

GOLD activities in Region 10 in 2001 – a report

There were four GOLD groups in the Region in the year 2000. These were Karachi, Calcutta, Bangalore and ACT. The Kerala Section and the Hong Kong Section GOLD groups were newly formed in 2001. Meera is the Chair of the Kerala Section GOLD group and Andrew is the Chair of the HK Section GOLD group. The Bombay Section GOLD program was dormant for the past three years. This year, the Section has appointed Sourav as the GOLD representative in the EXCOM, and activities have picked up momentum again. Congratulations to Meera, Andrew and Sourav. Currently, there are 7 Sections in the Region with active GOLD programs.

Region 10 GOLD Committee

A committee was formed for the GOLD activities of the Region. This helps in more people getting closely involved and also in planning succession.

The following are members of the R10 GOLD committee.

1. Andrew H.S. Lai - Hong Kong
2. Anoop A. - Bangalore
3. Erik Lensson - Australia Capital Territory
4. Fasih Ahmed Masood - Karachi
5. Pradeep B.K. - Bangalore
6. Sourav Dutta - Bombay

Major activities of the GOLD groups in the region

The GOLD group of the Kerala Section had their first program. It was a seminar on ‘Systems Thinking’, held on 28th June.

The ACT GOLD group took part in the Solar Boat Race on 28th April, and finished second in their category.

The Bangalore Section GOLD group launched their website. They also had several interesting programs for the members. The URL is <http://www.ewh.ieee.org/r10/bangalore/gold>

The Bombay Section GOLD program had 3 talks this year, and many more are planned.

There were inquiries from the different areas regarding the setting up of GOLD groups. Attached is a table of inquiries in 2001.

Sl. No.	Enquirer	Section	Date of enquiry	Date of Response	Date of Follow up	Section leader informed
1	Abdul Rahim	Singapore	9 th Jan	10 th Jan	26 th Feb	NA

	Leyman	(Section Chair)				
2	Anandamoy Pal	Hyderabad	23 rd Jan	7 th Feb	16 th Feb	Yes
3	Chirag Barot	Bombay	6 th Feb	16 th Feb		Yes
4	Mayuresh Kulkarni	Bombay	7 th Mar	7 th Mar		Yes
5	Ani VS	Singapore	4 th July	15 th July		Yes
6	Ashish Upadhyay	Delhi	16 th July	31 st July	8 th Sep	Yes
7	-	Malaysia	-	8 th Sep		Yes
8	Raja	Delhi	10 th Sep	11 th Sep		Yes

Major activities of GOLD Committee

- Helped form affinity groups in the Kerala and Hong Kong Sections.
- Helped revive the GOLD program in Bombay Section.
- In touch with Delhi, Victorian and NSW Sections for the formation of GOLD groups.
- Anoop attended the National Students Congress held in Mumbai, India, on March 8th, and delivered a talk on ‘Extra Skills necessary for young engineers and IEEE GOLD as a forum for developing them’
- Anoop was part of a Region 10 task force that looked into the issue of Student Branches with less than 10 members. The other members of the task force were the SAC chair and the MDC chair of the Region.
- Fasih Ahmed and Erik contributed to the Region Newsletter articles on GOLD activities.
- Mr. Marzuki, the Student Activities Chair of Region 10 attended the GOLD-SAC joint meeting at NewOrleans, in March this year.
- The awards issue was pursued, and all GOLD groups in the Region were reminded of the award deadlines and nomination procedures. However, there was a doubt in the procedure regarding the RAB and Region awards, which has now been clarified. Nominations could not be sent for these awards in time. The new committee should focus on these awards and aim at a GOLD group from Region 10 winning the ‘Outstanding GOLD group’ award of the RAB.
- ACT Section GOLD group requested for financial support for participation in the Solar boat race. The support was provided from the GOLD budget for ‘program support for GOLD groups’.
- Two groups from Region 10, viz., Bangalore and ACT, are taking part in the pilot phase of the ‘GOLD partnering with Student Branch’ program.
- Following was the expenses for the GOLD committee for 2001.

