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## International Conference EPSCICON 2010



Dignitaries at prayer during the inaugural ceremony of EPSCICON 2010



Inaugural Session of EPSCICON 2010. Padmabhushan Dr. Thomas Kailath lighting the lamp.

International Conference EPSCICON 2010 was organized by the Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department in January 2010. The Conference consisted of workshops held at Vidya Academy of Science & Technology on 03-01-10 and sessions of invited papers and contributed papers held at Casino Hotels International, Thrissur during 04 - 06 January 2010.

The 6 workshops that had been conceived included tutorials led by Prof. Biswa Nath Datta, from Illinois University, USA, (Nuances of computer aided control systems), Prof. T N P Nambiar assisted by Prof. Sindhu T K and Ms. Shubha (Transients in electromechanical systems with simulations using ORCAD and PSPICE), Prof. Geetha TV and Ms. Rajeshwari Sridhar

from Anna University, (Carnatic music features and signal processing), Er. Murugesan N, Chief Manager, TCE, (Power System Automation), Er. Ramachandran P and Er. John Joseph, executives from Indian Plumbing Council (Nuances of plumbing in multi-storied buildings), and Prof. Jayanta Pal from IIT Kharagpur (Model Order Reduction and Controller Design).

In addition to about 75 faculty members from this college 40 members from other colleges, including IIT Kharagpur, NIT Kurukshetra, NIT Calicut, GEC Thrissur, RIT Kottayam, TEC Quilon, Kalasalingam CoE TN, IES Chittilapilly, RMD CoE Chennai, SVM EC Maharashtra, etc. and institutions like CAD centre, KSEB, Apollo Tyres, etc. and 20 students from our department attended.



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The inaugural programme of the Conference held at Casino Hotels International on 4<sup>th</sup> started with Prof. Biswa Nath Datta in the chair and Padmabhushan Prof. Thomas Kailath (America Hitachi Professor Emeritus, Stanford University) and Prof. GRC Reddy (Director, NIT Calicut) as chief guests. Dr. D Balakrishnan delivered the welcome address and Prof. Sudha Balagopalan followed it up with a conference overview. Prof. Datta, in his presidential address was appreciative of the endeavour by an institution, which is very young. After the formal inauguration and a short video clipping depicting the conference hosts and personalities, Prof. Kailath and Prof. GRC Reddy delivered keynote addresses. Mr. PC Chacko (Member of Parliament, Thrissur) blessed the conference with fine words of encouragement and appreciation. Dr. P Pratapachandran Nair (Prof. Emeritus, VAST) also spoke on the occasion. Principal Dr. S P Subramanian proposed the vote of thanks.

The session of invited lectures was started by a talk by Prof. Thomas Kailath (Mathematical Engineering: Origins and Impacts). Other distinguished personalities who gave invited lectures during the three days of the conference included Prof. B N Datta, Prof. B M Mohan (IIT, Kharagpur), Prof. Karabi Datta (Illinois University), and Prof. James Bunch (University of California, San Diego), Prof. Narayanan Komerath (GIT, Atlanta), Prof. Amit Bhaya (Federal University of Rio De Janeiro), Prof. S S Mani Venkata (University of Washington), Prof. V K Damodaran (INGCORE & UNIDO representative), Prof. Shanker Bhattacharya (Texas AMU), Prof. Galkowski (University of Zielona Gora, Poland) and Prof. Sergeji Fatikow (University

of Oldenburg, Germany).

The evening of second day witnessed heart throbbing music recital in *Sarod* by Prof. Shanker Bhattacharya accompanied by Sri. Gourishanker on *Tabla*. Another solemn ceremony of honouring Prof. B.N Datta followed.

Presentations of contributed papers stretched during the three days in 3 parallel sessions on discipline streams like - Power Electronics, Energy, Communication, Networking, Power Quality, Controls, Electrical machines, Signal processing and Computation. A total of 67 papers were presented.

The conference concluded with a valedictory function held at 4.00 pm on 06-01-10. An International Conference on Engineering of such a high stature was being held at Thrissur for the first time and the feedbacks of invited dignitaries and other participants highlighted the success of the event.



