

## **SIT Alumni Forum Leaders Monthly Meeting update:**

Date: 3-Mar-2012

Time: 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM (Pacific Standard Time)

Meeting Type: Conference call

### **Members Present:**

Shekar B Chandrashekariaih (San Jose, CA)

Prasad Naryana (Cupertino, CA)

Vikram Pai (Los Angeles, CA)

Satish Singh (Winnipeg Canada)

Venkat Raju (Huston, TX)

Prabhu Kannan (Tempe, AZ)

Akhilesh Thyagatru (Tempe, AZ)

Chandrashekar Aradhya (Burlington, NJ)

Shailendra Hebsur (Wichita, KS)

Dr. Sojan Lal (Abu Dhabi, UAE) International Member

### **Members not present:**

Umashankar Mahadevaiah (Washington DC)

Sukesh Radhakrishna (Allentown, PA) (In India)

Aditya Ashoka (Reston, VA)

Prof. Basavarajiah (Dean, Planning and Development, SIT)

Meghana Siddappa (Sunnyvale CA)

Madhuri Sarma (San Francisco, CA)

Prakash Raja (San Antonio, TX) (In India)

Ravi Doddapaneni (St. Louis, MO)

Varun Chidanada (Syracuse, NY)

## Topics Discussed: (Agenda)

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

#### Shekar's Report:

We had 25 new members registered through website between 28-Jan-2012 to 2-Mar-12. Following are the new members with their state and batch who joined in this month. I have sent a welcome email to each one of them and also take this moment to introduce to other alumni through this medium. Please welcome new members to USA chapter and look forward to grow bigger through new members.

Anupama	J	AZ, Phoenix	2003-2007	BE ISE
Sayali	Avalakki	AZ, Tucson		
Raghu	Kumar	CA, Dublin	2001-2005	BE EC
Vikram	Adithya	CA, Folsom	2002-2006	BE EC
Indu	Naidu	CA, San Ramon	1988-1992	BE EC
Anand	GL	CA, Sunnyvale	1997-2001	BE EC
Girish	Siddaganaganna	CA, Union City	1997-2001	BE EC
Surya	Challapally	Cannada, Markham	1979-1984	BE Mech
Bhavana	Shankar	CO, Boulder	2002-2006	BE EC
Shuvra	Ghosh	CT, Stamford	1996-2000	BE IEM
Shamanth	Shivakumar	CT, Stamford		
Parimalam	Viswanathan	DE, Dover	1996-2000	BE CS
Ankush	Patel	GA, Roswell	1986-1990	BE Chemical
Bipin	Gupta	India, Bangalore	1967-1972	BE Mech
Visweswara	DN	India, Bangalore	1986-1990	BE EC
Prasanna	Kumar	India, Bangalore	1994-1998	BE IP
Dinbandhu Kumar	Nayak	India, Kolkata	1998-2002	BE EC
Shailendra	Hebsur	KS, Wichita	1993-1997	BE IEM
Praghna	Parameswara	LA, Lafayette	2003-2007	BE EC
Rohit	Kumar	MA, Woburn	2002-2006	BE CS
Anusha	Seshagiri	NJ, Colonia	2003-2007	BE IT
Meghashree	Thimmappa	NJ, Edison	2002-2006	BE CS
Sridhar	Keta	TX		
Deepak	HC	TX, Arlington	2003-2007	BE CS
Manjunath	Satyanarayana Rao	TX, Plano	1987-1991	BE EE

Currently we are having 249 members who have registered at our website. Members who are in FB are 225 members and members who had not registered at our alumni website from the FB are 147. We do not have the access or database of these 147 members for their contact details other than the communication can only happen through FB to these members.

### **Mid West Regional Leader:**

We are happy to announce Shailendra Hebsur 1993-1997 Batch of IEM has come forward to lead USA Chapter Mid west region. He is from Wichita, KS settled and works for NetApp Inc as Software Development Manager. He is also one of ASKEP member who is keen to involve in SIT Alumni activities. We are fortunate to have him in our forum leadership team and look forward to have his service utilized. We are assigning following states as mid west region. Please give him your cooperation.

North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Ohio, Kansas & Illinois.

### **West Coast & CA State Leader:**

Prasad Naryan and Vikram declined to accept this position to lead CA and West Coast states. So we are still looking for the alumni who can take up responsibility and motivate members to actively participate in SIT alumni activities. At present Shekar will lead as adhoc basis until, we find a replacement for him. I encourage youngsters to come forward and become leader for CA state and west coast.

