HAPPY DEEPAWALI & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Inaugural Edition
From the desk of Dr. Rajeev Jain

Dear Students,

At the outset, let me wish you and your families a Very Happy Diwali & Prosperous New Year. May the Lord shower his choicest blessings on you and your near & dear ones.

I am pleased to launch this first newsletter on behalf of MEP Association & I congratulate to all the students and Alumni of MICA-EC-PCans for this new beginning.

The best minds intermingle on a continuous basis to enlighten one another and to network. On this occasion, I invite all the alumni and the students of MICA-EC-PC Community to come forward and build the network, which is not only world class but the rock solid and unbreakable.

We are all marching into a very challenging competitive world which requires a stronger will, attitude & focus. It is also a time of making resolution to effect positive change in our community. What we are satisfied upon today must be improved in a better way tomorrow.

I am sure, MEP activities will provide excellent opportunities for our students and alumni to explore their creative side and contribute their best to the community.

It is needless to mention that this is our first step in the journey of network development and you all will now have to maintain the same tempo, zeal and enthusiasm to take this journey forward. I hope you find the current Newsletter informative and interesting.

I also encourage all of you to share your views through this newsletter and Make this a grand success.

Just to reassure you, along with MEP Association, I will be at the ‘last lap’ supporting you all the way.

Lastly I wanted to coin two words, which I think all of you should voluntarily follow is “STAY CONNECTED”

With Best wishes to MEP Association and all to my students.

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Editorial
An Overview on MEP Association-By Rajaram IYER

I still distinctly remember the day in August 1997, when I joined the first class of MICA. It was MICAs second batch and very few people knew about this course. We were 20+ students and most of us were unaware of what we have signed up for. All of us had very different expectation or shall I say did not have any expectations. One thing which most of us had heard was “yeh course kiya toh R&D mai naukri milegi”, and with that we also started our journey to get a ‘naukri’ in R&D, fully unaware of the fact what R&D is and how does it look like. Over the period of next 4 semesters, we uncovered and learnt lot of things

During that time, we had no idea of what we were doing and what we wanted to do. Today after 17 years, we have registered an association and have strong community of 700+ fellow MICA/EC/PCans. Sometimes, it looks like a dream, but this is reality and it is no less than a fairy tale.

Idea of forming an association and making our community stronger has been there for last few years, but it caught the real momentum in the last 6 months and now we have our association formally registered.

On behalf of the MEP association members, I congratulate each one of us for this milestone. Now, the next step is to make this community the most respected and vibrant.

Forming the community is the new beginning of the journey which we have undertaken. Now the onus is on all of us to contribute and make this journey a successful and enjoyable.

The primary aim of this alumni association is to provide a platform to all fellow MICA/EC/PCans to collaborate, create and network with likeminded individuals. This association will also provide a network for life.

Over the next few weeks, we will be launching an exercise to take inputs from all of you to decide our formal vision statement. I urge all of you to participate actively and tell your fellow MICA/EC/PCans about this and encourage them to participate. What is very important is to feel proud of this associate and to feel proud about the fact that we are MICA/EC/PCans.
Next Steps:

Post the formation of association, we have taken few initiatives which were well appreciated by the current batch. The two things which stood our were:

- Guest lecture series and
- Industrial Visit

Guest lecture series was a great initiative where MICAs who are successful in the industry came and interacted with the current batch. They also provided lot of valuable tips which are generally not thought in text books. They also gave a overview of the corporate world and kind of prepared them for the upcoming challenges. This series is a great initiative and has potential to become a interface between the industry and academia.

Industrial visit: a visit was organized to the Godrej factory in Malanpur and students got exposed to industry.

We have planned multiple such initiatives over the period of next 1 year.

Our target for next year is to lay a strong foundation for this association; starting with spreading the word and reaching out to all the fellow MICANs, so that all of us can actively participate. Some of the key initiatives which we have taken are:

- Launching a website
- Conducting Alumni meet
- Campaigning , to bring all MICA/EC/Pcans together
- Launch of various survey to get constructive feedback from MICA/EC/Pcans
- And so on ....................

Additionally, we have initiated news letter which will be circulated regularly. News letter will serve as a vehicle for disseminating news and will also provide a platform for airing our views to the larger MICA community.

