



From the President's desk

September 2007

Dear fellow-Members,



The best news for this month that I wanted to share with all of you relates to the resolution of the long-pending concern of most of you – yes, you guessed it right: It is the **membership ID and the web-access Pin number**. The backlog in this area had been accumulating since 2004 and it is a great relief that the status is getting current. As this communication reaches you a separate mailer carrying the Certificates, ID and the Pin number would have reached (of course, only to those for who these are due and outstanding). We must thank all those who had fought relentlessly all these years in this regard – as they say 'Rome was not built in a day'

14 new members have joined us during the month – I extend a warm welcome to all of them. With the quality of **membership** services set to improve I could easily sense the aggressive picking up of momentum in the membership drive by our membership committee and the results of which we would be witnessing in the months to come. May I request each one of you to help, through referrals, in growing our fraternity by leaps and bounds?

Two other areas which have gathered momentum this month are '**Chapter Website**' and the '**Chapter Journal**'. Both these communication media would be getting re-launched shortly with new design, contents and flavour. D.Swaminathan, our Secretary and K.Vidyadharan, our past President and currently a senior BoG member are leading the Web-site and Journal relaunches.

The joint-**seminar** with ICAI - SIRC, planned for this month, had to be deferred to December month due to unavoidable reasons. Hence, we are exploring the feasibility of holding our own seminar in the month of November – details of which will be shared with you all shortly.

The meeting process within the BoG would be going hi-tech shortly. To improve the participation levels at the **BoG meetings** it has been planned to hold 2 out of every 3 meetings through tele-conference method. A pilot was conducted very recently and based on its success it has now been decided to try out the new process for a few months before firming it up. The dual objectives of improved participation and at the same time being cost-effective have been ensured.

PDM for the month was on 'Expectations from IA in the civil industry', and was conducted by an experience veteran in this field Mr. S.Ramakrishnan, Director, M/s Viswam foundations. There was good appreciation from the participants for the unusual topic as well as the flair with which the speaker made the presentation.



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Our on-going dialogue with IIA India on the **direct-affiliation move** has culminated as of now in an action-plan document addressing most of the concerns raised by us. Clear responsibilities and target dates have been reflected against each of these action items. The document has been shared with IIA Inc – and I should be in a position to share the results in a couple of months from now.

Before I sign off I just wanted to wish all those planning to appear for the **CIA examination** good luck. Based on the level of enquiries received from the examinees the Chapter would be taking a decision with regard to holding the preparatory coaching in the coming weeks.

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

Au Revoir

JRS Reddy

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