Dear ASIE members and Supporters,

Welcome to the **February 2013 Newsletter**. ASIE participated in volunteering at **MathCounts**, the Houston **ENGINEERING WEEK** & hosted the **Honorary Consulate General of India** for our February membership meeting.

**Monthly Activities**

**FEBRUARY**

**HONORING CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA MR. P. HARISH**

ASIE hosted **Honorable Consulate General of India, Mr. P Harish** at its February membership meeting. The event was very well received with over 60 ASIE members and supporters in attendance. The event was sponsored by **Geotest Engineering and KIT professionals, Inc.** The Hon. Consul General of India, briefed the group about the latest developments and procedures as it relates to the Indian Consulate.

![Mr. P. Harish receiving the plaque from Mr. Ravi Yanamandala & Mr. Sudhakar Kalaga](image-url)

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**Upcoming Events**

- March Seminar **03/21/2013**
- Technical Seminar **03/28/2013**
- April Seminar **04/18/2013**
- May Seminar **05/03/2013**
- Annual Picnic **05/11/2013**

Log on to [www.asiehouston.org](http://www.asiehouston.org) for additional information on upcoming events.
FEBRUARY MONTH SEMINAR BY DR. RANADE

ASIE had very interesting technical seminar on “Problem Solving 102” by Dr. Ranade. The Seminar was held at Mayuri restaurant in Houston, Texas. Attendees were provided 1 PDH for the seminar.

Saidas M. Ranade earned his BS in Chemical Engineering from UDCT (now called ICT) in Mumbai, India. He obtained his PhD in Chemical Engineering from the University of Houston where he also taught thermodynamics. He has published over 25 papers, designed and delivered over ten technical courses and as a professional standup comedian he has entertained over 50,000 people. To learn more about Dr. Ranade, please visit www.incolus.com and www.mirthmystic.com

The content was derived from Dr. Ranade’s article about problem solving that appeared recently in the European Journal Of Engineering Education. In the year 2010, Dr Ranade was asked to design, develop and deliver a new course on problem solving to a group of professionals working for a refinery in South America. In the seminar, Dr. Ranade discussed the main findings.

ASIE VOLUNTEERING AT MATHCOUNTS

ASIE volunteered at the “MathCounts Competition” held at Fluor Corporation, Sugarland, TX on February 4, 2012. Vishal Merchant, Raj Basavaraju, Ravi Arora, Madhu Kilambi, Indu Kilambi, My Merchant, Ballu Chintalapudi, Das Lachman, and Madhukar Trivedi volunteered as Graders and Proctors at the competition. The winning students will be recognized at the annual ASIE Diwali Gala.

Math count is a national math enrichment, coaching & competition program that promotes middle school mathematics achievement in every U.S. state & territory. Schools select students to compete individually or as part of a team in one of the more than 500 written & oral competitions held nationwide. Top students advance to the state, & ultimately, national level. MATHCOUNTS challenges students math skills, develops their self-confidence & rewards them for their achievements.
E-WEEK YOUNG ENGINEER OF THE YEAR GALA

The Asian American Engineers and Architects and the American Society of Indian Engineers selected Vishal H. Merchant, P.E., as Young Engineer of the Year. Merchant is a project manager at Aguirre & Fields, LP, Sugar Land. He received his education at Mumbai University, India, earning a bachelor's degree in Engineering in 2003, and a master's degree in Civil Engineering at Lamar University, Beaumont in 2006. At Aguirre & Fields, Merchant designs municipal and private land development plans for residential, commercial and industrial development as well as for low-impact development projects. In 2012, Merchant worked on several projects in the greater Houston area, including the Caroline Street improvements project in the Midtown area of the City of Houston and the Houston Independent School District's Dogan Scott Elementary School and Almeda Elementary School. He is working on the design of Schlumberger's office facility in Midland.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP GALA AT UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

ASIE awarded its prestigious, Indian Engineers, Engineering the Future Award along with $500 in Scholarship to Mechanical Engineering Student Mr. Navin Krishnasing and Petroleum Engineering Student Mr. Sujan Patel at the University of Houston, Engineering Alumni Associations annual Student Scholarship Gala.

Navin has been an active participant in the Scholar Enrichment Program where he leads workshops to assist students enrolled in Physics. He is also a tutor for other students. He shows great potential for leadership in and out of the classroom. Sujan is an active member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) and American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE). He attended the Shell Drilling and Production Camp with the UH team and is active in the Scholar Enrichment Program and PROMES as a mentor for his peers.

The National Engineers Week 2013 theme was "Celebrate Awesome", and UH EAA definitely celebrated awesome and enabled the UH engineering students and organizations to receive an awesome amount of money and recognition. About $57,000 was awarded to 72 students and 5 organizations from corporations, professional engineering organizations, Cougar engineers, and friends of UH.....Awesome! The 9-year total of cash awards passed the quarter million dollar mark at about $268,000.00. About 240 engineering students, alumni, faculty, staff, and sponsors attended the event. The Houston Area Engineer of the Year, Mr. Bill Fendley, P.E. participated as well.
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