

# IIT, Gandhinagar director elected President of IAEE

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AHMEDABAD: Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN) Director, Dr Sudhir K Jain, has been recently elected as the President of the International Association for Earthquake Engineering (IAEE). After serving the Board of Directors of IAEE as a President Elect for the next two years, Dr Jain will take over as the President of IAEE in 2014 and serve as President for the next four years.

IAEE is an international organisation whose membership consists of earthquake engineering associations/societies of 56 countries in the world. IAEE leads the efforts on research, policies, regulations, education related to earthquake engineering around the world through various forums, e.g., journals, world conferences, international meetings, workshops, etc and provides global interface to local societies of different countries.

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The process of election of the president of IAEE involves nomination of a suitable candidate by a Nomination Committee consisting of three Past-Presidents of IAEE. The person nominate by this committee is then endorsed by the Executive Committee IAEE, and thereafter is presented to the General Assembly of National Delegates (from the 56 member countries). The National Delegates may make additional nominations for the Presidency; if so, a secret ballot is held with each country casting one vote. In the case of Dr. Jain, his nomination was unanimously accepted by the National Delegates.

Dr. Jain has been on the Board of Directors of the IAEE since the year 2000, and has been serving as its Executive Vice President since 2008. He was also on the Board of Directors of the World Seismic Safety Initiative from 2002 to 2009.

Dr. Sudhir Jain is an active academic in Earthquake Engineering and a passionate academic administrator. He initiated Earthquake Engineering activities at IIT Kanpur in 1984. He set up and developed the National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering ( NICEE) at IITK. He also developed the National Programme on Earthquake Engineering Education (NPEEE), supported by the Government of India. He has carried out post-earthquake surveys of most of the disastrous earthquakes in India since 1988 and disseminated Learnings From Earthquakes through publications and seminars.