gathering

Sitting Left to Right : Dr. M. A. Atmanand, Dr. Mc Farlane, Dr. P. S. Goel, Prof. P. R. S. Pillai



A section of the audience



Sitting Left to Right : Dr. M. A. Atmanand, Dr. S. Kathirolu, Dr. Mc Farlane, Dr. P. S. Goel