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We are back..again....

After two issues of the AGAN Newsletter, we are back again this year with more information on what has happened between the last issue of the newsletter and now.

Join us in reliving the memories and to applaud the efforts and success of our fellow Amritians. This time, we bring to you, news of groundbreaking research by alumnus, competitions winner, meets and bootcamps organized by the various campuses.

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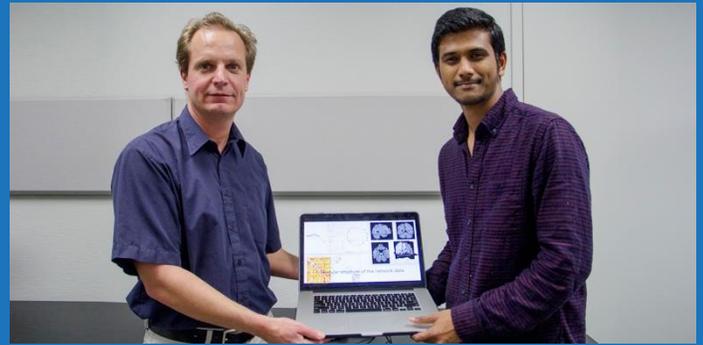
Amrita Computer Science Graduate Develops Groundbreaking Software to Better Understand Brain Activity

Amrita alumnus Sugeerth Murugesan has carved a place for himself in the field of neuroinformatics by developing an interactive software to study the hierarchical processes of brain activity. The software, Brain Modulyzer, allows researchers to visualize and explore brain activity while a subject is either performing tasks or at rest. The software could also help scientists understand how neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's spread through the brain.

Sugeerth, a Ph.D Scholar, co-led the development of the Brain Modulyzer at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory with Berkeley Computer Scientist Gunther Weber, completed his B.Tech in Computer Science from Amrita's Coimbatore campus in 2012.

“Amrita played a huge role in helping me reach where I am today. Courses like Parallel and Distributed Computing, Computer Graphics, Soft-Computing, Security Engineering, and Software Engineering helped me explore different avenues of research in Computer Science.” Said Sugeerth.

Aside from engaging in computational research, Sugeerth can also be found writing blogs, developing visualization techniques, and conducting statistical analysis on social issues in his spare time.



Amrita Alumnus Wins KTH Masters Challenge 2016

Siddharth Ramakrishnan, a graduate of the department of Mechanical Engineering, Amrita School of Engineering, Coimbatore campus, won first place at the 2016 KTH Masters Challenge India competition in the field of Engineering Design. Siddharth competed against applicants from the IITs, NITs, and other highly ranked universities throughout India.

As the first place winner, Siddharth secured a fully funded scholarship for a two year masters degree at the internationally reputed KTH-Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden) worth Rs. 23 lakhs, a living allowance worth Rs. 12 lakhs, and an opportunity to do a summer internship at FormulateIP, an intellectual property and innovation management firm based in Bangalore founded by KTH alumni.





Amritapuri MBA Alumnus Certified as UNCTAD Entrepreneurship Training Workshops (ETW) Graduate

After 6 days of rigorous training, Amritapuri MBA alumnus, Sreenath Njanaswar, was certified as an Entrepreneurship Trainer by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). High potential and high performance entrepreneurs and employees of large public and private firms are selected through an interview process. The ETW is based on a behavioural approach to entrepreneurship. Lectures, films, exercises, role-play and business creations and competitions all form part of the program.

68+ Alumni, 128 students Attended Alumni Placement Boot Camps at Amrita School of Business, Coimbatore

Ahead of the placements this year, the Alma Connect Club and the Placement Committee (Placecom) of Amrita School of Business, Coimbatore organized two Alumni Placement Boot Camps at the campus in the months of August and September. Designed exclusively for the second year MBA students, the Boot Camps trained students on various aspects of placements, ranging from application preparation to choosing the right job. The Boot Camps witnessed a remarkable participation from the alumni. Thirty-five alumni attended the first Boot Camp and thirty-three alumni took part in the second one.

After each session, the alumni provided personalized one-to-one feedback to the students.



Alumni Talk - Amrita School of Engineering, Bengaluru.

Mr. Prashanth Reddy (CSE, Batch of 2012-2016), an alumnus of the school, shared his experiences and inspired fervor and passion for coding among the audience. The session was made interesting with the “Chocolate Quiz” held towards the end of the session by Ms. Ashwini Nayak (S3, CSE) and Mr. Vineeth Chandran (S3, CSE), executive members of FACE.

The team received many accolades and garnered active participation from the first year students. All in all, it was an insightful session to those seeking to be technically aware. The event also successfully launched FACE, the forum of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering for the academic year, 2016 - 2017.

