

**20 Years Celebration Function of ISWE during  
APCWE – VIII at CSIR - SERC Chennai  
(December 11-14, 2013)**

The 20 years celebration function was successfully organized by ISWE on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 during the Eighth Asia-Pacific Conference on Wind Engineering (APCWE-VIII) at CSIR-Structural Engineering Research Centre (SERC), Chennai (December 11-14, 2013).

Prof. P. D. Porey, President ISWE could not attend the function, and Dr Abhay Gupta, Vice-President, presided over the function. He welcomed the members and guests present. A brief Presentation on Past, Present & Future of ISWE was made by Dr Achal Kr. Mittal, Honorary Secretary.

The Executive Committee of ISWE decided to mark the event of 20 years celebration by instituting Life Time Achievement Award and Honorary Fellow Award to eminent wind Engineers. Accordingly a three members committee had been formed to select the above awardees. The committee members were:

1. Prof. P. D. Porey, President ISWE & Director SVNIT, Surat
2. Dr. Nagesh R. Iyer, Chairman APCWE8 & Director CSIR-SERC, Chennai
3. Dr. Achal Kumar Mittal, Hon. Secretary ISWE & Scientist CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee.

The committee unanimously selected following two pioneers in Wind Engineering for their extra ordinary contribution in Wind Engineering and ISWE: (1) Prof. Prem Krishna, Founder President ISWE and Former professor of Civil Engineering in University of Roorkee and (2) Dr. N. Lakshmanan, Former President ISWE and Former Director CSIR-SERC Chennai.

The Committee also selected two very eminent international Wind Engineers to be inducted as ‘Honorary Fellow’ of ISWE. Prof. Yukio Tamura, Director Wind Engineering Research Centre Tokyo Polytechnic University, Japan & Prof. Kishor Mehta, P.W. Horn Professor of Civil Engineering, Texas Tech University Lubbock, USA.

Various awards were presented during the function as per following details:

- **Life Time Achievement Award** in Wind Engineering in India was presented to **Prof. Prem Krishna & Dr. N. Lakshmanan**.

Citations of Prof. Prem Krishna and Dr N Lakshmanan were read highlighting their contributions to Wind Engineering in India. Life Time Achievement Shield was presented to both the dignitaries along with the Citation. The audience gave them a standing ovation.



Life Time Achievement award being presented to Prof. Prem Krishna



Life Time Achievement award being presented to Dr. N. Lakshmanan

Prof. Prem Krishna shared his memories of how ISWE came into its existence and about his experiences in shaping this Society. He also expressed his satisfaction on the growth of ISWE and activities of Wind Engineering in India. However he said that more needs to be done for the growth of Wind Engineering in India. He expressed his sincere thanks to the present EC for considering him for this Life Time Achievement Award. He also thanked University of Roorkee (now IIT Roorkee) for providing to him the opportunity for his professional growth.

Dr. N. Lakshmanan expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude to ISWE for honoring him with the Life Time Achievement Award, and CSIR for giving him the opportunity to work in the area of Wind Engineering. He also thanked the wind engineering group of CSIR-SERC, Chennai without whose support it would not have been possible for him to contribute to this important field of study.

- **ISWE Honorary Fellow Award** was presented to Prof Yukio Tamura, Japan and Prof Kishor Mehta, USA.

Citations of Prof. Y. Tamura & Prof. Kishor Mehta were read highlighting their contributions. Medal of Honorary Fellowship was presented to them along with a Citation.



Honorary Fellowship Medal Presented to  
Prof. Yukio Tamura



Honorary Fellowship Medal Presented to  
Prof. Kishor Mehta

Prof. Tamura thanked ISWE for this honor and reiterated his continued support to Indian Wind Engineering and ISWE. Prof. Kishor Mehta was also very happy to receive this award in India from ISWE and expressed his sincere thanks to ISWE.

- **Best M. Tech Thesis Awards for the block year 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and 2012-2013.** The recipient of the awards includes Ms. M. Keerthana, Ms. Shamal Rohit Mane, Major Alok Dua, Mr. Shshank Raina, and Ms. Divya Aggarwal.



Sh. Sanjay Varshney presenting Best M. Tech Thesis Award to Ms. Shamal Rohit Mane and Major Alok Dua



Dr. Abhay Gupta presenting Best M. Tech Thesis Award to Ms. M Keerthana

Dr. Rajeev Gupta presenting Best M. Tech Thesis Award to Mr. Shashank Raina

- ISWE Honored its past Presidents: Prof. Prem Krishna (Founder President), Dr. N. Lakshmanan, Prof. A. K. Ghosh and Prof. P. N. Godbole.



Former President Memento to Prof. Prem Krishna

Former President Memento to Dr. N. Lakshmanan

- ISWE Honored its past Hon. Secretaries : Prof. P. N. Godbole , Prof. V. K. Gupta and Prof. Ajay Gairola.



Present Vice President & Hon. Secretary honoring Former Hon. Secretary Prof. Ajay Gairola

- ISWE also honored its Present Executive Committee of ISWE for their valuable contributions.



Dr. Mittal presenting memento to Dr. Selvi Rajan



Prof. Prem Krishna presenting memento to Dr. Abhay Gupta



Dr. Mittal presenting memento to Dr. P. Harikrishna



Dr. Mittal presenting memento to Sh. Sanjay Varshney



Hon. Secretary Dr. Mittal presenting memento to Dr. Arnab Sarkar



Vice President Dr. Gupta presenting memento to Former President Prof. A. K. Ghosh



The function ended with a Vote of Thanks, and, was followed by a cultural programme and the APCWE8 dinner.

Dr. Achal Kumar Mittal  
Hon. Secretary ISWE