

Conference and Meeting Highlights

Quality Circle Annual Meet (QCAM) - 2018

September 11, 2018

Quality Circle Annual Meet (QCAM) was conducted on September 11, 2018 at IGCAR. In the inaugural function, Dr B. P. C Rao, Chairman, Apex Steering Committee on Quality Circles (ASCQC) and chief Project Engineer, FRFCF welcomed the QC teams, facilitators, jury and chief guests on the dais and thanked Dr. Arun Kumar Bhaduri, Director, IGCAR for providing necessary financial support and encouragement. Dr G. Amarendra, Director, MMG & MSG, IGCAR delivered the Presidential Address. He highlighted the role of quality circles and how QCAM is being conducted for the past 20 years in IGCAR and particularly, lauded the participating student delegates for utilising this opportunity to know about quality at an early age. Dr. A. Sanjeeva Rao, Regional Director & Chairman QCFI, Chennai delivered Keynote Address and highlighted the ways to reduce costs, increase productivity, and improve employee morale through QC meets. Shri M. Krishnamoorthy, Head, Fabrication Section, CWD presented the vote of thanks.



Lighting of lamp by Dr. A. Sanjeeva Rao Regional Director & Chairman QCFI, Chennai



Winners Receiving the Awards

QC case studies were presented by the QC teams in two parallel sessions conducted at Sarabhai Auditorium and Raja Ramanna Auditorium. Twenty four QC teams and nominated delegates from all groups of IGCAR (about 300 members), MAPS and Schools around Kalpakkam presented the QC case studies in a wide spectrum of topics covering Technical, Research & Development, Services, and Education. Six professional judges from QCFI, Chennai chaired the QC case study presentations. Under 'Mechanical & Manufacturing' category, PLUTONIUM team from MC&MFCG bagged 'Dr Placid Rodriguez Memorial Trophy', while FERMI team from MC&MFCG bagged the 'Shri M. K. Ramamurthy Memorial Trophy' for the 'Technical Services' category. As part of QCAM-2018, Slogan and Poster competitions were conducted on theme titled "Role of Quality Circle in Digital India Mission". The winners and

runners were selected by the professional jury.

In the valedictory function, Dr B.P.C Rao welcomed the Chief Guest Dr. A. Ravisankar, Director, RpG & Project Director, FRFCF and thanked the judges for accepting invitation and sparing their time for QCAM-2018. In his valedictory address, Dr. A. Ravisankar praised the efforts of quality engineers in large engineering projects such as DFRP and FRFCF and highlighted the example of 'Total Quality Management' success by Japan. Shri T.V. Maran, Head, Zonal Workshop Section, FRTG summed up the events of QCAM-2018. Dr. Ravisankar distributed prizes to winners and runners of the three QC categories as well as Slogan and Poster contests. Shri V Suresh Kumar, Head, RFS, MC&MFCG presented the vote of thanks. Top six QC teams including the winners and runners of each category took part in Chennai Chapter Quality Circle Convention (CCQCC-2018) held in Chennai during September 22-23, 2018 and four teams won GOLD awards and two teams won SILVER awards, obtaining eligibility to attend the National Convention.

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Dr. A. Ravisankar, Director, RpG & Project Director, FRFCF delivering the Valedictory address