



From the President's desk

Dear fellow-Members,

Thanks, in the first place, to all those who provided me an overwhelming response for my maiden issue of the communiqué.



The second month of the current year – Aug'07 – saw a plethora of activities including setting up of various committees (details overleaf), a productive meeting with IIA-India representatives, a meeting with SIRC representatives towards conducting a joint-seminar on Internal Audit etc.

Various action-oriented committees have been formed with members drawn out of the Board of Governors at our Chapter, including the office-bearers. The list of such committees together with the members representing each of them is given overleaf. The major ongoing objectives of these permanent committees (with the members changing on a periodic basis) are:

- Support professional development through conducting seminars, PDMs and conferences. Joint ventures with other related professional bodies would be considered where appropriate.
- Offer high-quality services to our members through continuous and effective interactions with IIA India and IIA Inc
- Provide wholesome communication to the members at large through web-site, Chapter Magazine and President's communiqué.
- Enlarge the membership base at our chapter (I.e. at Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Pondicherry, states under our Chapter jurisdiction) – through setting up audit clubs, tapping corporates, creation of verticals for Banking, Insurance and Government sectors etc.
- Improve and sustain good relationship with the Industry and work together for mutual benefit.

We had a productive interaction with the IIA India team on 11th August 2007 in connection with our representation to IIA Inc for autonomy. IIA India council is in the process of discussing our deliberations / proposals internally within the council. Hopefully, I should be able to share the outcome (at least in some instances) with all of you in the next despatch.

Yet another significant activity during the month was our finalizing an understanding with SIRC of ICAI for an IIA-supported seminar on Internal Audit to be hosted by ICAI on September 29th at Chennai. This marks the building up a good professional relationship with the CA institute. We also plan to hold shortly similar seminars with other professional bodies, notably ISACA.

A Professional Development Meeting was held on 10th August. Mr. Shivnath Somanathan, Head IT from Virtusa India took the participants through the nuances on Cyber Crimes and Digital Forensics. An interesting topic was made even more interesting by the articulate speaker. Those who could not make it to the programme surely do not realise what they missed.



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Composition of the new committees formed for the year 2007-08:

Committee	Member	Member	Member
Programme	Shankar Srinivash	S Rangarajan	
Industry Coordination	N Sundararajan	R Vittal Raj	Vidyadharan
Journal	P R Loganathan	JRS Reddy	
Membership	M Ramesh Kumar	L Ravi Shankar	
Website	D Swaminathan	JRS Reddy	
IIA Relations (India and Inc)	R Laxmiratan	G R Moorthi	
CIA Coordination	P C Anand	NSN Pillai	
Academic Relations	JRS Reddy		
Chapter Expansion & relations	K Vidyadharan	R Vittal Raj	

7 more new members joined the IIA through our chapter and making the total membership tally to 579 by end of August 2007. Even as we are making all efforts to improve the quality of service to our existing members, our endeavour will also be to improve the membership towards the 1000 mark in the next couple of years.

Until I meet you again through my next month communiqué with lot more information and data,

Au Revoir

JRS Reddy

10th September 2007