

PROCEEDINGS OF IIIF2017, 9TH TO 11TH SEPTEMBER 2017, VISAKHAPATNAM



Highlights:

- The Visakhapatnam event was announced globally in 100 countries by global networks- IFIA and APCTT of ESCAP.
- Global participation of 75 from 30 countries.
- 300 innovations exhibited. Wide range of participation from school children (Young scientists), grass root innovators, engineering students and startups.
- International workshop held by UN Organization- APCTT of ESCAP, first time in partnership with a state government.
- Hackathon organized as parallel event.
- Awareness and excitement created in the state on Innovations.
- 5000 visitors in 3 days.
- Visakhapatnam and Andhra Pradesh are now on radar of global innovation networks.

Videos link : https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu_fPcdqSq4gmP4LqAVnK0A

Day 1



The three-day International Innovation Fair 2017, hosted by the Andhra Pradesh Innovation Society in association with India Innovators' Association commenced on Saturday, September 9th in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India. IIFA 2017 was supported by the government of Andhra Pradesh and IFIA.

IIFA President Dr A.S.Rao, welcomed the guests and laid the framework for the fair-creation of employment with creation of new enterprises. APIS CEO V. Valli Kumari stated that innovation is given highest priority by government of Andhra Pradesh. Mr Krishnan Srinivasaraghavan, APCTT explained the role of their UN body stressing that promoting innovation is as important as creating innovation. IFIA President, Alireza Rastegar inaugurated the event and emphasized imperative of innovation commercialization. NCSTC publication carrying abstracts of the research done by the young scientists was released by President, IFIA during inaugural function.

Minister for ITE&C, Mr. Lokesh spent an evening with IFIA members who exchanged their activities with each other. Inaugural issue of International Technology Bazar, which included catalogue of innovations exhibited in the fair, was released by Minister Lokesh on 9th evening.

A hackathon was organised from 4 p.m on Friday 9th to 6 p.m on Sunday 11th on citizen-centric services at Sunrise incubation hub at Rushikonda. One hundred fifty students benefitted from this three day activity.

Minister and guests congratulated the student band for the entertainment.

Day 2



As part of the international fair, APCTT organized an international workshop entitled, “Supporting Innovative Entrepreneurs and Role of Technology Transfer” on 10 September 2017. The workshop aimed to enhance awareness on the support mechanisms available for innovative entrepreneurs and share best practices in cross-border technology transfer from countries in the Asia Pacific region and beyond.

The workshop sessions focused on 1) opportunities and challenges for technology commercialization, technology transfer and adoption, 2) effective management of intellectual property rights, 3) establishing and sustaining cross-border cooperation on technology transfer and 4) sharing of policy frameworks for technology transfer and innovation led entrepreneurship. The workshop brought together over 100 delegates from academic institutions, research and development institutions, small and medium enterprises, grass root innovators and entrepreneurs. International participants in the workshop included senior representatives from APCTT’s partner organizations in India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan and Philippines in addition to countries in the Middle-East and Europe.

Mr Nara Lokesh, Minister for Information Technology, Electronics and Communications, Government of Andhra Pradesh delivered the keynote address at the workshop and shared the policy framework of Government of Andhra Pradesh to support innovative entrepreneurs. The one-day workshop facilitated the sharing of country level experiences, lessons learned, as well as innovative policy interventions through a series of national policy presentations, deliberations on policy mechanisms and interactive discussions. The participants also discussed the need for future regional cooperation platforms to support knowledge exchange and networking. The Government has strongly encouraged multi-lateral and regional organizations such as APCTT for active participation and support to the annual International Innovation Fair organised by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in the subsequent years.

Day 3



IFIA Executive Committee meeting was organized on 11 September 2017 alongside India International Innovation Fair from 10.30 AM to 12.30. The following agenda was discussed in details:

- Opening of the session
- IFIA Activity Report 2016
- IFIA Financial Report 2016
- Preparations for Executive Committee Candidacy 2018-2020
- Approval of Presidency Criteria and Candidacy
- Assignment of title to the inventors
- IFIA Youth Network Members
- International Inventors Day
- Next Executive Committee Meeting
- Closing of the session

Alireza Rastegar, IFIA President, summoned the members and thanked them for their participation in IFIA EC meeting. He expressed his appreciation to Aynampudi Subbarao for hosting the EC meeting for the second time.

The committee also deliberated on assignment of title to innovators. Doctors and PhD holders in all countries use Dr as Title. Engineers in some countries use Er as Title. Such title helps to differentiate qualified and competent professionals from the rest. On the other hand there is no system that recognizes genuine inventors and innovators, contributing significantly in the knowledge economy and adding to public stock of knowledge. It was proposed to institutionalize an arrangement whereby the innovators are recognized with title based on their competency and track record as member of Chartered Innovators Council. It was approved to use the title “Inv” for the inventors and innovators.

In addition to the points mentioned in agenda, Dr. Rao explained the development of International Technology Bazaar which involves a website and a mobile application to promote the innovative technologies through advertising the products. IFIA members

welcomed the idea and they agreed to provide the annual brochure of their events in order to include the technologies in the website and mobile application.

The Hon. Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu visited the fair in the afternoon and spent time with international and Indian Innovators. A memorandum of understanding was signed between National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) and the AP Innovation Society to help the students and startups in the State. IFIA memorial medal given to Y S Chowdary, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology was collected on his behalf by H Purushotham, CMD, NRDC. IFIA President presented IFIA best invention awards to Portugal and for Organic Disposable Shaving Brush to Madala Sowjanya from India.

Hon. CM presented The Gandhi Memorial Innovation Award to Bahrain, special awards to Raman and Sai teja for creating International Technology Bazaar portal and gold awards to international and national innovators. Minister Lokesh and other dignitaries presented silver and bronze metals to International and national innovators.

Hon CM of AP referred to 1st Industrial Revolution, 2nd Industrial Revolution , 3rd Industrial revolution and gave a perspective of how the state is preparing for the 4th industrial revolution built on technology & IOT. The state would be role model in the emerging virtual world with real time governance adopting new technologies; Robotics, Drones, machine learning etc along with global best practices. Dissatisfaction with routine is the mantra for knowledge economy.

He recounted his conversation with innovators; school children , grass root innovators, college students, international researchers , startups and expressed satisfaction with their `can do' attitude. The states agenda of 15% annual growth is backed by vision document detailing every task that needs to be accomplished and entrepreneurs have a critical role to play.

Hon CM announced:

- AP state will be supporting IIA & IFIA in organizing IIA International Innovation Fair every year in the state on the same dates, 9th to 11th September.
- From next year onwards, cash awards for innovators to be included in the agenda.
- The state is setting aside Rs 100 crores to support innovators.
- Innovations exhibited would be examined for pilot demonstration in the state and transfer to local entrepreneurs.