Message from General Secretary



Dear Members,

It gives me great pleasure connecting you through this renovated website of IAAPC-Delhi Chapter. The website contains information about IAAPC, its history and current status, aims, objectives and code of conduct. Resume of the Executive Committee is provided in the website. Your IAAPC is privileged to be the first and largest Association of Air Quality professionals of India; it has almost 600 members. India's first journal on air pollution "Indian Journal of Air Pollution Control", started in 1978 is the mouthpiece of IAAPC. Your IAAPC boasts of its illustrious past and the Executive Committee is aware of this fact and prescribed a "Code of Conduct". Internationally renowned air quality experts of India, viz, Padma Shri Prof Dilip Biswas, Prof J.M.Dave, Prof H.B.Mathur, Prof C.K.Varshney, Shri P.C.Tyagi, Dr. A.L Agrawal & Dr. B. Sengupta have adorned the Executive Committee in various capacities. Initially IAAPC was nurtured and mentored by eminent air quality experts of the Central Pollution Control, viz, Prof Nilay Choudhury, Prof Guru Das Agrawal and Prof Dilip Biswas. The services rendered by my predecessor Shri S.K.Gupta is worth mentioning, he helped and sustained the IAAPC - Delhi Chapter for almost two decades.

A new dawn and a new hope await IAAPC. "Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached" the slogan used by Swami Vivekanand from the Katha Upanishad to get rid of the hypnotized state of mind of Indian Youths, is equally relevant today.

India is a welfare state and its Citizens have the right to get clean air. The diagnosis of air pollution is well understood and the solutions are not so complex. Proper inventory of emission sources by employing qualified, trained staff and guiding them for correct data collection through exhaustive field visits, quantifying the emissions, pollution monitoring at / near sources and controlling them using the appropriate technology are the only solution available to prevent and minimize air pollution.

Monitoring of air pollution, both at source and ambient, through continuous online instruments requires complete overhaul because the data generated and transmitted to the servers of regulatory authorities by the industry are not reliable. Proper quality control and surveillance program is required.

Medium and small Industry are facing the shortage of qualified and trained engineers & scientists for management of pollution. Creation of training facilities is urgently required.

Consultants and experts are often not treated with dignity by the regulatory bodies. IAAPC has developed a scheme to encourage them, reward them and include them as an important stakeholder.

Unfortunately, today EIA has turned from science to commerce and therefore, lost its purpose. Appropriate corrective actions are required to be initiated at this stage.

I, on behalf of IAAPC-Delhi Chapter assure you that your Association is committed to serve the cause of air pollution control. Your Association will not dither or hesitate to take-up relevant and genuine matters with appropriate authorities. The Executive Committee is committed to assist and help its members to solve their genuine problems and grievances.

I wish you all the best and look forward to your support and cooperation for making IAAPC a legacy institution.

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General Secretary

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