SIT Alumni Forum Leaders Monthly Meeting update:

Date: 28-Jan-2012

Time: 8:00 AM to 9:10 AM (Pacific Standard Time)
Meeting Type: Conference call

Members Present:
Shekar B Chandrashekariaih (San Jose, CA)
Sukesh Radhakrishna (Allentown, PA)
Aditya Ashoka (Reston, VA)
Akhilesh Thyagatru (Tempe, AZ)
Prof. Basavarajaiah (Dean, Planning and Development, SIT) (20mins)

Members not present:

Umashankar Mahadevaiaih (Washington DC)
Meghana Siddappa (Sunnyvale CA)
Prasad Naryana (Cupertino, CA)
Madhuri Sarma (San Francisco, CA)
Vikram Pai (Los Angles, CA)
Satish Singh (Winnipeg Canada)
Prakash Raja (San Antonino, TX)
Venkat Raju (Huston, TX)
Ravi Doddapaneni (St. Louis, MO)
Chandrashekar Aradhya (Burlington, NJ)
Varun Chidanada (Syracuse, NY)
Prabhu Kannan (Tempe, AZ)
Dr. Sojan Lal (Abu Dhabi, UAE) International Member

Topics Discussed: (Agenda)

1. **Monthly Update by Regional and State leaders:**

    Shekar Report:

    We had 56 new members joining in last 21 days from 7th Jan 2012 to 28th Jan 2012. It is a great effort to see such numbers in 3 weeks. We are witnessing many young alumni who are studying in the US universities are coming forward and taking responsibility to build strong SIT Alumni USA Chapter. Total number of members registered in our website as of 28th Jan 2012 is 226 members and with 313 members in SIT Alumni USA Chapter with a FB and SAIU together.

    Members who are registered in SAIU are 226 members.
    Members who are yet to register from FB to SAIU are 87.

    California State had a total of 64 members with Bay area accounting for 48 members. Southern CA had 16 members with Los Angles Area 12 and San Diego 4 members.

    Next highest Strength came from New York and New Jersey combined with 31 members followed by 30 members from Texas.

    Texas Team:

    Prakash Raja: No Update

    East Coast Team:

    Chandrashekar Aradhya: No Update:

2. **SIT Alumni USA Chapter (SAIU) website review:**

    a) **Global Alumni Website:** Prof. Basavarajaiah on 7th Jan 2012 entrusted USA Chapter to develop global alumni website similar to USA chapter and transfer that back to college for maintenance. In this regard, on our special meeting on 14th Jan 2012, we decided global alumni website name as sitalumni.net, as other domain name such as sitalumni.com and sitalumni.org were not available. But in present meeting, Prof. Basavarajaiah sir, expressed that college is developing college website and hence they will also take care of global alumni page. He requested only to have guidance and advice on the features that is required for the global alumni page. So we have decided not to design for global alumni and our IT Team will work on USA Chapter website only.

b) **USA Chapter website:** Currently it is operated from weebly site. We can only have few features through this site. Hence, our IT Team headed by Sukesh decided to register a domain name and host website with all features as professional one. SIT Alumni USA chapter forum leaders agreed this and decided to register sitalumniusa.com as our new website. In coming week this site will be registered for SIT Alumni USA Chapter and all our operation will be moved from sitalumniusaweebly.com to sitalumniusa.com. Once this is operational, all features that were discussed will be implemented. Along with new features that will continue to evolve as we grow bigger and stronger.

3. **SIT Alumni USA Chapter IT Team:**

Our chapter is more active now than earlier and we are bringing in new activities for our members. In order to make effective implementation, forum leaders decided to form IT Team under the leadership of Sukesh Radhakrishna to develop all IT support for our chapter. I am happy to announce following members came forward to join IT team.

1) Sukesh Radhakrishna: IT Team Lead
2) Ravi Doddapaneni
3) Akhilesh Thyagaturu
4) Varun Chidanand
5) Aditya Ashoka
6) Prabhu Kannan

Above members will work for the new website development apart from maintaining the existing site till migration is made.

Home Page: Akhilesh
New/Existing members: Sukesh & Varun
About us/Contact us: Sukesh
ASKEP: Sukesh
Blogs: Aditya
CMS: Prabhu Kannan
Teleconference: Akhilesh
Alumni Meet: Sukesh

The features that will be worked for improving the website will continue along with new additions as below.

a) To incorporate log in features: so that members can edit and update their profile.
b) To have a filter sorting for members upon log in to search for members database either by Name, City, Branch, Year passed. So this becomes easy to locate members without under going long list of member database.

c) **ASKEP Program:** Members View their profile display: Currently, it is set up as a Blog to post profile. Instead it should be displayed as ASKEP members who are signed in to take part and upon clicking the name it will display their detailed profile and how they can help college.
d) **Job Listing and Resume Database:** This would be a new feature for alumni to make use of this board to have a reference and better networking. The Managers and Peers who have job openings in their departments can post their requirement and members can subscribe to this page, so that they get email, if any Jobs are posted. Also for a Job seeker, they can post their resume in this site. Prospective (SIT Alumni) Employer can look and recruit candidates, if they fit.
e) **User Friendly Blog:** This needs improvement.
f) **Student Beat:** A special page dedicated to Alumni who are currently in the USA universities to be in touch with each other and help students who are coming to USA for higher studies. This will be the focal point for all college related activities of both USA and SIT students.

