



From the President's desk

Dear fellow-Members,



Greetings to all of you from me and my colleagues on the board.

We, at the Board of Governors at the Madras Chapter are currently working on various measures to improve the service levels and also stay in close touch with all of you.

As a first step towards improved communication with the members of the Chapter you will be receiving a monthly bulletin from the President's desk. This communiqué would be dated 10th of each month carrying news items and happenings of the respective preceding months. It will be in soft version and thus facilitate an electronic despatch.

Items of professional interest, happenings at the Madras Chapter / IIA India / IIA Inc each month and also the plans for the following month would be the major contents of this bulletin.

With much said on the introduction part let me now take all of you through the happenings at the Chapter last month (July-07):

- AGM for the year 2006-07 was held on 3rd July, and in which the new Board / office-bearers assumed office.
 - The AGM assumes significance due to the fact that the members deliberated an unusual discussion item – i.e. 'direct affiliate' status in order to improve the service quality and make the chapter stronger.
 - At the insistence of the members present the outgoing President, R.Vittal Raj, read out the resolution together with the initial response from IIA Inc, post which the resolution was passed unanimously.
- The new office-bearers assumed office and immediately thereafter new committees, for various activities, were constituted and responsibilities identified.
 - The committee's goals and plans would be shared in my next communiqué.
- Professional Development Meet for the month of July was held on 13th July 2007. Delivery Head at EDS India, Mr.C.Rajendran, took the audience through the controls in the desalination industry.
 - It was also agreed upon that PDMs would be held on the second Fridays of each month, instead of the first Friday to make it more convenient for members who are otherwise caught up in the first weeks on month-close related activities.



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As you read this communiqué we, the Board Reps from the Madras Chapter, would have, as suggested by IIA Inc, completed our first round of discussions with the IIA India team in connection with our direct affiliation demand. Details in the next communiqué.

Before I sign off let me take this opportunity to prompt those who are yet to remit the Annual fees for the current year 2007-08, so as not to risk removal of the name from the membership register.

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

Au Revoir

JRS Reddy

10th August 2007