Prof. Thomas Kailath being honoured by Prof. Biswa Nath Datta during the inaugural ceremony of EPSCICON 2010

## From the Principal's Desk

A Touching Story.....



A man was polishing his new car; his 4 yr old son picked up a stone and scratched on the side of the car. In anger, the furious Man took his child's hand & hit him many times, not realizing he was using a wrench. At the hospital, the child lost all his fingers due to multiple fractures.

Later on, the child asked his father, with tear filled eyes "Dad, when will my fingers grow back?" The man was so hurt and speechless. He went back to the car and kicked it many times, devastated by his own actions...

Sitting in front of the car he looked at the scratches, His son had written 'LOVE YOU DAD'. Pained by his thoughtless action, he committed suicide...

ANGER and LOVE have no limits...Always remember...."Things are to be used and people are to be loved" .But the problem in today's world is....

"People are being USED & Things are being LOVED"

Dear students,

Love your parents, everyone you come across and the nature, the basic cause for your existence and try to control your emotions!

Dr.S.P.Subramanian  
Principal

## AION 2010



*Dr. M.R Sreedharan Nair inaugurating AION 2010*

AION 2010, a science fest for 1st year B.Tech students was conducted during 29-30, January 2010. The function was inaugurated by Dr. M R Sreedharan Nair, former Principal of Govt. Engineering College, Thrissur. Dr. D Balakrishnan, Academic Director, VAST presided over the function. Dr. S P Subramanian, Principal, VAST welcomed the gathering. Dr. P Pratapachandran Nair, Prof. Emeritus, VAST also spoke on the occasion. Dr. P Raveendran, Reader in Chemistry, University of Calicut presented a talk on "Nano Science & Nano Technology- fundamentals and its importance".

In the afternoon session of the first day, intercollegiate paper presentation contest and Quiz competition were conducted.

On the second day, Dr. K R Dayas, Director C-MET, Thrissur delivered a talk on "Recent Trends in Material Science & Device Fabrication". A Poster presentation contest and debate followed.

## NCHIP'10 National Conference



*Inaugural session of NCHIP '10 Mr. Siddhartha Bhattacharya lighting the lamp*

The National Conference on Human computer interaction and Image Processing (NCHIP '10) was organized by Department of CSE & Department of Computer Applications on 18 and 19 March 2010. The conference was inaugurated by Mr. Siddhartha Bhattacharya (CEO, Info Park, Cochin). Invited talks of eminent personalities like Dr. K.P.Soman (Head, CEN, Amrita School of Engineering, Coimbatore), Dr. V. Subbiah Bharathi (Dean, DMI College of Engineering, Chennai) and Dr. Gylson Thomas (Professor of CSE, MES College of Engineering, Kuttipuram) added glory to the conference. 44 participants from various parts of the country attended the conference and presented papers on their research area.

The paper presentation sessions were chaired by Dr. R. Vijayakumar (Professor, NSS College of Engineering, Palakkad, Dr. M N Agnisarman Namboodiri (Prof & HOD CSE, Vidya Academy of Science & Technology), Dr. Leena Mary (Professor, RIT Kottayam) and Dr. Gylson Thomas (Professor, MES College of Engineering, Kuttipuram).

## SYZYGY-2010



*SYZYGY-2010 being inaugurated by Mr. Christo George.*

The Departments of Electronics & Communication Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, and Master of Computer Applications jointly organized a national level technical and management fest "SYZYGY'10" during 30-31, March 2010. Sri. Christo George, Chairman & Managing Director of Hykon Group of Companies, Thrissur inaugurated the programme. Dr. SP.Subramanian, Principal, VAST presided over the function. Dr.D.Balakrishnan, Academic Director, VAST, Er.K.R.Brahmadathan, Exe. Director, VICT and Dr. P Pratapachandran Nair, Prof. Emeritus, VAST spoke on the occasion. A series of events such as paper presentations, Debugging contests, Entrepreneurship meet, Robotics & Embedded Systems workshop, Best Manager, Digital Designing, Mobile photography etc. Followed.