4. **Monthly Newsletter Update:**

We requested members to come forward to lead Newsletter as chief editor. Dr. Umashankar Research Scientist of George Washington University at Washington DC took this responsibility and will be our chief Editor. We also requested names for the Newsletter and many members responded. Forum members decided to keep our Newsletter name as *SIT Connect*. This newsletter will bridge the gap between all alumni chapters and will be the mouth piece for alumni info to flow across the globe. It was decided to have a quarterly newsletter to begin with followed by increasing the frequency to bimonthly and later to monthly. This will be a global news letter with news from all around the globe. It will be published and circulated to all members of SIT Alumni. To assist Dr Umashankar, following Alumnus have come forward.

a) Santhosh Kumar: Bangalore
b) Prabhav Gaurdhadwajan: Mumbai
c) Rohit Kumar: Bangalore

In order for our members to post articles and news item to Newsletter team, a separate page will be created in our new website where authors, faculty members, Students & Alumni can post their creativity and share it globally through SIT Connect. Using CMS system, submitted articles will be delivered automatically to News team. Depending upon area of expertise, they will go through such articles for proof read, edit and will submit to Chief Editor for approval to publish. IT Team will publish selected articles in next quarterly newsletter both in Html format in our website and PDF format by email.

The content of the newsletter will have following:

a) Chapter program/Event/Activities
b) New members
c) Editorial page
d) Alumnus articles (Original) No plagiarism. Can be Technical, Management, Literature and of current events
e) Alumnus awards/recognition
f) Alumnus Product launches (Advertisement)
g) Sponsorship Advertisement
h) Employment section containing Job Openings and members selected through our section
i) SIT Students new achievements
j) SIT Faculty update and achievements
k) SIT News and information that would be related to Alumni

We request global alumnus, who wants to be part of this team to contact Shekar or Dr Umashankar and support us in bringing this newsletter to every SIT Alumni. I am thankful to Sukesh and Chandrashekar Aradhya for bringing in front page of the newsletter as a start and share it with forum leaders.

5. **Alumni Student Knowledge Exchange Program (ASKEP):**

Dr Sojan Lal and Shekar are leading this team to bring alumni knowledge back to our faculty and students in Pre-final and Final years. From 23rd -25th February 2012, there will be 2nd knowledge exchange program sessions for Pre-final year students in SIT Campus. To identify members who would be part of this team, attempt was made to contact alumni across the globe by FB and Yahoo group with 20-Jan-2012 as dead line to register. Following members have come forward to be part of this team and registered by publishing their profile at ASKEP web page. If you want to know more about ASKEP members please visit ASKEP Page at our website. Dr. Sojan Lal will lead team at college during this session and Shekar will lead remote members.

For ASKEP members who will be at SIT for 3 days, a special arrangement is made by college authorities to take care of them during their stay in well furnished Alumni Guest House. For Remote members a special video conference session is arranged to interact with college faculty and students on 25th Feb 2012. On 27th Jan 2012, few members from USA and UAE tested this video conference system and found the communication was good. A second video conference session is scheduled for 11-Feb-2012, between all the ASKEP members in order to make them familiar about the video conference, members and program details.

