



First World Summit on Accreditation (WOSA 2012)
March 25 to 28, 2012, The Ashok Hotel, New Delhi



The National Board of Accreditation (NBA) organized the first World Summit on Accreditation (WOSA-2012) from March 25 to 28, 2012 at The Ashok Hotel, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi on the theme “**Achieving Excellence through Accreditation**”.

The Inaugural function was organized on March 26, 2012 in the Convention Hall of The Hotel Ashok. Shri Kapil Sibal, Honourable Minister of Human Resource Development (HRD) and Telecommunication, Govt. of India inaugurated the function by lighting the lamp. Shri G. Prabhakar, Former President, Institution of Engineers (India) introduced the guests and welcomed the delegates. Dr. Dinesh Kumar Paliwal, Member Secretary, NBA, briefed on aims and objectives for organizing the Summit. Dr. Hu Hanrahan, Chair of Washington Accord released the souvenir. Ms. Rekha Sethi, Director General of All India Management Association, New Delhi proposed a vote of thanks to organizers, dignitaries, sponsors and participants. Nearly 800 delegates from all over India and abroad participated in the summit.

WOSA-2012 consisted of Special Sessions, Technical Sessions, Paper Presentation Sessions and a Joint Session. Eminent academicians from the respective fields delivered lectures as per details given below.

Special Session I: Corporate Perspective on Accreditation

Chairperson: Mr. Satish Pradhan, Chief, Group HR, Tata Sons

Key Speakers: Mr. Suresh Mhatre, Vice President, TCS Ltd.; Sh. Anil Sachdev, Founder CEO, SOIL, Gurgaon; Dr. Uma Ganesh, CEO, Global Talent Track; and Ms. Amrita Gangotra, Director (IT), Bharti Airtel Ltd.

Special Session II: Washington Accord on UG Engineering Education

Chairperson: Dr. Hu Hanrahan, Chair, Washington Accord

Key Speakers: Dr. David K. Holger, Past President of ABET, Baltimore, MD, USA; Dr. Kai Sang Lock, Former President, The Institute of Engineers, Singapore; and Prof. Raman Menon Unnikrishnan, Dean/Mentor, College of Engg. & Computer Science, California State University, Fullerton, CA, USA.

Special Session III: International Accreditation of Management Programmes

Chairperson: Dr. Eileen Peacock, Sr. Vice President, AACSB International Ltd., Tampa, FL, USA

Key Speakers: Prof. Krishna Dhir, Henry Gund Professor of Management, Campbell School of Business, Mount Berry, GA, USA; Dr. B.S. Sahay, Director, IIM, Raipur; and Prof. Barbara H. Nemecek, Dean, Dillard College of Business Administration, Wichita Falls, TX, USA.

Paper Presentation Session I (Engineering): Process Re-engineering through Accreditation

Chairperson: Dr. Om Vikas, Chairperson, Former Director, IITM, Gwalior

Key Speakers: Dr. R. Murugesan, President, ISTE, New Delhi and Vice Chancellor, Anna University of Technology, Madurai; Dr. Krishna Murthy Ramachandra, Retired Joint Director of Technical Education, DTE, Karnataka; Ms. Annaliese Cole, Operations Manager, Untra Academic Management Solutions, LLC, Philadelphia, USA; Prof. Dinesh Kumar Gautam, Director, IACQER, New Delhi; Prof. Ankur Gupta, Joint Director, Model Institute of Engineering and Technology, Jammu, J&K; and Prof. Brahadeeswaran D., Former Professor and Head, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Technical Session I: Quality Assurance & Accreditation in Engineering Education

Chairperson: Dr. Remaud Bernard, President, Commission des Titres d'Ingenieur (CTI), Paris, France

Key Speaker: Prof. Martin Henson, Dean of International Development, University of Essex, UK; Dr. William R. Fromme, Principal, CALIBRE Systems, Alexandria, Virginia, USA; Dr. Jagannath Patil, Deputy Adviser, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore.

Technical Session I (Management): Quality Assurance & Accreditation in Management Education

Chairperson: Prof. Rajan Saxena, Vice Chancellor, Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai

Key Speakers: Prof. Rakesh Sah, Associate Professor of Finance, Montana State University, Billings, USA; Mr. Douglas Viehland, Executive Director, ACBSP, Overland Park, KS, USA; Sh. A. Thothathri Raman, Chairman, SEAA Trust, Delhi; and Sh. Vineet Joshi, Chairman, CBSE, Delhi

Paper Presentation Session II: Assessment Tools for Quality Assurance of Programme in Technical and Professional Education

Chairperson: Prof. Stephan Rawlinson, President JRE Group of Institutions, U.P.

