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The Members,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Alumni Association IIT Kanpur together with Audited Statement of Receipts & Payments for the year ended on 31 March 2005.

Activities of the AA

Executive Committee:

During the past 2 years, the Executive Committee (EC) had regular monthly meetings over telephone conference calls and discussed various aspects for making AA a more vibrant organization. The following topics were among the main concerns of these meetings:

- The new Constitution
- The re-organisation of the Alumni Office and the hiring of an Administrative Head of the AA Office.
- The hiring of a web-master
- The purchase and installation of a web-server and moving of the IITK web-page host from Rack Space, a California company, to IIT Kanpur.
- The electronic voting system for AA elections/referenda.
- The Alumni Reunions

I must mention the great enthusiasm shown by all EC members in re-orienting the AA towards a global focus, which broadly motivated these meetings. In particular, the leadership of Mr Atul Garg, President, and Prof Ashok Khanna, Secretary, was crucial to the progress made by AA in the last two years. Prof Khanna resigned from the Secretaryship, for personal reasons, on 18 August 2005, after which I was appointed Secretary, and Prof Sandeep Sangal as Treasurer by the EC.

Prof Harish Karnick (PhD/CSE/85) was appointed Chief Election Officer by the EC on 20 January 2006 for a period of two years.

Mr Pawan Kumar(BT/CE/69,MT/CHE/72) was inducted into the EC in late 2005 for advise on web-management. He also donated free manpower from his erstwhile company, vMoksha Ltd, to help re-design the AA web-site.

New Constitution of the Alumni Association

EC proposed a new constitution for AA which provided, *interalia*, a Board of Directors with a global representation. This new constitution was adopted by the general body with more than 98% of the voters voting in favor of the new constitution. The process of election for the new office bearers for the term 2006 – 2008, in accordance with the new constitution, commenced on 20 January 2006. The election process will be concluded today.

Electronic voting Software

During, January-March 2006, Prof Harish Karnick supervised the AA web-master, Akilesh Srivastava in the design and implementation of a software for secure electronic voting that will be used henceforth for elections and referenda by the AA.

Reunions

Silver Jubilee and 35th year reunions:

- The Silver Jubilee Reunion of the Class – of – 80 was held on the campus during 27 – 28 December 2004. About 80 alumni attended the event, most of them with their families.
- The 35-year Reunion of the Class – of – 1970 was held on the campus during 1 – 2 January 2005. About 80 alumni from around the globe, most of them with their families, participated in the event.
- The Silver Jubilee Reunion of the Class – of - 81 was held on the campus during 30 -31 December 2005. Around 70 alumni from round the globe, most of them with their families, participated in this event.
- The 35-year Reunion of the Class-of-1971 was held during 2 – 3 January 2006. Around 45 alumni from round the globe, most of them with their families, participated in this event.

The Silver Jubilee Reunion of the Class – of – 82 is scheduled to be held during 30 – 31 December 2006. The 35 – Year Reunion of the Class – of – 1972 is scheduled to be held during 27 – 28 December 2006.

15 – Year Reunion: The 15 -year Reunion of the Class – of – 1990 was held on the campus during 1 – 2 January 2005. 17 alumni participated in the event. In view of the poor response received for the 15 – year Reunion of the Class – of - 1990, AA has decided not to hold 15 – year Reunions in future.

40 – Year Reunion: The Class-of-1978 has expressed a desire to hold a 40th year reunion at IITK in December 2006, on an “unofficial” full-payment basis, without sponsorship from the Institute.

Distinguished Alumni Awards:

45 nominations were received for the award of Distinguished Alumnus Award 2005 – 2006. After due deliberations in its meeting held on 29 November 2005, the DAA Committee recommended the following persons, who were later approved by the Board of Govenors, IIT Kanpur, for the Distinguished Alumni Awards: (1) Mr. Abhay K. Bhushan (BT/EE/65) (2) Mr. Pawan Kumar (BT/CE/69) (3) Prof. Vijay Mahajan (BT/ChE/70) (4) Mr. Pradeep Jotwani (BT/ME/75) (5) Dr. Ambuj Goyal (BT/EE/78) (6) Prof. Umesh Mishra (BT/EE/79) (7) Prof. Rajiv Motwani (BT/CSE/83).

