



# Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

## Institute Research and Development Committee

### Minutes of the IRDC Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 in FB 212 at 5 pm

**Members Present:** Drs. K. Muralidhar (Chairman), B. Basu (Convener), Nishith Verma, Safi Qureshi, Kumar R. Priya, D. Kundu, A. Kushari, A. Agarwal, B. V. Phani, Utpal Das, Ashish Garg, Mr. K. Sudheendra Rao, Dr. J. Subramaniam (representative of regular scientific/Design staff), Ms. Rashmi Parihar (representative of Project Associates working for sponsored projects), Mr. K. V. Satya Murty

#### 1. **Announcement:** DORD made the following announcements:

- a) Institute sponsored research scheme is approved by the Board and a few research proposals submitted by our colleagues are under active consideration.
- b) DST approved High Performance computing project of Rs. 13.8 crores and all the workstations will be housed in the computer center.
- c) Golden Jubilee REACH conference will be held at IIT Kanpur, tentatively during Feb.–Mar., 2010.
- d) NPTEL – Phase II project of Rs. 10 crores over next two years is sanctioned.
- e) The project on Virtual labs of Rs. 20 crores is in the final stage of approval.
- f) NWTF received large funding from Boeing, USA.

**2. Terminal report of IRDC - presentation by the outgoing Convener:** Dr. Basu presented the executive summary as well as details of the decisions/recommendations made by IRDC during 2008-09. While presenting the terminal report, IRDC was updated with the following information:

- a) E-advance at DORD online portal is launched and when found error free, will be announced formally to the academic staff. PIs can use E-advance for TA/Cons./Cont. purchases.
- b) IRDC requested Dr. Phani to take up the initiative of developing an Academic Administration Software (AAS) on an urgent basis.

- c) Safety exit should be made available in research labs.
- d) Safety awareness program can be arranged for the laboratory staff.
- e) Intellectual Ventures may make presentation to IRDC. Departments should invite Dr. Phani for discussion on new initiatives of SIIC and activities related to IPR, Patent, and faculty entrepreneurship.

IRDC members specially congratulated Dr Bikramjit Basu for his commitment and interest in fulfilling his responsibilities.

**3. Election of New Convener:** IRDC elected Dr(s). Nishith Verma as convener and Abhijit Kushari as co-convener of IRDC for the period of October 2009 – September 2010.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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