

Message from Sponsorship & Local Arrangements chairs

Sponsorship

Once again raising sponsorship for Comsnets 14 has been a herculean task. Most multinationals remained squeezed for funds and the bigger Indian companies just shied away as in the previous years. In spite of this a vigorous campaign yielded a decent support from 8 entities including the Government of India. I am truly grateful to all of them irrespective of their level of support.

Microsoft was the biggest contributor who came as a Platinum Sponsor. I am truly grateful to MSRI team for their effort. Cisco gave us a lot of tense moments but came through in the end once again as a Gold Sponsor. Their constant high level support for the past 4 years is commendable and I am truly grateful to them. I would also like to record my appreciation to Ministry of IT for once again coming forward with their financial support..

My heartfelt thanks also goes to AirtightNetworks, IBM and Qualcomm for their continued support. A special thanks to Radio Studio for supporting us for the first time.

Thank you all for your confidence in this conference without which it could never be as successful as it is today.

Local Arrangements

The Chancery Pavilion continued to be the venue for Comsnets for the 7th year in a row for same three reasons, namely, for its location, good conference facilities and its relatively affordable cost. As always The Chancery Pavilion offered our delegates a special tariff as they did in the previous years. I would like to thanks to Mr Ajay Sharma, Vice President Sales and Marketing of The Chancery Hotels and Mr B Madhushudhan, Asst Banquet Manager Chancery Pavilion Hotel, for all their help and support. This year again The Chancery Pavilion Hotel promised a total gastronomic delight by providing a very special menu for all the lunches, welcome reception and the gala banquet.

I would like to record a special thanks to Mr Kuldeep Singh of Foureleven India and Mr Ravi Chandra of Audio Plus for all their help in providing the backdrops, banners, brochure, audio visual equipment etc.

This year both Microsoft Research India will provide a guided tour of their lab. I strongly urge all delegates to make use of this opportunity to visit a great lab.

Last but not the least I would like to record my heartfelt thanks and gratefulness to Dr Rajeev Shorey for his constant help, support, guidance and above all his confidence in me. I remain much obliged to him.

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