## SECOND ALUMNI MEET



Office bearers of Vidya Alumni 2010-11

Second Alumni Meet was conducted on 26th January 2010 at college campus. Academic Director Dr. D. Balakrishnan, Prof. Emeritus Dr. P. Pratapachandran Nair, and Principal Dr. S.P. Subramanian attended. 160 members were present and they shared their post - Vidya experiences. A special gift of commemorative T-Shirts were distributed to everyone.

## WORKSHOPS /SEMINARS

Mr Jinto. A J, Lecturer, ME and Ms. Nirmalakrishnan, Lecturer, CE attended the training programme - Mission 10X at Royal College of Engineering during 04-08 January 2010.

Prof.K V Leela presented a talk on "Principles of Structural Designs" at the training programme for final year Civil Engineering students of the Engineering colleges in Thrissur district, organised by Nirmithi Kendra, Thrissur.

Mrs.Deepa Mohan, Asst. Prof, CE, presented a paper on "Discursive examination of demographical variables and their impact on organisational commitment" in the International Conference on Materials, Mechanics and Management at College of Engineering, Trivandrum during 14-16, January 2010

Ms. Geethu P C & Ms. Remya P C attended Deep Dive Faculty Enablement Programme (FEP) of Campus Connect programme (a venture of Infosys Technologies Ltd) at Amrita School of Engineering, Amritapuri, Kollam during 18-22, January 2010.

Ms. Babitha K Kuniyil, Lecturer, Physics attended 6 day training programme on "NanoScience & Nano Technology", sponsored by

the Directorate of Technical Education at Govt Engineering College, Thrissur during 18-23-January 2010.

Dr. V. N. Krishnachandran, Head of the Department of Computer Applications, gave a talk on "LaTeX Document Preparation System" in a short term course organised by Department of CSE, Government Engineering College, Thrissur, together with the Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Kerala on 19-01-10.

Mr. Dijesh P, Sr. Lecturer, MCA, presented a paper on "Cyber Crime" at C-DAC, Tirur, Malappuram Dt., in a training programme for the police personnel in Kerala on 01-02-10. The programme was in connection with CCTNS (Crime & Criminal Tracking Network and Systems) Project, a project sponsored by the Central Government and implemented by C-DAC.

Mr. Dileep K, Asst. Prof., ME, attended a short term training programme on "CAD/CAM/CAE & CNC/ROBOTICS Programming", sponsored by the Directorate of Technical Education at Govt Engg College, Kannur during 01-06, February 2010.

Mrs. Deepa Mohan, Asst. Professor, CE attended a one day National workshop on "Economics, Engineering and Society" organized by Dept. of Mechanical Engineering and Centre for continuing education held at National Institute of Technology, Calicut on 11-02-10


Faculty members and students of Civil Engineering Department attended a workshop on "COSTX" software specifically for the Quantity Surveying and Estimating by the integration between CAD and Estimating", led by Mr. Sujith Sivanad, Director, Acette Technologies, Australia at VAST under the banner of ISTE, VAST CHAPTER on 20-02-10


Mr. Kaushik M, Asst. Prof., CSE, attended a 3 day national workshop on "Wireless Computing & Mobile Ad-Hoc Networks" at Sahrdaya College of Engineering & Technology, Kodakara during 18-20, February 2010.


Prof. V A Sudhakaran, HoD, CE presented a talk on "Rain Water Harvesting", in a short term course "GREEN ENVIRONMENT" conducted by Govt. Engineering College, Thrissur on 24-02-10.

Mrs. Abhilasha P S, Sr. Lecturer, CE and Ms. Sherin K S, Lecturer, CE attended a training programme on "Open Source GIS- GRASS" organized at INTEGRATED RURAL TECHNOLOGY CENTRE (IRTC), Mundur, Palakkad during

25-26, February 2010.

