MINUTES OF THE 2nd (2023-24) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THE 21 FEB 2024, AT 3PM THROUGH ZOOM

The following were present:

Dr Nilesh Kasat	Chairman
Shri Ramesh Gorantala	Member
Shri K Gnaneshwar Rao	Member
Prof Nuli Namassivaya	Member
Ms Smita Lonkar	Member
Dr Sanjay L Badjate	Co-opted Member
Dr A Sarveswara Rao	Co-opted Member

Secretariat:
Gp Capt Sonpal Singh(Retd)
Shri Sanjay Setia

The following member was unable to attend:

Dr Ajay K Sharma	Co-Chairman
Col M K Pande (Retd)	Member
Dr V Thulasibai	Member
Dr Ram Bilas Pachori	Co-opted Member

ITEM-1   CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2023-24) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON THE 13 NOV 2023 THROUGH ZOOM

1.1   The minutes of the previous Board meeting stand approved as there were no comments.

ITEM-2   PRGORESS MADE ON PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

2.1   **Lectures/Presentations by 2023 IETE Award Winners:** a) The Committee Members were informed that the Chairpersons of IETE centres and the awardees were reminded twice via email to plan and organize the talk/lecture/presentation at the Centres at any recognized IETE event on the work for which they were awarded. The current status is as below:

S. No	Name of Awardee	IETE Award-2023	Status
1	Prof M N Srikanta Swamy, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada	IETE - Ram Lal Wadhwa Award	Delivered his talk on **"Deep Learning Techniques for Image super Resolution"** during AIC at Pune.
2	Prof S Jit, IIT BHU	IETE-SVC Aiya Memorial Award	Fixed for 19th Feb 2024 on **""Introduction to Nano materials for Sensing Applications"**
3	Dr Hemant Kumar, NIT Tiruchallpalli	IETE – Sri C Viswanatha Reddy Memorial Award	Planning late February as per Chairperson Chennai Centre, on student day.
4.	Dr Yarlagadda Padma Shayi	IETE-R S Khandpur Memorial AWARD-2023	Delivered IETE Award lecture on 17 Dec 2023 on **"The Role of Wavelet Tranforms in Bio-Medical Signal Processing"**
5	Lt Col Gulshan Mehta	IETE- Shri Devi Singh Tyagi Memorial Award-2023	**Delivered IETE Award Lecture-Webinar 147 on "Impact of Disruptive Technology on Military Operations"** on 29th Oct 2023, hosted by IETE Hyderabad Centre.
6	Dr R D Kharadkar	IETE-B R Batra Memorial Award	**D**elivered IETE Award Lecture on **Journey from Innovative Projects to Products** on 02 Nov 2023 at IETE Pune Centre.
7	Prof S S Sherekar, SGB, Amravati University, Amaravati	IETE-Brig M L Anand Award	To be plan for 09 March 2024 as per Chairman, BoA
8	Shri Pradeep Soni	IETE-BV Baliga Memorial Award	Delivered IETE Award lecture on **"An overview of the Imagers and cameras of Lander and Rover of Chandrayaan 3"** on 09 Dec 2023
9	Dr Sandeep Joshi	IETE-NV Gadadhar Memorial Award	Delivered IETE Award Lecture at IETE on 05 Nov 2023 on **"D2D Communications in 5G and Beyond Networks: Modeling and Performance Analysis"** at Bangalore Centre
10	Shri Sanjeev Kulshrestha	IETE-Dr Sudhakar Rao Award	Delivered IETE Award Lecture on 29 Oct 2023 on **"Realization of Multilayer Planar Antenna and its characterization Indigenization perspective".**
11	Dr Ashutosh Kedar, (LRDE), DRDO, Bangalore,	IETE-Hari Ramji Toshniwal Award	will be arranged with any forthcoming event at Bangalore Centre as per the latest input by Centre Chairman.
12	Dr Sanjeevikumar	IETE – Bimal Bose	Ready to give needs affirmation from

