Dear ASIE members and supporters,

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2011. We would like to thank our outgoing president Mr. Ashish Bagga for his amazing leadership skills.

**Monthly Activities**

**OCTOBER**

**OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING**

ASIE organized a luncheon meeting with Commissioner Steve Radack, Harris County, Precinct 3, on October 3, 2011 at HESS Club. The event was sponsored by eight engineering firms from the Greater Houston area. Commissioner Radack discussed the ongoing and future projects in Harris County.

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On October 25, 2011, ASIE participated in a expo organized by Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR) in downtown Houston. ASIE board members, Chad Patel, Srinivas Chintalapati and Mohan Atluri represented ASIE at the expo.

NOVEMBER

On November 1, 2011, ASIE organized a membership drive at KBR’s Diwali function and co-sponsored the lunch. ASIE board members, Chad Patel, Ravi Arora, Vishal Merchant and Mohan Atluri attended this event.

ANNUAL DIWALI/THANKSGIVING GALA

ASIE hosted the annual Diwali/Thanksgiving gala on November 4, 2011 at Madras Pavilion in SugarLand.

Guest speaker Mr. Pradeep Anand presented a very interesting seminar on “Trends that will Re-shape our Lives”. Mr. Pradeep Anand is president and founder of Seeta Resources.
Out of five scholarships three were sponsored by the following ASIE members and supporters.

**Mr. Hashmukh Doshi** (Doshi Engineering and Surveying) - ASIE life member and past president.

**Mahesh Wadhwa** (Wadhwa and Associates) - ASIE life member

**Sudhir Devappa** (JNovation Inc.) - ASIE supporter

Mr. Anand is an entrepreneur and consultant who has 30 years of experience in marketing, business strategy and execution in many industries in North America and Europe.

Mr. Anand has an engineering degree in metallurgy from IIT Mumbai and MBA degree from the University of Houston. He has been an Adjunct Professor of Marketing at University of Houston's Bauer College of Business MBA program and also serves on the Advisory Board of the University of Houston's College of Technology and the Houston Technology Center. Founder and trustee of the IIT Alumni of Greater Houston, Mr. Anand is also an amazing speaker and a very successful writer. He recently published a very well written novel, *An Indian In Cowboy Country*.

ASIE board adviser Mr. Ravi Kaleyatodi presented a plaque to Mr. Anand.

ASIE honored each Science and Engineer Fair of Houston (SEFH) award winners with an individual plaque at the event.

ASIE also gave a total of five (5) scholarships of $500 each and certificate of award for the year 2011. ASIE also sponsored one more student award for the 2012 E-week at University of Houston.

**1. Anubhuti Tandon**— Graduate student for Structural Engineering at UH.

**2. Mithun Shingala**—PhD student for Electrical and Computer Engineering at UH.

**3. Mukesh Roongata**—PhD student for Industrial Engineering at UH.

**4. Preetham Goli**—PhD student for Electrical and computer Engineering at UH.

**5. Charan Tanneru** — Graduate Student for Environmental Engineering at UH.
ASIE also awarded the Young Engineer/Architect of the Year to Dr. Srinivas Chintalapati, P.E., PhD, CFM. Dr. Srinivas is a life member of ASIE and currently serves as a treasurer for the ASIE board. He is also the elected president for the ASIE 2012 board. He will attend the YEOY Award program sponsored by the Engineers Week Committee during the Engineers Week in the spring of 2012.

Our many thanks to the following ASIE Professional Development Committee (PDC) members for dedicating their efforts for student scholarships and the Young Engineer/Architect of the year award under ASIE Vice President Chad Patel’s leadership.

Chad Patel (PDC committee Chair), Ravi Arora, Ben Bansal, Pranav Kulkarni, Tanushree Hiremath, Ashish Bagga, Ravi Kaleyatodi, Bhavana Patel and Usha Anthony

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GEOTEST ENGINEERING, INC.

Congratulations to our lucky draw winner Mr. Sivaram Prasad Sakamuri. Congratulations to game prize winners My Merchant, Sirisha Vallabhaneni, Sivaram Prasad Sakamuri, Elaine Lee and Niru Patel.

The fun filled event included a scrumptious Indian dinner followed by music and dancing.
DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING

On December 8, 2011, ASIE organized the last monthly meeting for 2011, with a very unique presentation by William Garner, General Manager, Abha Dwivedi, Associate General Manager, Pawan Chawla and Anju Chugh from AGLA (American General Life and Insurance Company). The AGLA team talked about their various existing and new products.

American General Life and Accident insurance Company (AGLA), www.agla.com, provides a wide variety of affordable and innovative life insurance, annuity, accident and supplemental health insurance products to millions of Americans. AGLA’s innovative insurance solutions can help meet a lifetime of financial needs.

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AGLA Choice® Index Plus is permanent universal life insurance that provides protection for a customer’s entire lifetime.

DECEMBER

AGLA team—William Garner, Pawan Chawla, Abha Dwivedi, Anju Chugh

Attendees at the meeting

The meeting took place at Bayland Community Center. The AGLA team also provided delicious Indian dinner to all attendees.

NEWS

Congratulations to ASIE Life Member Dr. Srinivas Chintalapati for recently passing the Professional Engineering exam. ASIE is proud of his achievements and advancement in the professional community.

Dr. Srinivas also serves as treasurer for the current ASIE board and is the elected President for 2012 ASIE Board.

He is also the winner of ASIE’s 2011 Young Engineer of the Year Award.

ASIE would like to thank all volunteers, sponsors, members and guests for making 2011 a great success.
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In March, 2011, Mayor Annise Parker inaugurated the Rose-mont pedestrian bridge which spans 780 feet across Memorial Drive and Buffalo Bayou and connects the Memorial Drive walkway to the Allen Parkway walkway near the Montrose/Studemont intersection. The project was built through a partnership between the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, the Memorial Heights Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 5 and the Buffalo Bayou Partnership.

The southern end of the bridge is guarded by seven sculptures made out of transparent aluminum framed letters, which creates human figures sitting in Vrajasana (Yoga Position). The name for this artwork is “Tolerance”.

Spanish artist and sculptor, Jaume Plensa from Barcelona imagined harmony and unity in his creation of these sculptures representing the seven continents of the world. These large majestic sculptures are made in his signature alphabet pattern, each representing a mix of languages including Latin, Hebrew, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Greek, Hindi and Cyrillic. At night the figures glow from within, creating a constellation of beacons. The artist’s inspiration comes from his belief that despite all of our many differences that make us unique, such as religion or language, we are all trying to achieve similar things, such as love, health, prosperity and the success of our children.

The “Tolerance” project was initiated by Mica Mosbacher and Dr. Mahmoud Eboo, representing his Highness the Aga Khan, who personally contributed to the realization of the project. The Houston Arts Alliance oversaw the project and installation.
If you are already a member but have not renewed your membership this year, we would like you to renew your membership as soon as possible.

If you are not a member, you have the option of enrolling as a Regular (Annual) Member or a Life Member. Membership forms are available on our website www.asiehouston.org

Some of the membership benefits include:
- Networking
- Professional Development
- Workshops
- Engineering Tours
- Employment Counseling and Opportunities
- Job Listings
- Social Gatherings

We enable these benefits through organized monthly seminars, networking events, workshops, tours, and through our website.

The members are generally provided a discounted price for the tickets at ASIE events.

Membership fee for 2012
- Individual Membership — $50
- Life Membership — $400
- Student Membership — $10
- Corporate Membership — $250

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