## **2. SIT Alumni IT Team Update:**

### **a) new website sitalumniusa.com is registered domain for our USA Chapter.**

Sitalumniusa.com is registered on 11-Feb-12. The new website will have SIT Alumni log underneath will have SIT Alumni USA Chapter.

### **b) Needs program schedule for hosting and transferring to new website**

Sukesh who was IT Team lead is not available for 5 weeks starting 2-Mar to 9-Apr-12. At present, he is in India, and do not have time to lead and migrate the content to new website. In order to start migrating to new website, Forum leaders assigned Prubhu to do this job and finish other tasks as well. In absence of Sukesh, Prabhu will be in-charge of IT Team. Prabhu will consent with other members of IT Team and will arrange IT Team conference call to come out with action plan by 10-Mar-12 and complete the website launch before 17-Mar-12.

### **c) Necessary publicity for this new website upon launching**

Once the IT Team comes with the action plan and upon website launch, publicity should be made in social media sites and current communication channels through email to inform members about new website features and its utilities. As this will have a log-in and password protected. We will request all the members to create a log in and check/verify the data that is present in existing database and if needs to be changes, they can make it online. After new website is running, it will be linked to college website for portability from both websites.

**e) CAS System for Newsletter Team:**

We are required to start Newsletter as it is due now. In order to have alumni to submit article, we require CAS system, where in members/alumni can submit article in the website and this submitted article will be forwarded directly to Newsletter team, who will edit and if it is acceptable will proof read and submit to chief Editor's review. The IT Team will publish both Html and PDF version in the website and email PDF Newsletter to all members.

**f) ASKEP Page Uploading:**

Another important program of USA Chapter is ASKEP, where in members take part in Knowledge Exchange program. This is a page where Students/Faculty and Alumni can have access for communication between each other. Any Alumni who would like to share his knowledge or contribute ideas to college can register his/her name in this page. All they need is submit a profile about them, Subject expertise & finally how they would like to help college/students. All the activities of the ASKEP will be in this page.

**g) SIT Alumni 1<sup>st</sup> Meet Integration:**

SIT Alumni 1<sup>st</sup> National Meet in USA is happening on 12-May-12, with a slogan name *SIT Connect 2012*. All necessary publicity of this meet will be done in different media platform, either it may be sending emails to individual members, at SIT Alumni at college website, or using social network sites such as, FB, Yahoo group, Orkut, Twitter and Linkden. Necessary info will be displayed at our website in this regard

**h) Student Upbeat Web Page:**

From ASKEP-2, we found that students back in college are interested to know more, about opportunities in USA for higher studies. Keeping this in mind, we would like to dedicate a page in our website for student's interaction, as a blog. Where both US students and SIT Students can interact and find solutions for their needs. In the last meeting, we had discussed on this topic as well, now with response from SIT Students, we are required to implement this page before our website launch. For initial launch, we will publish some website links, where students can find resources for their admission and college details. In the same page there will be list of Alumni who are pursuing higher studies in USA will be listed, so that SIT Students can contact them and know more about the college and curriculum, the university offering.

**I) 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.

### **3. Monthly Newsletter Update:**

Dr. Umashankar was not present in this meeting, when spoken off line, mentioned waiting for new website launch in order to get communicated to all SIT Alumni to start submitting articles through website using CAS system. So we need to wait for some more time to receive our first SIT Connect Newsletter under leadership of Dr. Umashankar, who is Research Scientist in George Washington State University. Washington DC.

### **4. Alumni Student Knowledge Exchange Program (ASKEP):**

We are happy to announce for successful completion of ASKEP-2 Program that was hosted by SIT College under leadership of Dr. Sojan Lal. Even though it was scheduled for 24-25, it became a 4 day event from 23-26 Feb 2012. Both SIT Management and Alumni came forward to help students to interact with members who are expertise in their subject. Following Alumni were present in person at SIT Campus and interacted with students and experience a life at campus.

