

Dear Alumni,

Happy Independence Day to you all!

We announce with great pleasure that Alumni Affairs Committee is renamed to **Alumni Networks Committee (ANC)** by detaching itself from the SAAC Committee association with effect from July'14 & will be working as an independent body. The *Committee* saw many folds of changes in its duties to serve our prestigious institute, and hence the changes were inevitable.

We would like to extend our warm welcome to you all at Alumni Networks Committee!

The Committee inspires towards providing quality and efficient work to the institute, in the light of which some proposed initiatives are being undertaken which include:

❖ Video Conference Facility:

To reach alumni present all over the world in time and cost efficient manner, *IIFM has established VC facility*. Besides, the option of *Skype talk is also available*.

Alumni are welcome to propose their dates for such interaction and talks. If they want to give some special talk, the topic may also be intimated.

❖ Alumni Mentoring Program:

To establish direct network between alumni and current students, Alumni Mentoring Programme (AMP) has been proposed in which each student will be allotted an alumni as mentor for his/her professional growth and development not only during study period but even beyond that to help in her career growth. Volunteers as well as suggestions are invited from alumni to formally structure and establish this programme.

❖ Group Mail Id:

To facilitate easier communication among individual batches passing out from IIFM, a request is being made to pass on the batch group email ID to ANC to facilitate communication. If the group does not exist, it may be created on Gmail/Yahoo and intimated accordingly.

❖ Online Social Media:

For a user friendly approach towards establishing a seamless flow of information and experiences of alumni, *ANC's presence at Facebook* will be intensified.

❖ Sampark:

The revival of *Sampark*, the ANC magazine, face of our *Committee* is under progress; it will be published online on a quarterly basis on our institution's website. Volunteers are invited for the editorial board of *Sampark* from alumni along with constructive suggestions for its face lift.

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❖ **Annual Alumni Meet:**

Conjugating annual alumni meet with IIFM's annual festival Kalpataru, which is held in mid-February, would help the alumni in attending both the events simultaneously if they desire to.

❖ **Generation of funds through membership fee:**

We are in the process of deciding to introduce a membership fee scheme from the alumnus of IIFM for getting registered with ANC in order to generate running capital for organizing various activities of ANC. The membership fee of Rs 5000/- has been decided to be fixed for life membership. The facilities associated with life membership include free registration for annual meet of ANC, 50% discount on room charges for stay at IIFM guest house, possibility of being invited for alumni talk series etc. These will be spelled out and announced in the ANC Bulletin. Besides, generous donations are being invited from alumni to show their solidarity with the alumni activities of the institute.

For this, shortly a link will be activated on ANC page of IIFM website where you are supposed to fill the ***IIFM-ANC membership registration form***. Please do fill out the form in order to be a part of the ANC and thereby helping us in getting in touch with each one of you and renewing your association with IIFM. The facility to pay the online registration fee will also be activated shortly.

❖ **Registration fee for Alumni Meet:**

A fee of Rs 2000/- per person will be charged for meeting the expenses of organizing the alumni meet. All alumni who take life membership will be exempted from these charges for self but will have to pay 50% of stay charges as per prevailing IIFM rates.

- ❖ Kindly decide among your respective batches and suggest the names and contact email of two alumni from each batch for Batch coordinator/Associate coordinator, preferably one girl and one boy, to help us initiate various activities and providing information for *Sampark*. They will serve as our contact points with every batch and we will create their group to have easy contact.

Please provide us with your valuable feedback and do keep on checking the web site for ANC page updates.

Looking forward for a rejuvenating connection with each one of you.

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