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UPDATE ON CEGAM



The College of Engineering Guindy Global Alumni Meet, CEGAM 2011, has gained huge momentum and registrations for participation are increasing day by day as July 3, 2011 is approaching. This is the first time such an event is being organized. There were over 300 registrations by June 15.. We expect about 500 alumni from various locations within India, US and other countries to attend the meeting in person. Emails and phone calls are pouring from all over the World congratulating us for organizing this event and every Alumni is willing to contribute to the event in one form or the other.

The members of CEGAM organizing team is meeting every Saturday at 10.30 am in AACEG Centre. The number of participants in these meeting is increasing. AACEG office bearers Natarajan, President AACEE and Sakthinathan, Secretary AACEG are keen on making the event a great success. Sekar, Dean CEG, despite his busy schedule never misses any meetings. With his help, CEGAM volunteers conducted a corporate registration drive at TCS, Siruseri. Jayaprakash of TCS coordinated this effort and the registration drive helped us promote the event in TCS.

Jay Srinivasan from Boston has taken part in the meetings offering his suggestions, sometimes calling us even after midnight. Kriba Narasimhan from Bay Area has been instrumental in conducting volunteer meetings in US and offering constructive suggestions

Some of the objectives of CEGAM like connecting alumni in different locations

and formally creating regional chapters are already taking shape, with Alumni in USA Alumni leading the way. There is very good response from Alumni from all over the world to our requests.

In order to facilitate the participation of Alumni living abroad, Video Conferencing is being planned using Webex services. Our thanks to Arun Muthukumar of CISCO, who made it possible. We welcome all the alumni to log-in to Webex Conference. Details of log-in will be published in www.cegam.in shortly.

CEGAM face book group has become a vibrant hub with discussions, suggestions and feedback from different batches of Alumni. The young Alumni are very active in the Web 2.0 community making the member strength to 2515 as on June 13, 2011. Thanks to Vish Vishwanathan of 1985, CEGAM group has successfully linked so many of these Alumni.

As suggested by some Alumni, a start-up showcase of ventures promoted by CEG Alumni is being planned at the venue. Those Alumni, who have start-up businesses, are encouraged to take part in this segment. If you are interested, please send a mail to cegamceg@gmail.com to get details on how to take part in this programme.

We have added a few more young alumni as panelists and the details are being updated in CEGAM website. Successful young entrepreneurs and a young IAS officer

will be participating in the meet. An Unconference session is also planned to facilitate participation by all the Alumni to voice their ideas.

We urge you not to miss this opportunity to make a great contribution to the Alumni cause at CEG. Go ahead and sign up now at www.cegami.in and bring your batch mates on July 03, 2011.

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ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS NEED UPDATING



Alumni are requested to update their addresses at ACEG Web Site (www.cegalumni.org) through the ALUMNI REGISTRATION LINK. E MAIL ID s and Cell Phone Numbers are essential to maintain communication with alumni. At present available mail addresses of a majority of members are out of date and their E MAIL IDs and mobile phone numbers are also not available..

CLOSURE OF SOME ENGINEERING COLLEGES

The number of seats available in about 490 Engineering Colleges in Tamil Nadu for the year 2011-12 is about two lakhs.

The seats available in major branches of Engineering are, Electronics and Communications-39000, Computer Science - 36000, Mechanical - 25000, Electrical and Electronics - 25000, Information Technology - 25000, Civil - 15000.

The number of application forms sold this year is about 170000 compared to 200000 last year. It is expected that 80000 to 90000 seats will be vacant after the admission process is over. There is a strong possibility that a few engineering colleges may have to close down due to lack of adequate student strength.

PRAGMATIC IDEAS FROM CEG BAY AREA GROUP



Ramaswamy with Thayumanavan Sridhar and Kribakaran Narasimhan of Bay Area Group at Sunnyvale, California, USA

Kribakaran (1983, Mech) and Sridhar (1984 ECE) hosted a dinner for Ramaswamy at Sunnyvale on June 2, 2011.

Ramaswamy briefed them on the wide ranging programs of CEG Alumni Association which are organized throughout the year. They were appreciative of the Career Guidance and Student Counseling programs and of the accommodation provided within the CEG campus at the Alumni Centre.

They expected CEGAM to be a permanent feature and to become bigger in the coming years. They felt that Video Conferencing should be an important part of CEGAM to enable Alumni from different parts of the world to participate.

They suggested various activities which can effectively harness the expertise of Alumni for the development of the college such as

- a. Mentoring
- b. Networking
- c. Incubation of innovative ideas
- d. Infrastructure improvements
- e. Establishing a structure for global funds management
- f. Establishing a continuous relationship with the CEG Alumni Association

They stressed that the active involvement of the Faculty is essential to derive the full benefits of these programs.