	Padmanaban, University of South-Eastern Norway, Porsegrunn,	Award	HQs/ Centre(Topic- Power Electronics in Renewable Energy Systems)
13	Prof Chandra Sekhar Paidimarry, University College of Engineering (A), OU, Hyderabad	IETE - Prof K Sreenivasan Memorial Award	Delivered IETE Award Lecture on 18 Feb 2024 on **"Recent Advances and Challenges in GNSS Software"**
14	Shri Shyam Narayan Singh, Sansad TV, New Delhi	IETE – Prof S N Mitra Memorial Award	2nd reminder sent on 10 Feb 2024 to the Centre
15	Prof Udit Narayan Pal, CSIR-CEERI, Pilani, Rajasthan	IETE-Bapuseetharam Award (Biennial)	Delivered IETE Award Lecture on 21 Feb 2024 on **"Indigenous Development of Pulsed Power Plasma Sources and Technologies for Societal and Industrial Applications".**
16	Dr Balwinder Raj, NIT Jalandhar, Punjab	IETE-Bapuseetharam Award (Biennial)	2nd reminder sent on 10 Feb 2024 to the Centre
17	Shri Venkat Subramanian Arumuga Perumal, Envision Digital International Pte Ltd, Singapore	IETE – Biman BehariSen Memorial Award	Shortly they will organize as per telecom on 10 Feb 2024
18	Dr S Arivazhagan, Mepco Schlenk Engineering College, Sivakasi	IETE- Smt Manorama Rathore Memorial Award	2nd reminder sent on 10 Feb 2024 to the Centre
19	Shri Amit Tiwari, BEL Ghaziabad, UP	IETE-Smt Ranjana Pal Memorial Award	2nd reminder sent on 10 Feb 2024 to the Centre
20	Dr Gaurav Mittal, DEAL, DRDO, Dehradun, Uttarakhand	IETE-Smt Ranjana Pal Memorial Award	By 15 March as per telecom with Awardee
21	Dr Lakshmi B Patil, Sharnbasva University Kalaburagi, Karnataka	IETE-Smt Triveni Devi Gupta Memorial Award	2nd reminder sent on 10 Feb 2024 to the Centre
22	Dr Ch Rupa, VR Siddhartha Engineering College, Vijayawada	IETE-Technomedia Award for Young Women in Engineering	2nd reminder sent on 10 Feb 2024 to the Centre
23	Kongu Engineering College, Erode	IETE-Shri P P Malhotra Memorial Award	2nd reminder sent on 10 Feb 2024 to the Centre
24	Dr Priyansha Kaurav	IETE – Smt C Ranganayakamma Memorial Award	2nd reminder sent on 10 Feb 2024 to the Centre
25	Dr Basavaraj S Mathapati, Sharnbasva University, Kalaburagi	IETE- Yasodamma and Sarasavani Award	2nd reminder sent on 10 Feb 2024 to the Centre

b) The Board took a note of the above information.

2.2 **Online Program/Software for Award Nominations:** **a)** Based on the discussions held at the preceding 1st BoA Meeting (2023-24), it was decided that IETE would seek the aid of NIT, Delhi students under the guidance of Dr Ajay K. Sharma, Director NIT, in developing an online application for the processing of award nominations.

b) The Board suggested that the Secretary General get in touch with Dr. Ajay K. Sharma, Director of NIT Delhi, to ask for help in getting his students to design the custom software for IETE Awards online processing.

2.3 **Augmenting the corpus amount needed to start a new IETE Award:** **a)** In accordance with the deliberations and subsequent approval of the 2nd Governing Council meeting (2023-24), it was decided that greater emphasis and elaboration would be placed on the proposed slabs so that the corpus rise could be outlined and discussed at the subsequent G C Meeting. It is important to recall that in 2015-16, the G C established a corpus of Rs 3 lakhs with the purpose of commencing any forthcoming awards. The BoA desired that IETE presents a range of categories for all new awards, with values varying from Rs 3 Lac to Rs 5 Lac:

      (i) Rs 3 Lac: Medal plus citation
      (ii) Rs 4 Lac: Plaque, Citation, and Medal
      (iii)Rs 5 Lac: Medal, Citation, Plaque & Travel Grant

b) After due deliberation the Board members recommended that the travel grant should be Rs 10,000/-.