We also intend to initiate several other activities aimed at strengthening our community. For doing this, we solicit your comments, ideas and participation, so that we together can make this association great and also aspire to be one of the best alumni association in the world. We are confident that we have lot of talent in the MICA pool and together we can make this happen. What is needed is only a channel thru which we can utilize the potential in making this a grand success.
Inauguration of Meet:
Meet started with the lightening of the lamp and garlanding of Maa saraswati followed by floral welcome of the guests. Actual proceedings started with a welcome address about the meet by Prof. Rajeev Jain, he narrated a beautiful saga about the rich journey of MICA/EC/PC, his narration on inspiring efforts for the conceptualization, implementation and later on grand success of first of its kind ‘professional-industry oriented course’ in Jiwaji university, Gwalior were spell-bound the audience. The speech was highly appreciated by audience – students, Alumni and honorable guests as well.

Video clipping on ‘Voyage of MICA-EC-PC’ along with messages from NRIs:

Immediately after inauguration function, the Video clipping on the successful voyage of MEP industry leaders and students was displayed which had stolen the heart of all participants including chief guest, guests, alumni and students. Video clipping created by Mr. Gupta was captured video messages of NRIs of MEP association.

Video message were started with the message of Mr. Amit K Jain (MICA, 1998), went along with Mr. Rahul Shrivastav (MICA, 1998) and ended with the speech-letter of Mr. Joseph T Sundararajan (MICA, 1998). Video clipping and messages of NRI-Alumni were praised and appreciated by all participants including our mentor Prof. Rajeev Jain Sir.
Formation of Executive Council:
A detailed power point presentation on mission and vision of Mica-Ec-Pc (MEP) Association was presented by Manish S. Yadav (MICA, 1998 batch). First part of presentation was focused on a struggle of MICA student which was narrated and shared in the form of two stories, overall, struggle started with almost no recognition of course and students in industry and concluded with the formation of highly admired community in pharmaceutical research industry.

Second part of presentation was focused on creating a basic working structure for MEP Association which includes the mission & vision of MEP association and formation of ‘Executive Council’. While presenting mission and vision of MEP association, strength and weakness of MEP community were discussed.

Further, in depth brain storming was done on the appropriate utilization of available resources like 700+ employed Alumni contributing to various industries including some of them are holding decision making very high positions. On the whole all stake holders i.e. Mentor, Alumni and Participants were unanimously realized the important of ‘Team spirit’ ‘Right Attitude’ and ‘Collective strength of community’ instead of individual performances.

Last part of presentation was dedicated to formation of ‘Executive Council’ of MEP association. Later on as discussed and agreed upon during various ‘concalls’ of Alumni Meet, the executive council was formed under the capable guidance of our Mentor, Prof. Rajeev Jain sir, and names were announced in front of Jain Sir, Guests, Alumni and participants during Alumni meet.

As per existing laws of Jiwaji university and in consultation with Prof. Rajeev Jain sir, the ‘Executive Council’ was formed and members were elected for a period of three years, administrative formalities for the registration of MEP association had been started and document is in the process of signing off of various association/council members.

Panel Discussion on Current Industry Scenario and interactions b/w Alumni & Students:
The aim of panel discussion is to update the students of current batches with latest information and current trends in pharmaceutical, environmental, chemical research industry and academics. Apart from technical discussions related to Analytical Chemistry, environment and chemical science, a good part of panel discussion was focused on inter-personal and soft skills like the importance of attitude, honesty and hard work was re-uttered, explained and understood.

Questions of students and participants were graciously responded by all panel members to the satisfaction of attendees.
MEP ASSOCIATION

Workshop on
"CLASSROOM TO CORPORATE"

at
SOS, Environmental Chemistry Deptt.,
Jiwaji University, Gwalior (M.P.)

23 March 2014

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‘Workshop and Industrial Tour’

MEP in collaboration with SOS Environmental Chemistry department of Jiwaji University, Gwalior, India has organized a full day workshop on “Classroom to Corporate‘ on 23rd march 2014. Various topics were covered in workshop to guide the students to face the industry. All the renowned speakers shared their experiences and difficulties which they have faced when they have started their journey in the industry.

All the students were very much excited when they met the speakers and they were overjoyed by listening the stories of their seniors (speakers). I am very much happy by the outcome of the workshop. This event has become a huge success. My thanks to all the contributors.

Manish Yadav
Vice President, MEP Association

Apart from this workshop, we have also taken the students for industrial visit in Godrej Industries, Malanpur to give them the practical knowledge, understanding and the feeling of the industry.

Amit Dubey
Secretary, MEP Association

‘I am feeling proud to be associated with this workshop and to be a part of MICA/EC/PC family.’

Sunil Verma
Speaker of the workshop
Editorial Board:

Rajaram IYER

Amit DUBEY

Santosh DEOLIA

Amit BADERIYA