 Mrs. Divya Mohanan, Sr. Lecturer, CE and - Aswathy Radhakrishnan, Jinju Jose, Reeba Job, Reshmi T and Sruthy Sagar (Student of S8 CE) attended a seminar on "GO GREEN"- Green Building Architecture and Exhibition at Gokulam convention centre, Cochin on 05-03-10.

 Mrs. Nirmala Krishnan, Lecturer, CE, Jinto AJ, Lecturer, ME, Ashwathy MR, Lecturer, CSE and Rakesh VS, Lecturer, ECE attended the Wipro Mission 10X advanced workshop held at Jyothi Engineering College, Thrissur during 09-10, March 2010.

 Prof. K.V .Leela, Professor, Civil Engineering department, delivered a lecture on "Advances in Structural Steel Design as per IS 800-2007" in a short term training programme for Engineering college teachers conducted at Govt Engineering College, Thrissur during 23- 25, March 2010. Ms. Ligy V, Lecturer, CE, attended the programme.

## KUDOS'10




*Distributing the prizes for toppers in their First year university examinations.*


The Recently published S1S2 (2008 Admission) University results brings us immense pride and success. Among the Engineering colleges affiliated to Calicut University, our college stands on top in first year results from the records available. The College PTA committee organised an appreciation meeting on 18.01.2010 to congratulate the students and distributed sweets and gifts on the occasion.


## Training & Placement

 Vidya Academy of Science & Technology has entered into a MoU with IBM. VAST is a member institute in the IBM Rational Software University


Relations Program - Software Engineering for Educational Development (SEED).


 A four day "Train the Trainer" training session was conducted by Mr. Anil Jose Mathew from Cranes Software International Limited, Bangalore at Advanced Computer Lab during 13-16, January 2010. The training program was on Object-Oriented Analysis & Design (OOAD) with UML & IBM Rational software. 11 faculty members from the Department of Computer Science & Engineering and the Department of Computer Applications participated in the training program.

 Mission 10X advanced workshop for the faculty was conducted at the college campus during 27-28, January 2010. The advanced workshop was handled by Prof. S L Satheesh Kumar, Wipro Technologies Ltd. 12 faculty members participated in the programme from our college.


 A Principals' meet was held on 10-03-10 at Trivandrum organized by Infosys Technologies Ltd related to the campus connect program. Dr. S P Subramanian, Principal, VAST and Mr. Paul Chackola, Placement Director, VAST attended the programme.

 Mr. Arunabh Vijaykumar (S8 CE) got selected by M/s Sobha Developers after the interview held at Bangalore .

 M/s Escube/IHRD paid training in IBM mainframes and subsequent placement conducted their CRD 2010 at our campus on Wednesday, 10-03-10. 29 students were short listed from 134 who appeared for the selection. The final selection list is awaited.

 Our college Participated in the Tata Consultancy Services campus recruitment drive at Dr. Mahalingam College of Engineering and Technology, Pollachi during 23-24, March 2010. Eight students from our college have been selected.

## Republic Day Celebrations

 The 61<sup>st</sup> Republic Day of India was celebrated at our campus. The National Service scheme unit organized a Debate on 'Thelungana' and a Poster Making Contest on Anti Terrorism. In the debate Mr. Suneesh R C & Vazir Rehman (S8 ECE), Mr.Robio R Chazhoor & Mr.Joel Paul James (S1 S2 F Batch) and Mr. Madhav.K & Anoop.K.P (S4 PE) secured first, second and third place respectively. In the Poster Making Contest, Mr. Chaithanyan M ( S1 S2 C batch), Mr. Sreehari K M (S4 MCA) and Ms. Sangeetha (S8 CE) secured first, second and third places respectively.

## NSS Activities

### MANAVA KARUNYA YATHRA



Prayer Session- Fr. Davis Chiramel and other dignitaries during the reception accorded to Manava Karunya Yathra team

Our National Service Scheme units organized a reception to "Manava Karunya Yathra" led by Fr. Davis Chiramel, Chairman, Kidney Federation of India, on 17-02-10. The statewide Yathra commenced on 10-02-10 from Kasaragod and reached Thiruvananthapuram on 2-03-10.

