ITC Alumni Association Nepal (IAAN)
Annual Report 2008

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1. **Objectives of IAAN**

IAAN Statute 2000 has explicitly defined the objectives of the association as:
- Integrated applications of knowledge, skills and trainings acquired in different fields from ITC for the development of the nation
- Promotion of Geo-information and Earth Observation science for the development of the nation
- Development of professionalism amongst the members through knowledge sharing, interactions, networking and communication with the ITC

2. **IAAN Statistics**

2.1. *Establishment and History*

ITC Alumni Association Nepal (IAAN) was officially established on June 27th, 2000 and registered with the District Administration Office, Kathmandu with the Registration No 1011-2056/57. During the establishment, IAAN had 25 members. IAAN received contribution of 1000.00 Netherlands Guilder from the ITC, Enschede.

IAAN has provision of Executive Committee consisting of 11 members headed by the President and supported by Vice President, General Secretary, Joint Secretary, Treasurer and six executive members. The function of the Executive Committee is to undertake organizational business functions of the association to meet the objectives of the association. The working period of the Executive Committee is for 3 years and new committee is formed through the General Assembly.

However, from its establishment, IAAN remained inactive due to the inactiveness of its executive members. In July 2008, after 7 years since the last meeting of Executive Committee (held on June 14, 2001), IAAN was able to organize a General Assembly with a huge success. The success of this General Assembly attributed to the active participation and hard works of few fellow ITC alumni of the year 2005 and 2007 under the guidance of then IAAN president Mr. Raja Ram Chhatkuli.

The General Assembly in 2008 also elected new Executive Committee (2nd Executive Committee) consisting of the following executive members

1. Dr. Chudamani Joshi, President
2. Mr. Kamal Ghimire, Vice President
3. Mr. Anish Joshi, General Secretary
4. Ms. Samjhana Karki, Joint Secretary
5. Mr. Hari Pokhrel, Treasurer
6. Mr. Suroj Raj Rajkarinkar, Executive Member
7. Ms. Anu Rajbhandari, Executive Member
8. Mr. Ram Dular Yadav, Executive Member
9. Mr. Dhruba Raj Ghimire, Executive Member
10. Mr. Mahesh Pradhan, Executive Member
11. Mr. Birendra Piya, Executive Member

In the General Assemble, 63 new ITC alumni were inducted in the IAAN. The General Assembly also made amendments in the statute of the IAAN.

2.2. Current Members

There are altogether 83 registered members among whom 37 are life members and remaining general members (until 2008). Majority of these members were registered during the General Assembly in 2008. However, there are estimated 250-300 ITC alumni in Nepal.

IAAN and its members are continuously working to make contacts with new and old ITC alumni to induct them in the association. Under this initiative, IAAN has planned get-togethers and other programs to get acquaint with newly returned ITC alumni and also have been searching for contacts of old alumni.

2.3. Meetings/Events

IAAN statute has stipulated the frequency of executive meeting as “every 2 months” and an Annual General Assembly. Special sessions and meetings are called upon by the Executive Committee when necessary. Various events and get-togethers are organized by the Executive Committee time to time.

3. IAAN Services

3.1. Newsletters

The new Executive Committee has planned to publish bi-annual e-newsletter and has already drafted the first issue (Issue 1/2008) to be circulated by the end of February 2009.

3.2. Website

The new Executive Committee has planned to develop and register website under domain name www.iaan.org.np. The development work has been started and the site is expected to be online by the end of May, 2009

3.3. Internet Communities

IAAN do not currently have internet community. The new IAAN website is planned to contain community forum section in its future versions. The primary objective of this forum section will be to share knowledge, experiences and ideas related to geo-information and earth observation science and technology between the ITC alumni as well as others involved/with interest in this field.
3.4. **Other Services**

IAAN is also looking forward to form a professional network amongst its members. The primary objective of this networking will be to foster professional cooperation and collaborations amongst the IAAN members. This is envisioned to benefit IAAN members by giving them opportunities to collaborate and provide their individual expertise as professional services to other IAAN members/members’ organizations. As such, these organizations will also benefit in terms of professional services rendered by highly trained and academically sound ITC alumni.

This network will further strengthen IAAN through strong professional bonding between the members.

4. **IAAN Activities in 2008**

4.1. **Gatherings**

In 30th July 2008, IAAN held a General Assembly, a first of such gathering since the establishment in 2000. The gathering was a huge success and 83 ITC alumni were present. The gathering was planned by an ad hoc working group and organized by a team of alumni Anish Joshi, Govinda Baral, Janak Raj Joshi, Roshani Sharma, Mahesh Pradhan, Shailendra Ghimire and other ITC alumni.

