

## Past President attends CIE Session

ISLE Past President, Mr. S. Venkataramani who is a Vice President on the CIE Board of Administration attended the CIE Midterm Meeting and the Light and Lighting Conference 2009 at Budapest in May. Below is a brief report on his visit as well as participation in other CIE BA meetings.

The Midterm session of CIE was held in Budapest during the week of 25th May 2009. The meeting of the Board of Administration was held on the 25th May and the General Assembly was on the 26th May. During this session the CIE Office Bearers for the term 2011 – 2015 were elected. I am pleased to report that my term as Vice President has been extended and I have been tasked with the Marketing responsibility for CIE.

The Midterm session was followed by a three day Conference titled “Light and Lighting 2009” organised by CIE – Hungary with the sponsorship of the Lighting Society of Hungary and University of Pannonia, and held under the auspices of the CIE, from 27th to 29th May 2009. The entire program was with “Special Emphasis on LEDs and Solid State Lighting”.

Last year as Vice President on the Board of Administration of CIE, I participated in the “CIE Board Strategic Planning Session” held in the office of Central Bureau in Vienna on the 16th of September 2008. This session was chaired by our President Mr. Franz Hengstberger and was conducted with the help of an external Consultant. The theme of this session was to “Identify Current Major Issues Facing the Organization and Strategise a Way Forward”. Several important issues were discussed and successfully concluded during this exercise such as:

- Roles and Responsibilities of the Board Members and CB Staff.
- Enhancing the image, awareness and relevance of CIE
- Formalising relationships with other international Organizations
- and so on.

The Board of Administration meeting was held on the 17th September 2008 and during this session I made a detailed presentation on the ISLE activities, which was well received. Encouraging remarks were made by the Board members on our activities and the membership base. As a follow up to this meeting the CB kicked off a “Supportive Membership Campaign” to increase CIE membership base. I have been given the responsibility to carry through this initiative in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Coming to our ISLE activities, in the context of our role as National Committee of CIE in India, I would urge that we need take much more active participation in the various Technical Committees of the seven Divisions. As a developing Nation we have a lot to contribute to the different TCs. We should also take part in a noticeable manner in all the International Conferences and other events of CIE and other bodies related to Light and Lighting with Paper/Poster presentations of high quality and so on. This is also an expectation of the CIE Board. I would focus my efforts in realizing this ambition and I seek cooperation from all of you to take ISLE to the forefront of CIE.

S. Venkataramani

## President's Visit to Lux Pacifica Conference

The 6th Lux Pacifica held at Holiday Inn hotel in Bangkok was a worthwhile experience for me. Here are some salient points I wish to share with you all.

1. This conference was to be hosted by the Russian IES in Khabarovsk in far eastern Russia. But because of the world financial crisis they were unable to do so. With barely two months to go the venue was shifted to Bangkok and The Thai Illuminating Engineering Association (IEAT) took up the responsibility to host the event. Besides IEAT, Dr. Warren Julian (current President of Lux Pacifica) and his wife Stephanie worked full time to make the event possible.
2. There were almost 100 delegates. I was the only one from a SAARC country. Delegates were from Japan, Korea, China, New Zealand, USA, Singapore, Thailand, etc. The attendance was less than normal because of the change of conference venue.
3. You may recall that ISLE had hosted the 4th Lux Pacifica event in Vigyan Bhawan in September 2002. Along with the Lux Pacifica we also had our Lii2002 at Pragati Maidan. I made an attempt in the BOD meeting to have the next (7th) Lux Pacifica in India but did not succeed (see item 6 below).
4. After the reception on 23rd evening, the conference was for two full days with presented as well poster papers. Besides the opening session on 24th morning and closing session on 25th evening, all other technical sessions were running in parallel, two sessions at a time. There were sessions on 1. Vision and Colour (two), 2. Daylighting (two), 3. Lighting Education, 4. Road Lighting (two), 5. Energy Efficiency (two), 6. LEDs, 7. Lighting Equipment, 8. Interior Lighting.
5. On 25th morning I presented a paper entitled "Energy Saving in Lighting in India" on behalf of Mr. Mamak. It was well received.
6. On 25th afternoon we had the Board of Directors meeting. With exception of Hong Kong and South Africa all other seven country heads (USA, Australia & New Zealand, Japan, Russia, Thailand, China, and India) were present in the board meeting. I was representing Mr. Mamak on behalf of India. There were several resolutions proposed by Mr. Mamak. They were appreciated by all members and were discussed in detail. Mr. Mamak had also proposed that Dr. Julian continue for another term as the President of Lux Pacifica which was passed unanimously. It was also resolved that the next event, the 7th Lux Pacifica will be held in Thailand.
7. The theme of the 6th Lux Pacifica was "Light without Borders". I have a hard copy and a CD of all the presented and poster papers. I could make the CD available at least at all State Centres of ISLE.
8. Perhaps the most important paper from ISLE's point of view was presented by Dr. Acharawan Chutarat, Instructor / Graduate Programme of School of Architecture and Design, King Mongkut's Univ. She holds a Ph.D from MIT and I met another faculty member from the same University Dr. Chanyaporn Chuntarama, Ph.D from Bartlett College in London. Dr. Chutarat presented a paper entitled "Efficient Lighting Management Curricula for ASEAN: Lessons Learnt from Its Development and Testing Processes".
9. During the concluding dinner by the poolside in Holiday Inn Dr. Chutarat indicated that she would like to hold a meeting of Lighting educators from China, Thailand, Korea and India. Dr. Hao Luoxi, Professor of Tangji Univ. also endorsed the idea. I too assured them that ISLE would sponsor lighting educators for the meeting.

Together with the witeup by Mrs. Stephanie Rogers Julian on page 19 this will give you a glimpse of the 6th Lux Pacifica.

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