

Brief report on Professor José Roberto Boisson de Marca, IEEE, President's visit to the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai, INDIA on October 28, 2014

Prof. José Roberto Boisson de Marca along with Mr. Harish Mysore, Director, IEEE India Operations visited TIFR from 9:45am to 11:45am. He was accompanied by Mr. Aiyappan Pillai, Secretary and Mr. Anand Gharpure, Web Master of the IEEE Bombay Section. Dr. Satyanarayana Bheesette, Senior Scientific Officer (TIFR) and TPAC (IEEE Bombay Section) welcomed the delegation at TIFR.

Prof. De Marca was taken around the permanent exhibition¹ of the Homi J. Bhabha, the founder of TIFR and father of the Indian Atomic Energy Programme. He then visited the detector and instrumentation laboratory of India-based Neutrino Observatory (INO) project², Semiconductor Optoelectronics and Nanostructures laboratory³ and BARC-TIFR Pelletron LINAC Facility⁴ and keenly interacted with the scientists and engineers there.

An informal interactive meeting of some of the scientists and engineers⁵ was then organised with Prof. De Marca. On behalf of the Director, TIFR and all its members Dr. Dr. Satyanarayana Bheesette has presented Prof. De Marca with a bouquet of flowers, after which the TIFR members had introduced themselves by briefing about their respective areas of research. A short video on TIFR's history and scientific programmes was screened. This was followed by a brief address by Prof. De Marca and active discussions on areas of mutual interest. The following main issues were touched upon and it was agreed to take them forward for consideration and execution.

1. Cooperation between TIFR and IEEE for the outreach programmes
2. Organisation of a workshop at TIFR on the IEEE standards and follow up
3. Open access journals of IEEE
4. Pay and publish
5. Dutch government programme

The meeting ended with Dr. Satyanarayana Bheesette thanking Prof. De Marca and other IEEE members for their visit to TIFR and for their active interaction. He also gifted a coffee table book on Homi Bhabha along with reports on TIFR scientific activities to Prof. De Marca.



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² Dr. Satyanarayana Bheesette

³ Prof. Arnab Bhattacharya

⁴ Prof. Vandana Nanal

⁵ Prof. Paritosh Pandya, Prof. Jaikumar Radhakrishnan, Dr. R. Vijayaraghavan, Dr. K Samudravijaya, Prof. Arnab Bhattacharya, Mr. Parag Shah, Prof. Vandana Nanal, Dr. Satyanarayana Bheesette and Mr. Jaydeep Gore