

From the ex-VP T&E's Desk

1. We had 19 successful diploma exams in the year 2017, which is the highest number so far and approximately triple the number, as compared to the number of passes in 2016.
 - This indicates that the changes made in Jan & May 2017 in the Diploma exam have possibly made it easier for SAATA trainees to do the exam.
 - It was also possible to manage marking so many exams because of the higher availability of Certified members in the SAATA examiner pool. Their willingness to enable and offer themselves for marking exams is highly appreciated. A special mention of Aruna Gopakumar, Haseena Manipal, Anisha Pandey.
2. We also have the first examinee passing the Advanced Diploma
3. In January 2018, at the Multi Level Learning at Bangalore, SAATA diploma certificates were awarded to the following trainees:
 - i. Deepa Mani
 - ii. Suchitra Bhasker
 - iii. Arulmozhi
 - iv. Kousalya Karthikeyan
 - v. Rosemary Antony
 - vi. Srinath Nadathur
 - vii. Nikhil Mehta
 - viii. Natesh Selvaraj
 - ix. Arun Bhatt
 - x. Sushma
 - xi. Veena Paul
 - xii. Kavya Kashyap
 - xiii. Madhuri
 - xiv. Aruna Kalahastri
 - xv. Sunitha Nathan
 - xvi. Ramya Sateesh
 - xvii. Veera Pandian
 - xviii. Meenu Sangeetha
 - xix. Deviga Subramani
- i. Deepak Dhananjaya, the **Advanced Diploma exam**
3. The support from Rema Giridhar to the VP – T&E position is highly appreciated.
 - Her involvement was highly valuable in managing the requirements of the SAATA T&E area.
 - The email id exams@saata.org streamlined the work and brought in a high level of professionalism to the process.
 - Also, the streamlining of the membership email address and the consolidation of the membership data (by Rema, Mohan, etc) was a mammoth task, which facilitated ease in many aspects of SAATA's core activities (Conference registration, submissions of exams, etc.)

Finally, I thank SAATA for having allowed me to serve the VP-T&E position for the previous term. I have had an enormous amount of learning, have grown and broadened my thinking in the years that I've been in this role. With a slight amount of sadness yet gratitude, I am ready to hand it over to the next person who'll take over.

I am grateful to the members of the BOT who have supported me in handling this role and growing it to where it is today. Special mention to the Core Team of Susan George, C. SuriyaPrakash, I.A. Mohanraj who have been available especially in the past year when many key decisions have been

made. I also thank P.K. Saru who encouraged and stood by me when I hesitated in accepting this role. Ragini Rao who as a colleague supported me when I needed to 'talk over' or clarify some aspect and finally Raguraman as the treasurer who has played a huge part in having the payments for SAATA exams managed smoothly!

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