The highlights of the General Assembly were:

1. Felicitation to ITC alumni peers
   - Mr. Babu Ram Acharya, Secretary of Ministry of Land Reform and Management
   - Mr. Raja Ram Chhatkuli, Past IAAN President and Director General of Survey Department
   - Mr. Rabin Kaji Sharma, Executive Director, Land Management Training Center and President of Nepal Remote Sensing and Photogrammetric Society
   - Mr. Ram Sundar Hada, the first ITC alumni from Nepal

2. General Assembly Meeting
3. Formulation of new Executive Committee (2nd Executive Committee)
4. Amendment of IAAN Statute
5. Dinner
Photo 1 IAAN members in General Assembly, 30th July 2008

Photo 2 IAAN members in General Assembly. IAAN General Secretary Mr. Anish Josh in the far left and IAAN member Mr. Shree Kamal Dwivedi in the far right.
Photo 4 Past president Mr. Raja Ram Chhatkuli and current president Dr. Chudamani Joshi delivering their addresses.

Photo 3 Distinguished ITC Alumni. From left: Mr. Babu Ram Acharya, Secretary, Ministry of Land Reform and Management, Dr. Chudamani Joshi, Current IAAN President, Mr. Raja Ram Chhatkuli, Director General, Survey Department and Mr. Ram Sundar Hada, First ITC Alumni.
Photo 5 Senior IAAN member Mr. Sarabjit Prasad Mahato, Deputy Director General, Dept. of Mines and Geology introducing himself to the General Assembly

Photo 6 Ladies IAAN members. From left: Ms. Jwala Pandey, Ms. Anu Rajbhandari, Ms. Samjhana Karki, Ms. Rashila Manandhar and Ms. Roshani Sharma (partially visible)
Photo 8 Senior IAAN members. From left: Mr. Rabin Kaji Sharma, Executive Director, LMTC, Mr. Toya Nath Baral, Former Director General Survey Dept., Krishna Raj Adhikari, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Land Reform and Management

Photo 7 Plaque bearing the name and meaning of the General Assembly venue “Falcha”, meaning traditional Newari shelter which served as venue for different kind of social activities
4.2. **Meetings**

Since the formulation of the new Executive Committee, the first EC meeting has been conducted on 8th August 2008. Several other informal meetings have been conducted since. The EC meeting has identified several focal areas and programs for the year 2009 with a vision to make IAAN a pro-active body. The second meeting is scheduled on 18th February 2009 to formulate a work plan for 2009.

Besides formal meetings, the EC members are in continuous communications through personal visits and meetings, e-mail and telephone conversations for discussion on IAAN’s programs.

4.3. **Other Events**

After the General Assembly, the Executive Committee has organized three official events. The IAAN events organized in 2008 are:

2. Get together and dinner program for ITC MSc. students who were on field study in Nepal. ITC students were:
   - Ms. Reshma Shrstha, UPM
   - Ms. Lucia Morales Biol, NRM
   - Mr. Navaraj Subedi, LA
   - Mr. Gandhi Prasad Subedi, LA
3. Get together and dinner program with visiting ITC faculty members Dr. Arbind M. Tuladhar and Dr. Klaus Tempfli on 25th November, 2008.

Photo 9 From left: Anish Joshi, Dr. Tuladhar, Mr. R.R. Chhatkuli, Dr. Tempfli, Ajay Mathema, Anu Rajhandari, Samjhana Karki, Hari Pokhrel, Mr. Suroj Rajkarnikar at dinner in Wonjala (Popular Newari cuisine restaurant)
4.4. **Participations**

On behalf of IAAN, General Secretary Mr. Anish Joshi participated and presented on Curriculum Development Seminar for Bachelors of Engineering in Geomatics held jointly by Ministry of Land Reform and Management, Land Management Training Center and Kathmandu University at Kathmandu University, Dulikhel from 21st Nov-23rd Nov. 2008.
4.5. Budget 2008

In 2008, IAAN collected its funding through membership charges and donations. Donation of 1000 Netherlands Guilder received from the ITC in 2000 remained frozen in the bank due to the inactiveness of IAAN in previous years. The budget of IAAN in 2008 was:

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<th>Income</th>
<th>Nepalese Rupees</th>
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<tr>
<td>Membership</td>
<td>NRs. 4,3700.00</td>
<td>€ 437.00</td>
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<td>Donations from Past president</td>
<td>NRs.10,000.00</td>
<td>€ 100.00</td>
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<td>Donation from GENESIS Consultancy (P) Ltd.</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>NRs.63,700.00</strong></td>
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<th>Expenditure</th>
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<td>General Body Meeting</td>
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<td>Orientation program for ITC candidates</td>
<td>NRs.500.00</td>
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<td>Get together program for MSc. Field study students</td>
<td>NRs.7,000.00</td>
<td>€ 70.00</td>
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<td>Dinner program with Dr. Tuladhar and Dr. Tempfli</td>
<td>NRs.15,000.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>NRs.59,570.00</strong></td>
<td><strong>€ 595.70</strong></td>
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| Balance                                     | NRs.4,130.00    | € 41.30 |

* € 1 = NRs.100

Currently, IAAN has balance of NRs. 4,130.00 (€ 41.30) besides the frozen account with 1000 (about € 500.00) Netherlands Guilder. This amount has been frozen due to inactivity of the bank account. IAAN is in the process to release this account.