Satyendra K. Dubey Memorial Award:

Eighteen nominations were received for the award of the Satyendra K. Dubey Memorial Award instituted by the Institute commencing from the current year. The SKD award committee recommended the name of Mr. Arvind Kejriwal for the award for his campaign for bringing transparency in the working of government & public institutions and for his role in getting the Right to Information bill. The Board of Governors of the Institute accepted these recommendations and accordingly Mr. Kejriwal will be receiving the award today (March 25, 2006).

Kelkar Alumni Lectures:

The 22nd Kelkar Alumni Lecture was delivered on 4 April 2004 by Padmabhushan Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak, the Founder and Patron of Sulabh International Social Service Organization in L7 on “Endeavors in Environmental Sanitation”. Dr. Pathak has championed sanitation and upliftment of the untouchables and has created a pan-Indian network with 50,000 volunteers and gave birth to what is popularly known as Sulabh Movement.

The 23rd Kelkar Lecture was delivered today by Mr Arvind Kejriwal on “Founder of Parivartan, on "Right to Information- a tool for holding Government accountable". Mr Kejriwal started “Parivartan” [Change] to bring transparency in the working of government & public institutions. Mr Kejriwal and his associates have relentlessly campaigned against corruption and were involved in the effort to get the national Right to Information Act passed, and become law in October 2005.

Alumni Newsletter

There were four editions of the Alumni Newsletter during 2004 – 2005. So far, three editions of the Newsletter have been published during this year (2005 – 2006) and the fourth edition will be published on 31 March 2005. Hereafter, the Newsletter will be published on the last day of every odd numbered month. Thus, there will be six editions every year.

The October – November 2005 and the December 2005 – January 2006 editions of the Newsletter, issued in softcopy form, were sponsored editions. AA collected Rs. 20,000/- per each of these editions. AA will strive to obtain sponsorships for all its future editions.

Alumni Database:

Since 1 April 2005, AA has made significant progress in enhancing the coverage of Alumni Database. The following table reveals the progress made:

Degree	Total Alumni as on date	Email Addresses available				Postal Addresses Available				Registrations		
		2005		2006		2005		2006		2006		
		1-Apr	13-Dec	24-Mar-06		1-Apr	13-Dec	24-Mar-06		22-Jan	24-Mar-06	
				No.	As % of alumni			No.	As % of alumni		No.	As % of alumni
B. Tech	9,966		5,866	6,351	63.72		6,709	7,107	71.31	4,251	4,559	45.74
M. Tech	7,370		1,802	1,988	27.00		2,401	2,722	36.93	872	977	13.25
M. Sc	1,375		358	411	29.89		505	555	40.36	208	225	16.36
Others	179		66	81	45.25		75	124	69.27	49	54	30.16
Ph. Ds	1,885		473	657	34.85		661	880	46.68	154	204	10.82
Total	20,775	6,900	8,565	9,488	45.67	8,800	10,351	11,388	54.81	5,534	6,019	28.97

Staff:

Recruitments & Promotions:

Currently, AA office has 6 employees.

Mr. Akhilesh Srivastava was appointed as Webmaster, on adhoc basis, w. e. f. 11 May 2004. His services were regularized w. e. f. 1 September 2005. Similarly, Ms. Preeti Amarnath, was appointed as part-time assistant, on adhoc basis, and w. e. f. 1 March 2005. Her services were regularized w. e. f. 1 October 2005.

Mr. B. C. S. Baliga joined the service of AA as Administrative Head, w. e. f. from 1 September 2005.

Mr. Prashant Vishwakarma joined the service of AA as Peon-cum-Messenger, on probation, w. e. f. 15 September 2005. He has been confirmed in service w. e. f. 1 February 2006.

Mr. Mahesh Kumar Srivastava, who had been working for AA as Office Assistant since September 1998, was promoted as Assistant Manager w. e. f. 1 October 2005.

Ms Nidhi Chauhan continues as Office Manager of the Alumni Association since 1 October 1999.

Staff Housing:

AA has arranged for housing accommodation on IIT Kanpur campus for Mr. B. C. S. Baliga, Administrative Head, and, Ms. Nidhi V. Chauhan, Manager, from IITK with effect from their respective dates of appointment. Mr. Mahesh Kumar Srivastava, Assistant Manager, and, Mr. Akhilesh Srivastava, are being paid HRA, in lieu of accommodation, with effect from 1 November 2005.

