CALCUTTA STATE CENTRE
Business Meet and Inauguration of Local Centre
April 6-7, 2013, Bhubaneshwar

On the occasion of the establishment of a new Local Centre in Bhubaneshwar, Calcutta State Centre organised a Business Meet on Lighting for Tomorrow at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar (Odisha).

The distinguished faculty of KIIT who participated included Prof. Dr. P.P. Mathur VC, Prof. Dr. D.K. Tripathy, Pro VC, Prof. A.K. Dasgupta, Dean EE, Prof. Dr. C.K. Panigrahi, Associate Dean EE and Prof. Dr. S.M. Ali, EE.

The ISLE GB members in attendance were Mr. Gulshan Aghi, President, Mr. A.K. Jain, Hon. Gen Sec. Mr. B. Dattani, Hon. Treasurer and Mr. Kamal Sethia, Chairman CSC. Also present were former GB members Mr. H.S. Mamak, Mr. H. Mukherji, Prof. A.K. Datta, Dr. Biswajit Ghosh, and Mr. A.P. Joshi Past Chairman CSC. Other dignitaries included Mr. P.K. Bhaduri, DPCL, Prof. A.K. Tripathy, Silicon Valley and Mr. Sansar Pathak, CE CPWD Bhubaneshwar.

After the welcome address by Prof. A.K. Dasgupta, Dean EE KIIT, Mr. Kamal Sethia spoke on the philosophy behind the Business Meet. Dr. S. Samantha, Registrar KIIT addressed the delegates.

The new Local Centre was inaugurated by Mr. Gulshan Aghi.

This was followed by the release of the bulletin for the meet by the Chief Guest, Mr. H.S. Mamak. After the felicitation of the dignitaries Dr. P.P. Mathur addressed the delegates.

The vote of thanks was given by Dr. C.K. Panigrahi.

The first technical session was chaired by Prof. D. K. Tripathy, Pro VC, KIIT and Mr. A.K. Jain, Hon. Gen. Sec. ISLE.

The Chief Guest, Mr. H.S. Mamak gave the keynote address on Directions and Opportunities in Lighting.

The other papers in this session were Human Capital and Lighting Industries with reference to the Global Market by Ms. Sharmila Kumbhat, Director K-Lite and CPWD Initiatives in Lighting India by Mr. A.P. Joshi, Chief Engineer CPWD WB.

After the lunch break Dr. Achyut Samanta, founder of KIIT and KISS came to share his views with ISLE members present and offer his good wishes to the Conference and the Local Centre.

The second technical session was chaired by Prof. A.K. Dutta, Calcutta University and Mr. T.K. Ghosal, Hon. Secretary, ISLE, CSC.

- "Integration of architecture with lighting system: A methodology for energy conservation" – Mr. P.K. Bhaduri, DCPL Kolkata
• Eco-friendly lighting systems: The coming age. – Mr. Vineet Rohatgi, M.D. Binay Opto, Kolkata

In the evening the delegates visited the campuses spread over 400 acres of KIIT and Kalinga Institute of Social Science (KISS), the largest education hub for the tribal students (20,000 tribal children from KG to PG) in the world. ISLE members were very impressed by the scale and quality of the work being carried out. This was followed by a cultural function by the students.

Session 3 was chaired by Prof. A. Dasgupta, Dean of EE, KIIT and Prof. A. K. Tripathy of Silicon Valley/ KIIT

• "Light-Light coupling a method for lighting the world" – Prof. Dr. B. Ghosh, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.
• "Community based lighting systems II" – Pravin Kumar Sood, Regnant, New Delhi.
• "Energy conservation in electrical systems" – Mr. Sansar Patnaik, Chief Engineer CPWD., BBSR
• "From primitive lamp to LED" – Prof. A. K. Dutta, Calcutta University

In the panel discussion that followed, all panelists (consisting of the distinguished guests, session chairman and speakers) expressed their satisfaction with the quality and content of the papers presented.

The panel for the Valedictory session consisted of Prof. S.M. Ali, Dr. S. Samantha, Prof. C.K. Panigrahi, all from KIIT, Prof. A.K. Tripathy from Silicon Valley, Mr. Kamal Sethia and Mr. T.K. Ghosal both from ISLE together with one student member. The members expressed their views on the two day meet and other related issues regarding the role of ISLE and the joint effort of ISLE, CSC and KIIT University.

After the panel the membership certificates were handed over to the 151 members of the new Bhubaneshwar Local Centre.

This was followed by the handing over of mementos by ISLE CSC to the faculty of KIIT.

Mr. B. Dattani, Hon. Treasurer ISLE made an announcement of the Light India International Exhibition LII2013 being organised by ISLE in Chennai from September 13-16, 2013 and invited the participation of all.

The two day event concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. C.K. Panigrahi.