2.4 **Need for full Jury Selection Process: a)** As per the suggestions put forth at the 2nd (2023-24) Governing Council meeting in Dec 2023, it is requested that the Board of Awards establish a Sub-Committee to draft the jury selection procedure. This sub-committee shall consist of the President, Vice Presidents, and Immediate Past Presidents. However, in accordance with past practice, the jury panel confidentiality should be maintained; nevertheless, the members shall have the freedom to include or exclude any expert they choose.

b) The Board members suggested that the President, Immdt Past Presidents, Vice Presidents, Chairman, and Co-Chairman BoA form this subcommittee to deliberate on the jury selection process and also recommended that to provide the jury list to the subcommittee.

2.5 **Industry Award: a)** A unanimous decision was reached by the members regarding the establishment of an industry corporate award in its 1st (2023-24) BoA Meeting. The Governing Council, at its meeting on 03 December 2023, suggested that prior to proceeding, an assessment of the new Industry focused award, be conducted along with its criteria, while concurrently seeking industry sponsorship in a manner akin to the ELCINA Awards.

b) The Board suggested that the Secretary General write to current and former members of the GC to ask for their assistance in taking the initiative and serving as a liaison with business

executives. Additionally, it was recommended to launch any industry-collaborative IETE Award with a corpus fund of Rs 10 Lacs.

2.6   **Naming of New Awards: a**) In order to maintain the significance of the IETE awards, it was discussed that IETE should establish criteria for naming new Awards.

b)   The Board recommended forming a committee with the following individuals to set award naming criteria:

> Dr Ajay K Sharma
> Shri K Gnaneshwar Rao
> Prof Nuli Namassivaya
> Ms Smita Lonkar
> Dr Sanjay L Badjate

2.7   The above points are for information and approval of Governing Council.

ITEM-3 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: FOR IETE MAIN AND IETE CORPORATE AWARDS-2024

3.1   The Chairman informed the Board members about the publication of "Call for Nomiantons-2024" for the IETE Main & Corporate Awards has been published in the year 2023 end and year 2024 beginning issues of IETE Technical Review and IETE Journal of Research. The notice is also available on the official website www.iete.org. Emails are being issued to all previous year's nominees and nominators, Centres EC, ISF Colleges, Organizational members, DRDO Labs, CSIR /CSIO Labs, IITs, NITs, IIITs, Engineering Colleges, Universities and Industry. One full page announcement has also been put in the Sept-Dec issue of IETE Newsletter.

3.2   In compliance with the barter arrangement, IETE has furthermore sent a one-page "Call for Nominations" for IETE Awards 2024 to ELCINA via mail, with the objective of publicizing the same in ELCINA Magazine.

3.3   So far IETE HQs have received only 03 (three) nominations.

3.4   It was suggested that in order to get worthy nominations in the several award categories, more work and careful thought would be required. The following recommendations were made: -

> (a) To send an SMS with the link to the nominations page to all the corporate members.
> (b) To send bulk email with the link to the nominations page to all corporate members.
> (c) An exclusive brochure/poster of awards should be created and disseminated.
> (d) An editable proforma should be sent to all the concerns.

3.5   This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-4 THE CREATION OF AN IETE FOUNDATION OR RESERVE

4.1 The Chairman assured to notify the members at the next meeting after having a thorough discussion on this matter with the President of IETE.

4.2 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-5 JURY FOR IETE-PROF ANITA GOPAL DANDEKAR AWARD

5.1 The Board Members were briefed about the new IETE award in the field of **"Generative Artificial Intelligence"** that had been announced for 2024. The award consists of a plaque, a citation and Rs 5,000/- in cash. However, the jury for the award is yet to be selected.

5.2 The members proposed that the jury for this award be chosen after the subcommittee had provided its recommendations for the whole jury selection process.

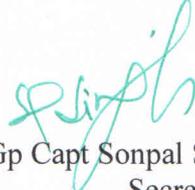5.3 This is for the information & approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM 6 ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

6.1 The co-opted members in attendance gave the board members their brief introduction.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Date: 20 Feb 2024

Gp Capt Sonpal Singh (Retd)
Secretary General

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