

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR, IEEE INDIA COUNCIL



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On behalf of IEEE India Council, it is my great pleasure to welcome all prospective participants of INDICON 2018. The annual conference of IEEE India Council was earlier called 'Annual Convention and Exhibition (ACE)'. It appeared in its new avatar named 'INDICON' in 2004. Since then, INDICON has been organized by one IEEE Section of India jointly with IEEE IC every year. This year INDICON is organized by IEEE Madras Section and the local host is Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham. It will be held in Coimbatore, the bustling city of Tamilnadu in Southern India.

This is the 15th IEEE India Council International Conference, INDICON 2018. Over these 15 years, this conference has gained its own brand value in and outside India. The number of papers submitted to INDICON is significant in number in every year and the organizing team along with IEEE IC leaves no stone unturned to maintain the quality of INDICON. In 2018, technical support for INDICON is also being obtained from Indian Institute of Technology Madras. I am proud of the team organizing and hosting INDICON 2018.

With the theme of "Harnessing Technology for Humanity", INDICON 2018 promises to bring together a tremendous and rich diversity of authors and participants from academia, research institutes, government and industry to share ideas and new perspectives on a wide range of topics in science, engineering and technology. INDICON 2018 will have interesting plenary sessions, thought provoking key note addresses, knowledge enhancing tutorials, enterprising workshops, stimulating student paper contests, invigorating industry exhibits and stalls and very importantly, paper presentations of highest quality.

Finally, I cordially invite all to the green campus of the host institution, in the foothills of the Boluvampatti range of the Western Ghats, and enjoy the well planned technical programs, scientific events, the local culture and cuisine. I look forward to seeing you during 16-18 December 2018 in INDICON 2018.

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