5. IAAN Activities in 2009

5.1. Objectives for 2009

The primary objective of IAAN for the year 2009 is “Promotion of Geo-Information and Earth Observation Science and Technology in governmental and non-governmental organizations.” This objective was planned in the Executive Committee meeting on 8th August 2008.

Various programs are set forth for achieving this objective and the development of the work plan is in draft phase. Annual work plan will be finalized in the forth coming EC meeting.

5.2. Meetings

The first EC meeting of 2009 is scheduled for 18th February. Subsequent EC meetings are planned for every 2 months. However, unofficial meetings will be held frequently through personal visits at EC members organization, e-mails and telephone conservation.
5.3. **Events**

Following events are planned for 2009.

- 9th IAAN Anniversary Ceremony
- General Assembly 2009
- Awareness programs in Geo-Information and Earth Observation science in universities/technical colleges through guest lectures and presentations
- Awareness programs in application of Geo-Information and Earth Observation technology in different government organizations/departments through interaction and talk programs

These activities have been planned for 2009. The detailed work plan will be developed in forthcoming EC meetings.

5.4. **Other Activities**

Other activities planned for 2009 include:

- Distribution of life membership card to IAAN life members
- Participations in various national programs and seminars related to Geo-information and Earth Observation
- Various get together, receptions, farewell programs with ITC alumni, ITC students and visiting faculty members
- Organization of trainings in application of GI and EO science in different fields (at least one training) with collaboration with private consulting/research organization
- Institutional networking with Nepal GIS Society and Nepal remote Sensing and Photogrammetric Society
- Orientation program with ITC candidates for 2009
- Development of IAAN website
- Publication of e-newsletters

5.5. **Budget 2009**

For the annual activities and events in 2009, following budget is estimated:

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<td>Website development and publication</td>
<td>NRs. 20,000.00</td>
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<td>General Assembly 2009</td>
<td>NRs.50,000.00</td>
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<td>9th Annual Anniversary</td>
<td>NRs.25,000.00</td>
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<td>Interaction and Talk Programs</td>
<td>NRs. 40,000.00</td>
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<td>Awareness programs in universities/colleges</td>
<td>NRs.30,000.00</td>
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<td>Receptions and get together</td>
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<td>Membership card</td>
<td>NRs. 5,000.00</td>
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<td>Logistics</td>
<td>NRs. 30,000.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>NRs. 240,000.00</strong></td>
<td><strong>€ 2,400.00</strong></td>
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Following sources of income are identified for fulfilling the budgetary needs for 2009.

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<tr>
<td>Current balance</td>
<td>NRs. 4,130.00</td>
<td>€ 41.30</td>
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<td>Bank balance (1000 Nl. Guilder in frozen account)</td>
<td>NRs.50,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Membership</td>
<td>NRs.20,000.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Income from training (overhead amount)</td>
<td>NRs. 50,000.00</td>
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<td>Donations from different organizations/individuals</td>
<td>NRs.150,000.00</td>
<td>€ 1,500.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>NRs. 274,130.00</strong></td>
<td><strong>€ 2,741.30</strong></td>
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Income generating programs are needed for self sustainability of the IAAN. IAAN has identified professional trainings in applications of GI and EO in various fields as the primary program for generating income. The statute of IAAN has also mandated the association to conduct research and consulting services without profit generating motive as IAAN is non-profit organization.

Besides professional trainings, IAAN is looking forward to conduct research projects in Nepal provided the support is available from national and/or international institutes. IAAN members themselves will be involved in such projects. This will require partnership with international institutes for funding as well as partnership with national organizations for logistics and facility support.

6. **IAAN News**

1. IAAN member Mr. Babu Ram Acharya has been appointed as the Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers
2. Six IAAN members have been elected in the executive committee of Nepal Remote Sensing and Photogrammetric Society (NRSPS). They are:
   - IAAN member Mr. Rabin Kaji Sharma, President of NRSPS
   - IAAN member Mr. Dugendra Man Kayastha, Vice President of NRSPS
   - IAAN General Secretary Mr. Anish Joshi, Secretary of NRSPS
   - IAAN Treasurer Mr. Hari Pokhrel, Executive Member of NRSPS
   - IAAN members Mr. Him Lal Shrestha, Joint Secretary and Mr. Krishna Raj B.C. as Executive Member of NRSPS