LIST OF ASKEP MEMBERS WHO ARE REGISTERED

First Name	Last Name	Country	State, City	Batch	Branch	Mode
Abhinandan	Subramanya	India	India Bangalore	2003-2007	BE IT	SIT Campus
Ashok	Setty	India	India Bangalore	1998-2002	BE EC	SIT Campus
Bankar	SM	India	India Bangalore	1979-1984	BE Mech	SIT Campus
Jnanesha	Sajjan	India	India Bangalore	1995-1999	BE Mech	Remote
Kiran	Chincholikar	India	India Bangalore	2003-2007	BE IT	SIT Campus
Reji Mathew	Titus	India	India Vellore	1979-1984	BE EC	SIT Campus
Santhosh	Adinaryan	India	India Bangalore	1986-1990	BE EC	SIT Campus
Sreepathi	L K	India	India Shimoga	1979-1984	BE Mech	SIT Campus
Sathyamurthy	K	India	India Bangalore	2003-2007	BE IT	SIT Campus
Jose	Abraham	UAE	UAE, Abu Dhabi	1978-1983	BE EC	Remote
Sojan Lal		UAE	UAE, Abu Dhabi	1979-1984	BE Mech	SIT Campus
Adarsh	Jagannath	USA	NJ	1998-2002	BE Mech	Remote
Adithya	Prakash	USA	FL, Orlando	2007-2011	BE EC	Remote
Aditya	Ashoka	USA	VA, Reston	2006-2010	BE EC	Remote
Akhilesh	Thyagaturu	USA	AZ, Tempe	2006-2010	BE EC	Remote
Gyanchander	Reddy Gongireddy	USA	VA, Mclean	1975-1980	BE Mech	Remote
Lokesh	Agarwal	USA	CA, San Jose	2004-2008	BE CS	Remote
Prasad	Narayana	USA	CA, Cupertino	1979-1984	BE Chem	Remote
Shailendra	Hebsur	USA	KS, Wichita			Remote
Shekar	Chandrashekariaih	USA	CA, San Jose	1986-1990	BE EC	Remote
Sukesh	Radhakrishna	USA	PA, Allentown	1988-1992	BE Mech	Remote
Umashankar	Mahadevaiah	USA	DC, Washington	1985-1989	BE Mech	Remote

We are happy to let you know that, alumni are coming forward to help our students by bringing in more innovative schemes to motivate our SIT Students to bring their talent to limelight. We will discuss with all these groups along with college authorities to see how best it can be implemented and monitored. We request SIT alumni across the globe to come forward and support our college to establish best education system and atmosphere for students to improve skill and make successful confident engineer. We are thankful to Dr. M N Channabasappa Director SIT, Dr Shivakumariah Principal SIT, Prof. Basavarajaiah, Dean Planning and Development and Prof. G A Shashikumar, President SIT Alumni Tumkur to taking interest in getting alumni back to college and develop this ASKEP forum.

5. **SIT Alumni USA Chapter First Anniversary Celebration:**

   In last meeting, we scheduled to have National meet to coincide with out first anniversary at Atlantic City, NJ on 25th Feb 2012. Due to ASKEP program at our college, we decided to postpone this event to April 7th 2012 at Atlantic City, NJ USA. The East Coast Team headed by Chandrashekar Aradhya is currently setting up committees to take it to next level. Registration for the event would soon start to open in first week of February 2012. This is an opportunity for SIT Alumni to come and meet and greet with one another and show our solidarity of support for SIT Alumni USA Chapter.

6. **SIT Alumni Member Drive:**
   A significant progress is made to identify SIT alumni in USA, Canada and other parts of the world. To improve global presence, FB group was created for Europe, Australia & New Zealand, and Middle East. In India regional groups was formed to identify alumni and bring to main SIT Alumni Tumkur FB group. In USA, we continue to strive each day to improve our presence felt by SIT Alumni who are in USA, Canada and members who would be coming to USA for Business, Pleasure or wants to know more about our members.

7. **New roles and responsibilities for State/Regional and Forum leaders:**
   This was postponed to next meeting, to have much broader discussion. We will discuss more when we have Legal registration process in USA.

Follow Up Work:

Dr. Sojan Lal will work with global alumnus to bring in more alumni to SIT Alumni Tumkur network. He will continue to lead the ASKEP Team and talk with all alumni chapters/groups to come forward and support college.

Chandrashekar Aradhya will continue to work with his East Coast team members for organizing first anniversary national meet at Atlantic City. The precise program time and other details will follow soon from him.

SIT Alumni USA Chapter IT Team will continue to work for implementing better website features as discussed above and finally implement new website portal.

I will continue to coordinate with team members and moderate this SIT Alumni USA Chapter. I will extend activities to include Public relation to bring in new members, identify leaders and develop more regional and state hubs for effectively implementing our goals. I will continue to extend support to Dr. Sojan Lal for global events and college authorities for bringing in novel programs.

I sincerely request all forum members to present in this monthly meeting in order to deliberate on the topic and come out with plan of implementation.

SIT Alumni members who would like to take part in the next meeting on 25-Feb-2012 from 8:00AM to 9:00 AM (PST) should communicate to me, so that I can reserve lines sufficiently for conference call and send invitation along with the agenda. We also encourage members to post comments/suggestions and any feedback either in our website blog or in FB.

Latest members will be circulated to Regional and Forum members.

SIT Alumni Members in The United States, Canada along with Faculty and floating members

State	Members	State	Members	State	Members
AK	1	KS	3	OH	3
AZ	4	KY	1	PA	7
CA	64	LA	1	RI	1
CO	4	MA	7	TN	3
CT	2	MI	9	TX	30
DC	3	MN	1	UT	1
DE	2	MO	3	VA	5
FL	7	MS	1	WA	6
GA	5	NC	4	WI	3
IA	1	NH	2	Declined	53
ID	1	NJ	20	India	23
IL	7	NV	1	UAE	2
IN	2	NY	11	Canada	8

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