The 21st Annual General Meeting of the Indian Society of Lighting Engineers, Mumbai State Centre was held on Tuesday, 26th October, 2012 at 6.30 PM at the All India Institute of Local Self Government in Andheri (West) Mumbai. The Chairman, Mr. Prakash V. Mavinkurve welcomed all the members and announced the commencement of the AGM. Matters of the agenda were then taken up. The meeting had an enthusiastic participation by all the members who expressed their happiness at the introduction of the Breakfast meetings. Suggestions were received on conducting educational activities. The need for enrolling more Institutional members and funding of educational programs was discussed.

The meeting was followed by a Panel Discussion on Interface of Lighting in Control rooms / Sub-stations / Buildings / Commercial Complexes / Malls / Hospitals etc. with other services.

Participants:
Mr. Mukesh Mulchandani, (Panel Chairman) General Manager, Uhde India Ltd., Director, CEEAMA
Mr. Vinayak Sane, Principal Consultant, Elmark Engineers. President (Mumbai Chapter), Fire Safety Association of India
Mr. Bhavesh Mehta, Deputy General Manager, Reliance Industries
Mr. Aniket Mahajan, Manager, Sales and Marketing (Zone West) Intelligent Building Controls (KNX), ABB
Mr. Vijay Shigli, Manager, Electrical Marketing, Argos International

Mr. Mukesh Mulchandani opened the discussion by welcoming the participants. He started the ball rolling by expressing how lighting which occupies quite a bit of ceiling space has to also share the same with HVAC and other services making their physical parameters and electrical interface important. Mr. Vinayak Sane expressed the need to maintain proper illumination along with the presence of other systems so that there is no physical obstruction and noise interference. Mr. Bhavesh Mehta spoke on space occupied by various services specially air-conditioning and how the layout of lighting has to be integrated along with this system. In big malls, to attract customers, integration of all services in an orderly manner is of great importance.
Mr. Aniket Mahajan explained the use of control equipment with industry standard protocols which enable seamless integration of all services as well as ensuring smooth maintenance and sustainability. Mr. Vijay Shigli said that with the variety of light sources, control-gear and protocols available the need for co-ordination between all agencies involved in the project arises right from the design stage. This can prevent costly mistakes due to mis-match in parameters like space, proximity etc. which can ruin the design. The Panel discussion was followed by an interesting Q & A session where a number of queries from the audience were clarified.