===== Alumni members Available in the SIT Campus =====

- Dr Sojan Lal - SIT Campus -1979-84 Mech - Coordinator
- Mr Shoji Issac - 1979-84 (Inst Tech)
- Mr Regi Mathew Titus - 1979-84 (EC)
- Mr Santhosh Adinarayana - 1986-90 (EC)
- Mr Jacob Varghese - 1979-84 (Civil)
- Mr Santhosh Kumar G - 1979-84 (EC)
- Mr Ashok Shetty - 1998-2002 (EC)
- Prof Dr LK Sreepathi (Shimoga)
- Mr Santhosh Kumar G (Bengaluru)
- Mr Tirupur Viswanathan (Chennai) -) provided T-Shirts with SIT alumni logo.)
- Mr Joy Davis (Kerala)
- Mr Jacob Vargese (Chennai)
- Mr S J Muruksha (Bengaluru)
- Mr Paul Jacob (Cochin)
- Mr Ramesh Basappa (Bengaluru)
- Mr Abbas Ali PP (Chenani)
- Mr Onil Abraham (Abu Dhabi)
- Mr Srivilasan (Bangaluru)
- Mr Thomas Joseph (Bengaluru)
- Mr Kuruvilla Philip (Qatar)
- Mr George Varkey (Cochin)

==== Remotely connected through Video Conference =====

First Name	Place	Batch	Branch
Aditya Ashoka	VA, Reston USA	2006-2010	BE EC
Umashankar Mahadevaiah	DC, Washington USA	1985-1989	BE Mech
Vinod Seshan IAS	Assam India	2000-2004	BE EC
Shailendra Hebsur	KS, Wichita USA	1993-1997	BE IEM
Akhilesh Thyagaturu	AZ, Tempe USA	2006-2010	BE EC
Prabhu Kannan	AZ, Tempe USA	1999-2003	BE TC
Shekar Chandrashekariaih	CA, San Jose USA	1986-1990	BE EC
Prasad Narayana	CA, Cupertino	1979-1984	BE Chemical
Jose Abraham	UAE, Abu Dhabi	1978-1983	BE EC

We are thankful to college management for coming forward and extending all cooperation to achieve this success. We also thank all faculty members & students who were present during video conference and interacted with alumni. We request more and more alumni to come forward and become a mentor for current students back in college and share your knowledge. A detailed report is circulated in FB and Yahoo group member listings. It will also be updated in our ASKEP page of our website along with pictures from the event.

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

First Alumni National meeting in USA is taking place at Clarion Hotel & Convention center Atlantic City West, NJ on 12-May-12. The program will be between 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. The Conference is hosted by East Coast Team headed by Chandru Aradhaya (1982-1987 Batch Civil). Currently registration for the event is open and it can be done by following methods.

- a) Register Online:
- b) Email form to [sitconnect2012@gmail.com](mailto:sitconnect2012@gmail.com)
- c) Fax to: 1-707-313-1194
- d) Mail Form to: Niloy Chakravorty 94 Caleb Ln, Princeton NJ 08540.

Registration Fee: Till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 (Early Bird)

- a) Professional participant: \$75.00
- b) Professional participant with family: \$150.00
- c) Student participant: \$50.00

Registration Fee: Between 1-April to 30 April

- a) Professional participant: \$100.00
- b) Professional participant with family: \$200.00
- c) Student participant: \$50.00

Please make check payable to:  
Niloy Chakravorty and mail to 94 Caleb Ln, Princeton NJ 08540

For members who are going to staying in the same Hotel for 11-12 May 2012 nights a special rate is worked out and it is \$89.00 per night. Please contact chandru Aradhya for special code while booking the room through this Hotel.

Currently committees are formed to run convention successful. We also would like to have members who are interested to serve in these committees to help our East Coast team would be appreciated. If you are showcasing talent during cultural time either by you or your family members, please contact Adarsh:

[jadarsh@gmail.com](mailto:adarsh@gmail.com)

If you have any questions, please contact following personal.

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Other details of the programs will be followed soon.

**6. SIT Alumni members drive (By Members)**

We would like to request all SIT Alumni to contact their friends who haven't registered at our website and make them to be part of the USA Chapter. We also request to take part in decision making meetings that will be held every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month between 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM (Pacific Standard Time)

Vikram Pai and Prubhu are made as Publicity members of our USA Chapter. They will work with forum leaders and convey the decisions to SIT Alumni. They will identify potential members who can take up this responsibility in every region.

**7. Registration of SIT Alumni USA chapter in USA for legal recognition.**

Forum leaders in today meeting decided to postpone this agenda for First Alumni meeting at Atlantic City, we are going to discuss during our general body meeting that will be held during the meet.

**8. Forum & State Leader's roles and responsibilities for 2012 year**

couldn't take up this discussion due to time constraints.

I request all Forum leaders to be present in time, so that we can start and finish the meeting more professional.

Follow Up Work:

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 my 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 time during 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 24-Mar-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 leaders, all other members can visit website for member details.

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