**Interactive Session of IEEE IAS at IIT-D**

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The Industrial Application Society(IAS) interaction session was held on November 26th,2014 (Wednesday) at IIT, Delhi by Dr. Blake Lloyd, President, IAS(IEEE) , accompanied by Dr. Peter Magyar IAS CMD Chair. The session comprised of a faculty interactive session/ lecture scheduled between 11:00a.m to 12:00 noon, followed by a lab visit (12:00 noon-1:00pm).

The session started with Prof.(Dr.) Subrata Mukhopadhyay (IEEE IAS executive board(2014-15)) addressing the gathering and welcoming Dr. Blake and Dr. Peter on their 9days trip to India. Mr. Blake Lloyd,the president,further talked about the initial founding days of the society. He discussed about the scope of IAS, as a transnational organisation in the advancement of theory, practice, manufacture and development of electrical systems. The president showed how the society is, in itself different from other IEEE societies in terms of giving industrial exposure to its members, along with opportunities to meet, talk, discuss with other researchers and industry experts in the field itself. Moreover, he highlighted the opportunities its members can avail , which include informative meetings, seminars, conferences, workshops along with professional publications.

The session was carried forward by Dr. Peter who discussed about the statistics, comprising of the growth rate, number of members, events, sister societies, etc. , broadcasting the regions from R-1 to R-10, and their subsequent growth in the past years(esp. India in R-10 region). The stats clearly showed how the North American based society has progressed in the past years and spread its wings across the globe. This is the reason that today there is a 50/50 balance between North America and rest of world memberships.

At last, he thanked all invities for their support in taking the society across 11,000 members(and counting), especially the sudden increasing participation from R-10 region(comprising of India). The session commenced with Dr. Subrata offering shawls to both Mr. Blake and Peter, and later,the faculty members and students joined them for a photograph session.