The Yathra was meant for reaching the message for providing better health services including the facilities for dialysis, kidney transplantation etc. to the economically backward kidney patients and also to create an awareness among the general public on kidney diseases.

In the meeting Dr. S P Subramanian, Principal, VAST welcomed the gathering Er. K R Brahamadathan, Exe. Director, VICT, presided over the function and Er. G Mohanachandran, Project Director, VICT and Vice-Chairman, Kidney Federation of India, delivered introductory address. Fr. Davis Chiramel, in his address, emphasized on the factors which led to the formation of such an organization, its functions, aims and objectives. Sri. T I Chacko, General Secretary, Kidney Federation of India, also spoke on the occasion.

The Principal handed over to Fr. Chiramel, the contribution collected from the Staff and Students of Vidya Academy of Science & Technology.

### Red Ribbon Express Visit

The Programme Officers and 30 NSS Volunteers visited Red Ribbon Express at Thrissur Railway station on 04-03-10. The idea of red ribbon express was to create awareness of and provide information about AIDS.

## IEEE Activities

### AGM of IEEE Kerala Section

The AGM 2010 of IEEE Kerala Section was held at Mascot Hotel in Trivandrum on 23-01-10. Nitin Padmanabhan, Lecturer, EEE and three students, Balakrishnan V K (S7 EEE), Amrit P S (S5EEE) and Sajal Iype Kurien (S5 PE) represented IEEE Student Branch, VAST at the AGM. IEEE Student Branch of our college received the award for the Student Branch for organizing maximum number of events in the year 2009 under Kerala section.

## SPORTS & GAMES

Mr. Madhav K of PE S4 won third prize in the Calicut University Judo Championship held at St. Joseph's College Irinjalakuda on 22-01-10.

Mr. Robao Chazhoor and Mr. Nikhil of S1 S2 secured third position in the Inter Collegiate Sports Quiz Competition organized by Olympian Sports Club Irinjalakuda at Town Co Operative Bank auditorium on 22-01-10

The College Yoga team secured third place in the Inter Collegiate Yoga Championship held at NSS College Nenmara on 02-02-10.

A programme for introducing Yoga and honouring the College Yoga team who secured third position in the Calicut University Inter Collegiate Championship held at NSS College Nenmara, was organized at College Conference Hall on 11-02-10. Er. K.R. Brahmadathan, Executive Director, delivered a talk on Yoga, its Principles & Benefits. Principal Dr. S.P. Subramanian presided over the function. Various Yogasanas were performed by the College Yoga team members.

The College Table Tennis Women and Men teams secured First and Second place respectively in the PECSAGA Inter Collegiate Table Tennis Tournament held at Sahrdaya College of Engineering and Technology, Kodakara on 05-02-10.

The College Shuttle Badminton Men team secured First place in the PECSAGA Inter Collegiate Shuttle Badminton Tournament held at Sahrdaya College of Engineering and Technology, Kodakara on 05-02-10.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Nishant Sankaran, Viswanathan K and Don Mathew ( S8 CSE) won 2nd prize in All Kerala

Programming Contest conducted in connection with Campus Connect programme of Infosys Technologies Ltd. The State Final round was held at Infosys Technologies Ltd., Trivandrum Development Center (DC) SEZ Campus on 26-02-10. They also participated in the National Final round of programming contest conducted in connection with Campus Connect programme of Infosys Technologies Ltd at Hyderabad Development center on 19-03-10.



Nishant Sankaran



Viswanathan K



Don Mathew

Arathy R.Nair and Mridula Sasikumar (S6 ECE) won 2nd prize in paper presentation contest held at SCMS Karukutty

Ms. Anu A S (S3 CSE) secured an annual scholarship of Rs. 3500 for the academic year 2009-10 from The Institution of Engineers (India), Kolkata.

