

Report: WIE Event 6

Event: Attending IEEE Women in Engineering International Leadership Summit (ILS – 2019)

Venue: Sterlings Mac Hotel, Bangalore, India

Date: August 30-31, 2019

IEEE Women in Engineering International Leadership Summit-2019 (ILS – 2019) was held at Sterlings Mac Hotel, Bangalore, India, during August 30 - 31, 2019. This Summit was technically sponsored by IEEE WIE Bangalore Section and IEEE Bangalore Section. I, Prof. Sudipta Chatterjee, Chairperson of IEEE Women in Engineering (WIE), Kolkata Section, got the opportunity to attend the Summit. The Summit was inaugurated in a gracious way at 9:30 a.m. on August 30, 2019. This was followed by the inaugural address by Nigar Shaji, Project Director, Aditya L1 Mission on "ISRO Science Mission: A glimpse". The diverse themes of the various tracks such as Humanitarian Track, Women in Technology Track, Leadership Track, Entrepreneurship Track and Innovation Track could make the program very attractive and beneficial for the participants.

Five Key Note addresses and four Tracks were scheduled on Day-1; whereas, four keynote addresses and one Track were scheduled on Day-2. A cultural program was also organized on Day-1 followed by banquet dinner. A Panel Discussion held on Day-2 on "Capability Vs Copability – Striking the right balance" could really throw light on balancing the professional and personal life in a successfully manner. The inspiring talks from the delegates of leading defense organizations like DRDO, and ISRO added an additional dimension to this event. Huge participation from leading industries such as CISCO, Reliance Jio, Google, JP Morgan, TSDSI, HP Enterprise etc. and academia could make a right balance between industry and institute participation. The presence and motivating addresses by IEEE office bearers Supavadee Aramvith (2019 Section and Chapter Committee Chair, IEEE Region 10), Takako Hashimoto (Global WIE Chair, Japan), Emi Yano (R10 WIE Chair) and many more could really inspire the IEEE women engineers and other women professionals to a great extent. The summit ended with the valedictory session at 3:30 pm on August 31, 2019.

Overall, I would like to mention that this visit was very much beneficial for me in terms of technical as well as professional knowledge sharing. I got introduced with many academicians, researchers and industry personnel. Apart from technical side, this summit had a great impact on IEEE professional activities. Since IEEE professionals from all over India and Asia Pacific region participated in this summit, it gave me the great opportunity to exchange professional knowledge and gather new ideas in this respect which I would be able to share with my WIE members. I would like to acknowledge IEEE Kolkata Section for funding my travel to attend IEEE WIE ILS – 2019.



WIE Chair of Kolkata Section, Prof. Sudipta Chatterjee with R-10 and Bangalore Section WIE office bearers



Global WIE Chair Takako Hashimoto is addressing the audience