Staff Training:

Mr. Akhilesh Srivastava, Webmaster, has been deputed for the following training programs for enabling him to enhance his skills:

(i) Training program in System Administration conducted by the Centre for Development of Technical Education, IITK, during 21 – 22 October 2005.

(ii) Fifteen Week Vocational Certificate Training Course on “Linux system and network administration” which commenced on 14 February 2006

Alumni Center:

The ground breaking ceremony for the Alumni and Student Career Center was held on 15 August 2005. The site for the Center is located in the campus, between the Students Activity Centre & the Visitors’ Hostel. The Center, when completed, will serve as a convention centre, the Alumni Association Office, and the Student Placement Center. It will have a Convention Hall/Auditorium, a Hall of Fame, Media Center, Conference Room, office spaces, a Business Center, Placement Library, Networking Room and Student-Faculty Interaction Area, etc. The Networking Room will have facilities for video conferences, seminars, lectures, discussions etc. The building will have a total floor area of 1700 sq. meters. The construction cost of the centre has been estimated at Rs. 3.0 crores. The cost of construction of the building will be met from donations from the alumni who graduated in 1969 and 1980 and the Institute. Some of the employers of these alumni have also contributed towards the cost of the building.

It is anticipated that the Alumni Office will be shifted to the Center by the end of this year.

Some recent activities of Alumni Chapters:

1. Ahmedabad:

Mr. Vishnu Varshney (BT/EE/69) Managing Director and CEO of Ahmedabad-based Gujarat Venture Finance Ltd. organized a get-together of the Ahmedabad chapter alumni in September 2005. About 40 alumni attended the event. Prof. Sudhir K Jain made a presentation to the attendees on the ongoing projects at IITK.

2. Bangalore:

Alumni Association Bangalore Chapter's Annual Get Together was held on 3 September 2005 at ITC Infotech Head Office. The program started with an introduction by Mr. Vijay Anand, President of the Chapter, and an informative talk by Mr Anand Talwar, Vice President - Talent Management, ITC Infotech. Prof. Sadagopan also spoke on the occasion.

3. Delhi:

The Delhi chapter organized a felicitation function for Mr. Satish Kumar Kaura (BT/EE/ 66; CMD, Samtel Group; DAA 1989) on 17 April 2004 as he was conferred 'Padmashri' by the Government of India. Mr. Gyanesh Chaudhary (BT/EE/66), President, IITKAA, Delhi Chapter, presided over the function.

The Chapter also organized an annual picnic on 27 February 2005 at Ahimsa Sthal in New Delhi.

4. Kanpur:

A get – together of the chapter was held on 15 October 2005 at Status Club. About 100 alumni with their families, which included alumni from the campus, participated in the event. The event was made successful by the untiring efforts of Mr. Gopal Sutawala (BT/CHE/73), Mr. Ashok Bajaj (BT/CHE/73) Mr. Mukul Rajan (BT/CHE/84), and Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Dean Resource Planning and Generation.

The Kanpur chapter held another get – together on 29 January 2006 at the residence of Mr. Purushottam Sutwala (BT/ME/71) and Mr. Gopal Sutwala (BT/CHE/73) in Kanpur. About 70 alumni attended the function along with their family members. The function had lot of party games followed by a traditional Rajasthani lunch.

An Aloo Paratha breakfast in Hall III on 19 February 2006 was sponsored by Mr Pawan Kumar (BT/CE/69). Around 40 alumni both from city and the campus participated in the event.

5. Kolkata:

Thanks to Mr. Sanjiv Rangrass (BT/ME/82) a get-together of the Chapter was organized at The Bengal Club on 6 January 2006. Dr. Sudhir Jain, DRPG, IITK, played a catalytic role in organizing this event.

6. Mumbai:

The annual get-together was held on 14 January 2006. Mr Himanshu Tiwari presided over the event.

Financials:

The Receipts & Payments statement will be presented by the Treasurer, Prof Sandeep Sangal.

Auditors:

AA proposes to get its accounts audited commencing from the accounts for the year ending on 31 March 2006.

For and on behalf of the Executive Committee

(Vinayak Eswaran)
Secretary

Kanpur
25 March 2006