Item	Projected Expense	Actual Expense
Program support for GOLD groups	USD 2,000/-	USD 250/-
Travel of GOLD coordinator to the PDC ¹	USD 1,500/-	0
Operations	USD 500/-	USD 200/-

¹ There was no PDC conducted this year.

Though not as much as projected, we have grown from 4 groups at the end of 2000 to 7 groups in 2001. Yet, there is a lot more to do and the future is indeed exciting.

On behalf of the committee, I wish to acknowledge and thank the support and encouragement received from the IEEE organisation and well-wishers for the successful growth of the GOLD program in the Region in the year gone by. Thanks are due to Cathy , Fanny, Slawo, Ted, Teck, Marzuki, Hiro, and all other members of the R10 EXCOM.

Lastly, it would have been just impossible to have this growth without the team effort the committee has put in. Though separated geographically, and though most of us had never met, everyone in the committee chipped in with his effort. Be it Fasih with his reviews and contributions to the newsletter, Erik with the GOLD groups in Australia, Andrew with the group in HK, Sourav in Bombay or Pradeep with those web researches. I am sure that the experiences gained and friendships made will stand us in good stead in the future too. I end this report on a personal note of thanks to everyone in the Region 10 GOLD committee.

Anoop A.
Region GOLD Coordinator

Proposed R10 GOLD Activities for 2002

Goal: To create a young and vibrant volunteer force for the IEEE sections in the Region through the activities of GOLD.

Region 10 GOLD Committee

A new committee will be formed at the Region, to incorporate the new groups that have been formed and to compensate for those who have moved out.

Plans and deliverables

1. GOLD awareness

Work is still pending in this regard. It is planned to use the Region 10 newsletter for effectively spreading the message of GOLD. Also, the mailing list compiled at the Annual Meeting will be used for publicising GOLD.

A presentation aimed at the Section leaders will be prepared. The presentation will aim at clearly stating where GOLD stands in relation to the section. It will bring to the fore the inter-dependencies between the two. It will also explain how the section can benefit from having a GOLD group.

2. New GOLD groups formation

It will be the aim of the committee to help form at least 5 new GOLD groups in the Region in 2002.

3. Program Support for GOLD groups

It is proposed that Region 10 could financially support the GOLD groups for specific projects. The support will be available to one GOLD group once a year and had a maximum limit of USD 250. The support is also subject to the total funds available for this purpose. As per the proposal, if a total of USD 2000 were allotted for this, 8 GOLD groups in the Region can be supported on a first come first serve basis.

4. Awards

Nominations for the following RAB awards will be pursued. These awards have the deadline of 15th October.

- Section GOLD leadership award.
- Society GOLD leadership award.
- Region outstanding GOLD program award.
- Outstanding GOLD program award.

The Region 10 award committee has to decide on the last two awards. The Region GOLD coordinator can suggest probable candidates to the award committee. The 'Region Outstanding GOLD program' award winner will be the Region's nomination for the 'Outstanding GOLD program' award.

The 'Region Outstanding GOLD program' award will be presented at the Region 10 AGM. The GOLD Chair, or the appointed person, will be sponsored by Region 10 to attend the meeting in order to collect the award.

5. Region GOLD Congress

It is proposed to have a Region GOLD Congress in 2002. All the Chairs of the GOLD groups in the Region will attend the congress. Besides discussing the best practises and common issues, the congress will also

serve as a breeding ground for future leaders of the IEEE. The details of the program are yet to be worked out.

7. Budget Proposal

Item	Projected Expense
Program support for GOLD groups	USD 2,000/-
Travel of GOLD coordinator to the GOLD committee meeting	USD 2,000/-
Region support for the GOLD Congress	USD 5,000/-
Operations	USD 500/-
Travel of 'region outstanding GOLD program award' recipient to the Region 10 AGM ²	USD 2,000/-

² There is no award recipient in 2001. This entry is for future reference.