### CIVIL ENGINEERING ASSOCIATION

Civil Engineering Association celebrated the third anniversary on the World water day (22-03-10) Dr. R P R Nair, former Prof. and Head, Department of Civil Engineering, GEC, Thrissur, a well known Teacher and Structural Consultant, was honoured on the occasion. Sudheer Padikkal, Dy. Director Interstate Water Wing of Irrigation Department of Kerala, delivered the key note address related to the World Water Day. A Debate and an Inter Collegiate Quiz competition were conducted as part of the programme.

### ISTE



Er. L N Sethumadhavan talking on "Towards a positive thinking"

Er.L.N.Sethumadhavan, Retd. Sr. Dy. General Manager-TQM and IT- of L&T Limited, Hazira Works, Surat, delivered a talk on "TOWARDS POSITIVE THINKING" at Vidya Academy of Science & Technology on 01-03-10 under the banner of ISTE Student Chapter.

### Energy Conservation Society Award



Dr. S P Subramanian, Principal receiving the Energy conservation award from Sri. K P Rajendran, Hon. Minister for Revenue

Vidya Academy of Science & Technology was selected for the "Energy Conservation Award 2009" in the category of Educational Institutions by Energy Conservation Society for the outstanding contribution made towards energy conservation, during the year 2009. College was adjudged the best among the educational institutions in Thrissur district. Sri. K P Rajendran, Hon. Minister for Revenue, Govt. of Kerala gave away the award to the college authorities in a function held at Hotel Pearl Regency, Thrissur on 13-03-10.

### VSSC- Group Tutors Training Programme



Dr. Reghu Nandhanan speaks during group tutors training programme

Vidya Students Support Cell with the objective of equipping the faculty to extend emotional support to the students, organized a training programme for the group tutors in the college seminar hall on 20-03-10

Dr. Reghu Nandan, BSc, MSW, MCH (Hon), Medical counselor & Senior Fellow, Hypno therapy at Vijayasree eye hospital, Thrissur was the trainer. A total of 40 faculty members participated in the training programme.

### INDUSTRIAL MOTIVATION CAMPAIGN

A one day Industrial Motivation Campaign (IMC) was conducted by the Entrepreneurial Development Club of VAST in association with MSMEDI (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises-Development Institute), Government of India on 15-03-10. 80 students participated in the programme. The objective of the campaign was to promote entrepreneurship amongst the students and motivate them to take up entrepreneurship as a career.

### Annual Sports Day 2009-10



Sri. T K Thomas hoisting the flag during college sports day 2010

Vidya Academy of Science and Technology organized the Annual Sports Day on 26-03-10. The inaugural ceremony of the Sports Day commenced with the torch bearing by Mr. Rahul C.R, Captain of College Athletic Team. Sri. T.K. Thomas DySP, Kunnamkulam inaugurated the meet and received salute from the Athletes and hoisted the College Flag. Dr. S.P. Subramanian, Principal, VAST delivered the welcome speech. Er. K.R. Brahmadathan, Executive Director, VICT, Dr. P. Pratapachandran Nair, Prof. Emeritus, VAST and Sri. P.V. Shaji, P.T.A. President attended the programme. Mr. Thomas Selvan, General Captain, Student Senate, VAST, took the Oath on behalf of all the athletes of the college.

### Sustainable Energy Week Celebrations

Sustainable energy week was celebrated under the auspices of ECEC during 25-29, March 2010. An essay writing competition was held for the first year B-Tech students on 25-03-10. On 26-03-10 an Earth Hour Campaign was done through out the

college. An orientation programme about Earth Hour was organised for all the students. The inmates of the college hostels observed the Earth Hour on 27-03-10.

An extempore speech competition was conducted for the first year B-Tech students On 29-03-10. Dr. G S L H V Prasada Rao, Prof. & HoD, KAU, gave a talk on "Climate Change and Food Security" at the end of the celebration. Prizes for the competitions were distributed by Dr. Prasada Rao in the valedictory function. The following students won prizes in the competitions.

#### Essay Writing

1. Arjun Vinod
2. Athira Aravind

#### Extempore Speech

1. Arjun Vinod
2. Lakshmi Devadas

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