Amrita Alumnus at Google Summer of Code (GSoC) Mentors Summit 2016, Sunnyvale, California

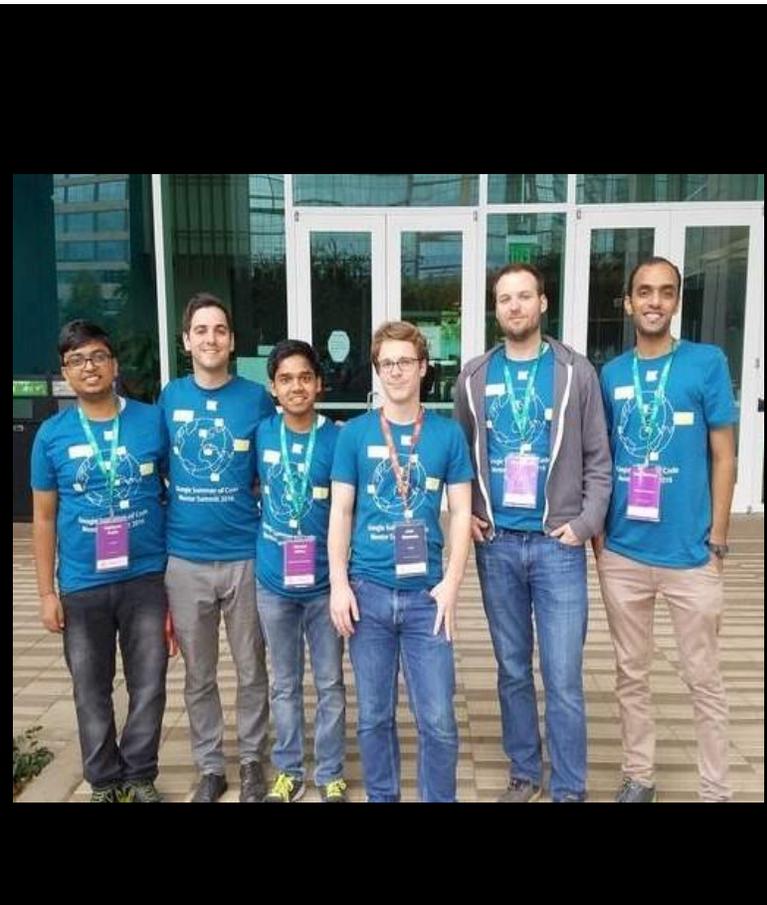
Tony Thomas, 2016 graduate and an alumnus of FOSS @ Amrita, had the opportunity to attend the Google Summer of Code (GSoC) Mentors Summit at Google Tech. A total of 2,524 mentors were involved, and only around 300 of them were invited by Google for the Mentors Summit at Sunnyvale, California.

Google Summer of Code (GSoC) Mentors Summit is an annual unconference held at Google Tech Centre, Sunnyvale, to celebrate and improve GSoC, their Open Source Programs (OSP) initiative. Students submit and work on two month long projects with participating organizations, earning a total of 5500 USD in three installments. Tony Thomas, a 2014 GSoC student and FOSS @ Amrita club alumnus, was delegated by Wikimedia Foundation to attend the Mentors Summit at Google Tech Centre from 28-30 October, 2016.

Amrita School of Business, Coimbatore Organizes Alumni Meet – Mumbai Chapter.

Amrita School of Business (ASB), Coimbatore, organized its Alumni meet of the Mumbai Chapter on July 10, 2016. Nearly 50 alumni took part in the meet held at Kohinoor Hall, Mumbai.

ASB Coimbatore Associate Professor Dr. P. Balasubramanian and Prof. J. Shri Krishnan, delivered the welcome addresses at the event. Ms. Saranya Damodaran, Alumni Coordinator, ASB Coimbatore, summarized the alumni activities to date and discussions were held for future activities.



Alumni Meet 2016 at School of Dentistry.

On the 5th of November 2016, a re-union of around 27 Alumni members of Amrita School of Dentistry was held at the Mini Auditorium, Amrita School of Dentistry.

The meeting began at 10.00 AM with a prayer followed by lamp lighting and puja. Dr. Balagopal Varma, Principal, ASD, gave the welcome address.

The reminiscences of old days of ASD were cherished by Dr. K.N. Unni, Chairman and former Principal, which was followed by felicitation from Dr. Rakesh S, Vice Principal ASD.

Alumni Meet 2016 at School of Engineering, Bengaluru.

The School hosted the 3rd Annual **Alumni Meet** on **August 6, 2016**. The event commenced with a lamp lighting ceremony by Director Br. Dhanraj Swamy, Associate Dean Dr. Rakesh S.G., Chair-Alumni Chapter Ms. Supriya M., Alumni Mr. Karthikeyan and Ms. Pragnya.

Alumni Mr. Gadhadhara Raja and Mr. Sahajaksh Hariharan whole heartedly thanked the faculty and staff for all support given. Alumni Mr. Vignesh V. and Mr. Chetan Rao along with Ms. Neethu S. expressed their feeling of being proud to be a part of Amrita family and watching it offers a bigger and better platform for the students entering every year. An alumnus who is the Global Ambassador of SAP Labs Ms. Sruthi spoke about the importance of inspiring and helping. The meet concluded with the distribution of mementos to all attendees.

Dr. Anil Mathew, Professor and Head, Prosthodontics and Dr. Angel Phenol, Professor, Periodontics, also shared their memories of the old students. On behalf of all the alumni who had gathered, Dr. Maya George (of 2013 MDS batch) proposed the Vote of Thanks. This was followed by a high tea break at 11.00 AM. At 11.30am, a general body meeting of the alumni was conducted and the main topics of discussion were on conducting symposiums by the alumni for the students of ASD which can help them in their carrier development. The meeting ended with lunch at 1.30pm.

