



Prof. R. Natarajan



Professor R.Natarajan was till November, 2004, the Chairman of The All India Council for Technical Education, a statutory body of the Government of India. Before that he served as The Director of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras from 1995 to 2001. He has worked as a National Research Council Research Fellow in Canada, and as a Humboldt Research Fellow in Germany.

He served as the Vice-President of The Indian National Academy of Engineering during 2002-2006, and was nominated to The Board of The Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences (CAETS) for 2006. He served as the Chairman of the Research Council of the Central Fuel Research Institute, Dhanbad during 1995-2005.

He is currently the Co-Chairman of the Engineering Education Forum of the Indian National Academy of Engineering and the Chairman of the Board for IT Education Standards of Karnataka.

He received his Ph.D and M.A.Sc degrees from the University of Waterloo, Canada. He was awarded Distinction in the M.E. Degree Program of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. He secured the First Rank in the B.E. Degree Examination of the Mysore University in 1961, and was awarded the Sir M.Visvesvaraya Prize and two other Prizes. His areas of Expertise are: Combustion, Propulsion, Energy and Engineering Education.

He is a Fellow of: Indian National Academy of Engineering, Indian Society for Technical Education, National Academy of Social Sciences, Institution of Engineers (India), Indian Institution of Plant Engineers, National Foundation of Indian Engineers, Indian Institution of Materials Management, and Madras Science Foundation.

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He is the Recipient of six Best Paper Awards for his papers on Combustion, Energy and Engineering Education. He has been conferred several Awards and Honors, including : " Dr. Homi J. Bhabha Award " of The Indian Science Congress, 2002; "System Society of India Gold Medal" , 2002; "Outstanding Contribution Award for Quality in Education" of The Quality Circle Forum of India; "Eminent Engineer Award" of The Institution of Engineers (India); "Best Teacher Award" of The Rotary Club of Madras-Southwest; "The Nayudamma Award" of The Nayudamma Center for Development Alternatives, Andhra Pradesh; "For The Sake of Honor Award of The Rotary Club of Madras Metro; "The Shivaram Karanth Award for Sustainable Development"; "The Man of the Year-2001 Award" of The Centenarian Trust; "Lifetime Achievement Award" of The Hitkarini Trust, Jabalpur; and "The Distinguished Alumnus Award" of the University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering, Bangalore.

He has been invited to address and chair several international conferences and meetings. He has been a Member of: The India-China Eminent Persons' Group, The Board of The International Ocean Institute, The Indian S&T Delegation to Germany (1992), and the Leader of the Indian Delegation to Carnegie Mellon University for The Technology-Enhanced Learning Project (2000).

He has been a Member of the Editorial Boards of: Fuel (London), Fuel Science and Technology, Indian Journal of Technical Education, and Staff and Educational Development International.; the Editor of: The Journal of The Steam and Fuel Users' Association of India, and The Journal of Plant Engineering. He is currently on the Editorial Board of: International Journal of Engineering Education and of the Journal of Engineering Education (published by The American Society for Engineering Education).