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### **From the Editor**

This issue which carries the last two issues of 2008/09 marks the end of a happy year of writing all about the happenings at IMSL whilst stimulating discussions on contemporary and timely management topics.

Since the start of the newsletter in July 2008, we have been receiving constructive and positive feedback from our members. This frequent response from the readers was pivotal for the continuation and further development of the newsletter. Thus, we may consider making some practical decisions in terms of the frequency and coverage of the newsletter from IMSL year starting 2009/10, i.e, June 2009.

Now, it's time that I highlight some important happenings at the IMSL during this period, which I believe will be of great interest to all our dear members.

As you know, our 12<sup>th</sup> National Management Conference was successfully held on the 19 May, 2009 at the Galle Face Hotel, Colombo on the theme "Making a Global Citizen". The event demonstrated team work at its best, where IMSL Council as well as general membership took a keen interest in the organizing. More details of the event are shown under News on the next page.

End of May is usually the end of the IMSL term in office. The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Institute was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at the Galle Face Hotel, Colombo. A new Council and Office Bearers were elected, while it was just the right time to humbly say "thank you" for the outgoing Council and Office Bearers for a wonderful job done.

So, it's time to move on. As always said it had been a great and a challenging year at the IMSL. I as much as you all did in reading, enjoyed a happy year of writing, some times from the books and many times from the heart. It was overall a joyous experience presenting you a newsletter at the end of every month. I thank all of you for being part of this initiative, and especially the President, office bearers and my own Council Members for their understanding and support in making this e initiative a reality.

### **Manu Tissera Gunasekara**

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## IMSL Updates

### 12<sup>th</sup> National Management Conference Galle Face Hotel, Colombo, 19 May 2009

IMSL in collaboration with the Chartered Institute of Management and The Management Club successfully concluded its 12<sup>th</sup> National Management Conference (NMC) 2009 on the theme “Global Citizenship and Management: Capacity Development in Challenging Times” on the 19 May 2009 at the Galle Face Hotel, Colombo.



One of the key objectives of the NMC 2009 was to facilitate informed discussion and consultation on the key theme of “making a global citizen”. The panel of experts drawn from the academia and the private sector shared their views on three core areas related to the central theme, on innovative approaches to enhancing skills and capabilities for future employment, business as a catalyst for social integration and the need for a new global ethical order to make the best of human ingenuity.

Number of eminent management practitioners and academics made presentations at the conference followed by fruitful discussions with the members of the audience.

Dr. Wijaya Jayathilaka, NMC Chairperson concluded the sessions by briefing the conference on a number of actions that the IMSL will collectively undertake in addressing some important issues that spurred out of the deliberations. These will be shared with the member and non-member organizations of the IMSL in the future with pledges to follow up

### 31<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting Galle Face Hotel, Colombo, 26 May 2009

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The President, Mr. T. Anver Dole, welcomed the members and expressed his delight at the remarkable progress that was achieved by the Institute during the past year. He



brought to the notice of the meeting, of some of the milestones that the IMSL was able to realize during the year, which included, gaining the Full Member status from the Asian Association of Management Organizations (AAMO), IMSL-SLFI Public Lecture Series, IMSL e-Newsletter and the successful completion of the National Management

Conference (NMC) 2009. While reiterating the important line up of events which the Institute was able to successfully implement as presented by the Secretary in the Annual Report of 2008/09, the President further expressed his confidence at further enhancing activities that were undertaken in the previous year, while introducing some novel concepts. The importance of enhancing the institute's website to cater to the growing needs of today's managers, revival of the IMSL Journal of Management, introducing a new e-publications series, establishing A Young National Management Award, and to establish the IMSL as a centre for providing management and consultancy services, are among the thoughts that were expressed

A new Council of Members and Office Bearers were elected. President, Mr. Anver Dole was re-elected as the President for the new term, while a new Secretary and an Assistant Secretary were elected during the AGM. In addition, the Treasurer will continue to serve in his capacity for another term, while there were new faces seen among the Council.

### **Award of Fellowship**



Mr. Raj Subramaniam read the citation for Award of Fellowship, which had been ratified by the Council of Management of the Institute to one of the Institute's Senior Members, Maj. Chandika Dedigama, who served the Institute with dedication over the past years. The Fellowship was awarded to Maj. Dedigama by the President.

### **Unveiling of photographs of Past Presidents of IMSL**

A memorable feature of the evening was the Unveiling of photographs of two eminent



Past Presidents of the IMSL, and equally outstanding management personalities, Mrs. Rohini Nanayakkara and Col. Faizur Rahman, who led the Institute with dedication during their respective tenures. The President called them to the head table. Dr. Sarath Kodituwakku read the citation for Mrs. Nanayakkara, and Dr. Wijaya Jayatilaka read the citation for Col. Rahman.

During the brief remarks, Mrs. Nanayakkara expressed her satisfaction at the significant progress of the Institute during the past years, and the hope for successful years ahead with the new developments in the country. Col. Faiz on the other hand highlighted some key attributes of a manager, and the need for such breed in the Sri Lankan context.

## Members' Forum

We look forward to receive your valuable feedback, criticism, and suggestions to improve the quality and presentation of this newsletter. Also, we'd like you to contribute to this monthly bulletin, may be with a business success story, crisis management, or challenge which you might like to share with your fellow members. Write to us.

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