Speakers: Dr. Raj Agrawal, Director, CME, AIMA, New Delhi; Dr. R. Nandagopal, Director, PSG Institute of Management, Tamil Nadu; and Dr. K.M. Mittal, Director, GIFT School of Human Values & Management, Ethos, New Delhi

Technical Session II (Management): Evolving Practices in Engineering Accreditation

Chairperson: Prof. S.C. Sahasrabudhe, Former Director, Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of Information & Communication Technology, Gandhinagar, Gujarat

Key Speakers: Prof. Ajay Khare, Director, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal; Mr. Dhananjay Singh, Executive Director, National HRD Network, Gurgaon; and Prof. V. Lakshmi Narsimhan, Commissioner, ABET, Baltimore, MD. USA

Technical Session II: Panel Discussion on Harmonizing the Accreditation Process of Management Education

Chairperson: Dr. Eileen Peacock, Sr. Vice President, AACSB International Ltd., Tampa, FL, USA

Panelists: Dr. Pritam Singh, Director General, International Management Institute, New Delhi; Mr. Douglas Viehland, Executive Director, ACBSP, Overland Park, KS, USA; Ms. Sharon Bamford, CEO, AMBA, London UK; and Mrs. Sushma Berlia, Chancellor, Apeejay Styra University, Gurgaon

Paper Presentation Session III (Engineering): Quality Assurance, Accreditation and its Benefits

Chairperson: Dr. R. Murugesan, President, ISTE, New Delhi & Vice Chancellor, Anna University of Technology, Madurai

Speakers: Prof. Krishnamoorthy Ayyasami, Professor and Head, Sakthi Mariamman Engineering College, Tamil Nadu; Dr. Srimathi Hariharan, Professor, SRM University, Chennai; and Prof. Vishwanadha Raju Somalaraju, Professor in CSE, JNT University, Hyderabad

Technical Session III: Quality Assurance – International Experience

Chairperson: Dr. Yavuz Ericil, Secretary General, MUDEK, Turkey

Key Speakers: Prof. O.N. Mohanty, Director, Technology & Academic Initiative, Bhubaneswar; Prof. William H. Byrnes, Associate Dean, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, California, USA; and Mr. Ajay Batra, Head, Azim Premji Institute for Assessment and Accreditation, Bangalore

Technical Session III: Academic Fraud & Quality Assurance

Chairperson: Prof. D.K. Bandyopadhyay, Vice Chancellor, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi

Key Speakers: Dr. Raj Agrawal, Director, CME, AIMA, New Delhi; Dr. Upinder Dhar, Vice Chancellor, JK Lakshmipat University, Jaipur; Mr. Ashish Bhardwaj, Regional Director South Asia, Graduate Management Admission Council, Gurgaon; and Mr. Glen Chatelier, Director, Office of International Affairs, Assumption University, Thailand

Paper Presentation Session IV (Management): Accreditation and Sustainable Development

Chairperson: Dr. Michael J. Barnes, Professor & Dean, Jindal Global Business School, Sonapat

Speakers: Prof. Gurubandini Kaur, Assistant Professor, AIMA, New Delhi; Ms. Ritika Mahajan, Research Scholar, Dept. of Management Studies, IIT Roorkee, Uttarakhand; Dr. Uma Mudenagudi, BVBCET, Hubli, Karanataka; Dr. Shikha N. Khera, Assistant Professor, Delhi School of Management, DTU, New Delhi; and Dr. Ganesh A. Hegde, Assistant Advisor, National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore

Joint Session: Accreditation and Trends in Accreditation Practices

Chairperson: Dr. Pritam Singh, Director General, International Management Institute, New Delhi

Key Speakers: Dr. Stephen Parker, Director, Balboa City School of International Studies, San Diego, USA; Dr. Kumar Aniket, Lecturer in Economics, Murray Edwards & Trinity College, University of Cambridge, UK; Ms. Sharon Bamford, CEO, AMBA, UK; and Dr. Stephen Vincent-Lancrin, Senior Education Analyst and Project Leader, Centre for Educational Research and Innovation, Paris, France

Special Session IV: Panel Discussion on Policy Issue in Higher Education for Achieving India's Competitiveness

Chairperson: H.E. Shekhar Dutt, Governor of Chhattisgarh and Chancellor of Universities in Chhattisgarh

Panelists: Prof. Ved Prakash, Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi; Prof. M. Aslam, Vice Chancellor, IGNOU, New Delhi; Mrs. Sarojini Thakur, Chairperson, HP Private Educational Institutions, Shimla; and Prof. William H. Byrnes, Associate Dean, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, California, USA

Prof. Amit Bhatnagar, Prof. AIMA, New Delhi summarized the proceedings of WOSA 2012 during Valedictory function. Address on "India's preparedness for full signatory status of Washington Accord" was given by Prof. Raman Menon Unnikrishanan, Dean / Mentor of college of Engineering and Computer Science, California State University, Fullerton, CA, USA and Dr. Kai Sang Lock, Former President of the Institute of Engineering, Singapore. Mentors of NBA Prof. S.S. Mantha, Chairman of AICTE addressed the delegates on 'Policy Perspectives and Recommendation'. Valedictory address was delivered by Dr. (Smt.) Dr. Purandeswari, Honourable Minister of State HRD. Dr. Dinesh Kumar Paliwal, Member Secretary of NBA proposed a vote of thanks.