

SIT Alumni Forum Leaders Special Meeting update:

Date: 14-Jan-2012

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 AM (Pacific Standard Time)

Meeting Type: Conference call

Members Present:

Shekar B Chandrashekariaih (San Jose, CA)

Prakash Raja (San Antonino, TX)

Venkat Raju (Huston, TX)

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

Sukesh Radhakrishna (Allentown, PA)

Ravi Doddapaneni (St. Louis, MO)

Chandrashekar Aradhya (Burlington, NJ)

Prasad Naryana (Cupertino, CA)

Satish Singh (Winnipeg Canada) (Canada Leader)

Umashankar Mahadevaiah (Washington DC)

Vikram Pai (Los Angles, CA)

Aditya Ashok (Reston, VA)

Akhilesh Thyagaturu (Tempe, AZ)

Prabhu Kannan (Tempe, AZ)

Members not present:

Meghana Siddappa (Sunnyvale CA)

Varun Chidananda (Syracuse, NY)

Topics Discussed: (Agenda)

1. Alumni Website Domain: winner SITalumni.net

The discussion took place for various domain names for global alumni website. The contender was SITalumniusa.com, SITAlumni.com, SITAlumni.org, SITAlumni.net and SITAlumni.edu. SITalumni.org and SITalumni.com were taken by Silliguri Institute of Technology Alumni and we were only left out with 2 domains. As we were thinking for a global alumni website, it was decided to have either SITAlumni.edu or SITAlumni.net. But .edu was not assigned to India and hence we had a support to go for SITAlumni.net for global alumni. We are going to register this domain name and will build a website with all features with the help of our IT Team. The current website will exist until, we make new website up and running with full proof and free from bugs. We move all data base to Global Alumni website from the current website and hand over its operation to college authorities. Final Year Students and Faculty of SIT will continue to update the content, database and maintain system operational. From this point time, US IT Team will monitor and advice necessary changes, if needed from time to time to improve its portal look.

The college authorities will provide a link from the college website and will be interconnected to all Alumni chapters from Main Alumni website. They will authorize some of the administrative powers to these chapters to access data and publish their events coming under their area.

2. SIT Alumni Newsletter & Team. Winner: *SIT Connect*

As in the last week, there was a discussion for having a name for the monthly global alumni newsletter. Following Newsletter name was suggested by the members.

Graduated,
Aseem
Sitian's Letter
Connect
Explore
SIT Alumni News (SAN)
Upbeat
SIT Times
Vision
SIT Mail
Myraid

Upon discussing with attended members it was decided to have a Newsletter name as *SIT Connect*. This name gives a meaning to connect back to SIT through this media and deliver news to alumni from the alumni.

The newsletter *SIT Connect* needed a Chief Editor to bring out this newsletter. After deliberation for the editor office period, it was decided to have minimum 1 year term to publish this newsletter under his supervision. Umashankar came forward to take this responsibility to bring out this Newsletter under his editorship.

Mr. Santhosh Kumar from Bangalore and Mr. Prabhav Gaurdadhwan had come forward to support for this Newsletter and they will work under the leadership of Umashankar who is Prof. at George Washington University, Washington DC. The IT support team will take responsibility of publishing in Html at website and also send it to members through email in PDF format. (Sukesh Radhakrishna is leading the IT Team). The IT team will set up a web page, where members can post their articles. Photos, News items and other Alumni related activities that are taking place. Umashankar and team will edit and publish from here.

This newsletter is pertaining to SIT Alumni activity. It typically contain 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 this section

We keep improving Newsletter as we move forward.

3. First Alumni National Meet:

Last week we had decided to have USA Chapter first year anniversary celebrated as National Meet at Atlantic City, NJ on 26-27 Feb 2012. Due to date clash with ASKEP program that is taking place in College from 25-26 Feb 2012, it was decided to postpone this event by a month to April 1st week, when we have Spring Break. This would allow more time for Chandrashekar Aradhya who is East Coast leader to contact alumni and form various committees to help him for hosting this event. The new date for First SIT Alumni USA Chapter National meet is happening in Atlantic City on 7th-8th April 2012. This would be a one day event from 7th April 2012 Saturday Morning to 8th Sunday Morning.

I should thank Dr. Sojan Lal for giving his valuable advice and experience for our team and recommending important tips to take care for this event. Chandrashekar Aradhya will bring up a program schedule and will post to all members for Early Bird Registration along with the Early Bird Discount, Gate Registration Fee, Cut off date and logistics for fund transfer. There is also an action plan to check, if any members of SIT faculty be invited for this meet. But decision will be made depending upon the response of the registration. The IT Team will help Chandrashekar Aradhya and team to get connected with members and advertise in necessary platform. The fund rising can be done by special sponsorship programs with the help of local groups, individuals & organizations.

4. ASKEP Program:

The Alumni Student Knowledge exchange program (ASKEP) is being organized in college by Dr. Sojan Lal and team on February 24th and 25th 2012. Eminent members will take part in this event and interact with Pre-final year students of ISE, CS and MCA to improve their skill.

In order for USA members and global alumni to take part remotely, we need to test video conferencing facility that is available in college in co-ordination with System Administrator Mr. Suresh Kumar Boopalan (sureshbas@hotmail.com) from the college. There are various platforms through which members can log in and interact. The IT Team will come out best solution for this project and communicate to all the ASKEP members to sign in and check performance of the system before the ASKEP program. We have 6 more weeks for this program and hence we have to act fast. Sukesh's team & Dr Sojan Lal will coordinate with him to test and host this program during 24th-25th Feb 2012.

Currently 6 members from the USA team have registered. We request alumni who are interested in this program to come forward and register before 20th Jan 2012 at the website link below.

<http://sitalumniusa.weebly.com/askep.html#/news/>

5. SIT Alumni USA Chapter IT Team:

Inception of SIT Alumni USA Chapter website, we are having a very good progress in the membership drive. Now, it is needed to automate our database and be up to date in website content. In order to improve website performance, Sukesh and Ravi was assigned for this job last week. We also had more responsibility to build a global alumni website, database, integration, testing, video conference support and Newsletter publication. We required dedicated IT Savvy alumni to support these projects. We are lucky enough to have following members who are very enthusiastic and volunteered to support USA Chapter to implement these projects and successfully delivery it.

Sukesh Radhakrishna (IT Team Lead)
Ravikanth Doddapaneni
Varun Chidananda
Aditya Ashoka
Akhilesh Thyagaturu
Prabhu Kannan

The IT Team will meet and discuss about above programs and members responsibility, so that best talent can be put in to use to deliver work at the earliest.

I am sorry for any interruptions during the meeting. We had 13members in the meeting instead of 7 to 8 members and this might have resulted in little bit of confusion and over talk. We will try to improve the quality of meeting by requesting members to be in time and also give the opportunity to express.

SIT Alumni members who would like to take part in the next meeting on 28-Jan-2012 from 8:00AM to 9:00 AM (PST) should communicate to me, so that I can reserve the lines sufficiently for the conference call and send the invitation along with the agenda. We also encourage members to post comments/suggestions and any feedback either in our website blog or in FB.

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