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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Communication and Information Technology (CIT) as a governance tool, research tool or a tool for empowering businesses is the pivot around which revolves the growth and development of any nation. In India too, every organization be it the Central, State, public or private, or business entities be it small, medium or big, have recognized the power and reach of CIT and Open Access. The Central Government has made it its leitmotif through the launch of its flagship programme: Digital India - which seeks to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

Many State Governments have also taken various initiatives and innovative steps to promote CIT which is the fulcrum of e-Governance. Initiatives like launch of Government to Citizen (G2C), Government to Business (G2B) and Government to Government services not only ensure delivery of services to citizens online but in many cases in local languages. This brings efficiency and transparency in governance- much desired and appreciated by all.

It is at this level that the role of societies such as our Society for Information Science (SIS) comes to the fore. We, in our own way, have been addressing the most relevant and the most current information & communication technology issues every year. Our annual conventions and conferences are a testimony to the role which SIS is playing. Our initiative of institutionalizing the area of Patinformatics by measuring, mapping and monitoring its growth as a research and business domain has got recognition and appreciation of peers and stakeholders nationally.

With this backdrop, Society for Information Science(SIS), India's oldest learned society in the area of information science is organizing its 33rd Annual Convention and the Conference on "Open Access: The Road to Freedom" on April 7 and 8, 2017 at Indian Institute of Chemical Biology(IICB-CSIR), Kolkata. SIS Executive Committee feels privileged that IICB, one of our premier national research laboratories has chosen to host this Conference second time, the first one with the theme "Open Access: Gateway to Open Innovation" was held in November, 2010. I am

sure like the previous Conference this too would attract a large presence of domain experts, active researchers and students wanting to earn their spurs in this ever expanding area. It is particularly gratifying to note that the Conference Organisers have granted free participation to 2 students of each of the Department of Library and Information Sciences of the Universities located in Bengal. There are 8 sub-themes, each one addressing a unique thematic dimension. This will attract not only a large participation but also submission of some good studies. They may be case studies or on policy issues. I hope that all the presentations will address the key pointer of this Conference that is the Freedom which Open Access gives to a researcher to reach the niche which he is looking for, saving resources of time and money. I am sure that each of the participants to this Conference would find value in the deliberations, expert talks and building synergies which such intercourses offer. We hope that Initiatives with regard to "Open Access" will also get same recognition by the Peer Groups. The 2016 Annual Convention and Conference would, in a way, add on to the outcomes of our earlier conference at IICB during 2010, which addressed the most current issue of open access and could bring an impetus and thrust to research in general and businesses in particular. In the coming years too, the SIS would continue to add value its chosen mandate and initiatives be it of Communication and Information Technology, Open Access or Patinformatics.

I, on my personal behalf, and on behalf of SIS Executive Committee extend my grateful thanks to the IICB team and a very warm welcome to our participants.

I am sure the Conference will be a huge success.

FROM THE SECRETARY:

1. Society continues believing in working in a very transparent as well as professional manner in the interest of its professional members. Moreover, to provide a facelift to the SIS, we are continuously working towards improving our web site i.e. sis.org.in, as this proves to be a useful/effective platform and medium to interact with the SIS professionals and their fellow colleagues working in the same domain.

2. Encouraged SIS Members on regular basis to create their online visible profile at sis.org.in (as presently out of SIS 684 members, 108 members have created their online profile at the site till 30.11.2015.)

3. Regular updating of Online Data pertaining to SIS life members at <http://sis.org.in/members.pdf>

4. As, this website is used globally by the users belonging to our domain. Therefore, Society would like to request all the esteemed members to send their valuable suggestions for the improvement of the website. Further, SIS believes in paperless culture, henceforth would like to be the first paperless society of its kind and this is what we are working for.

5. Regularization and strengthening of its publication The SIS Newsletter current one is also at http://sis.org.in/sis_news_letter_2015.pdf

SISCOM NEWSLETTER:

SIS is trying its level best to bring out the newsletter on regular basis. The current issue is in your hands, and we request the members to provide more inputs to help us in improving its quality and in providing latest information. The 2015 (Jan-Dec) online version of this Newsletter's is available on the official website of SIS.

CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES AND OTHER PROGRAMMES ORGANIZED BY THE SIS

As a part of our mandate to hold Conventions/Conferences, Society has organized the last SIS-2015 ,32nd Convention and conference of SIS on Patinformatics at CSIR-URDIP, Pune During 7-9 DECEMBER, 2015.

Regarding usage/analytics of sis.org.in: Usage statistics /analytics of the sis.org.in are as follows: 100% of total sessions

*Source Google analytics

Devices used to browse SIS.ORG.IN Country wise USER FLOW of SIS.ORG.IN

	Country	Sessions	% Sessions
1.	Russia	57	41.91%
2.	India	22	16.18%
3.	United States	19	13.97%
4.	(not set)	8	5.88%
5.	Netherlands	7	5.15%
6.	Canada	4	2.94%
7.	Germany	3	2.21%
8.	United Kingdom	3	2.21%
9.	Kenya	2	1.47%
10.	Zimbabwe	2	1.47%

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Society for Information Science (SIS) awards SIS Fellowship every year to honor and recognize outstanding contributions in the area of information science and technology, and Young Information Scientist Award (instituted in 1989 in the memory of Late Shri A.S. Raizada, eminent information scientist and founder Secretary of SIS).

SIS Fellowship Awards for the year 2016: Nominations were invited for SIS Fellowship and for Young Information Scientist Awards for the year 2016. Nominations were made by the Professors, Heads of the Departments, Institutional Heads,

- Self-nominations or nominations without bio-data were not considered.
- In the case of Young Information Scientist Award, the age of the nominee was **not more than 35 years as on the closing date**.
- **Nominations reaching to the Secretary SIS by the last date**, along with signed hard copies with complete bio-data of the nominee, including his/her contributions to the field specifically to the area of Information Science were considered.

The Expert Committee identified by the EC members, have made their recommendations. This year only SIS Fellowship is being given to Dr Manoj Kumar Patariya, in recognition of his numerous and wide ranging contributions to the growth and spread of the niche domain of science media and S&T Policy studies, an imminent Science Communicator and information professional. Additionally, SIS recognizes his role in establishing science and technology based public outreach programmes using mass-media, notably TV and

popular writings. The committee could not find any suitable candidate for the award of Young Information Scientist. Dr Patairiya will be honored during the Conference at Kolkata.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS OF SIS:

The Election Process of the President (1), Vice President (2), Secretary (1), Joint Secretary (1), Treasurer (1) and members of the Executive Committee (5) as the new Office Bearers of the Society has been finished. The Team will be announced in the forthcoming Annual Convention at Kolkata, once the Results are placed in the forthcoming GB meeting at Kolkata

AGM Notice:

Notice is given to all the members (individual and official representatives of the institutional

members) that the Annual General Body Meeting of the Society for Information Science will be held at CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology(IICB), Kolkata on 7th April 2017. The agenda of meeting will be as follows:

Welcome by President SIS

- Confirmation of proceedings of the AGM held at CSIR-IMTECH, Chandigarh.
- To consider & Adopt the Secretaries Report of the activities of SIS
- Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

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All the members are requested to attend the meeting.

Sd/- N.K. Wadhwa,

Secretary, Society for Information Science, (SIS).