

Our Mentors and Guides

ASHRAE Mumbai Chapter (188)

Since the inception of the chapter in 2010, two gentlemen from our chapter have been our guiding lights. Mr Sudhir Sinha has been our mentor and Mr V Krishnan who has been playing the role of guide to correct us when we go wrong in all ASHRAE related activities. We would like to write about them here.

Mr Sudhir Sinha

In ASHRAE

Mr Sinha was instrumental in the creation of the Mumbai Chapter of ASHRAE while he was the Sub Region Chair, Region At Large during 2008 – 2011

He served the society as Region Vice Chair, Research Promotion, Region-at-Large ASHRAE July 2012 – June 2014

He guided and assisted the then President of the ASHRAE Western India chapter Mr Manoj Khati facilitate the formation of the Mumbai chapter. Mr Sinha has been the installing Officer for all but one of the committees during the past 5 years and also does the orientation of the newly formed committees.

He is a very eminent member of our chapter and the HVAC industry.

Career: Mr Sudhir Sinha started his career with Voltas Ltd- a leading Company in the HVAC industry after graduating from the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology at Kharagpur in West Bengal. He was with Voltas for nearly 26 years during which he held many portfolios with varied responsibilities. To name a few, Responsible for the Operations of the AC&R Business Group , for Technology Collaboration with Dunham Bush for Screw Chillers, for Technological advancements of the Products including new Products.

After leaving Voltas in 2004, Mr Sinha joined an equally well known company ETA Engineering Private Limited as CEO & President- Looking after Operations of the AC&R Business Group While there, he Successfully led the Team to accomplish many Accreditations for ETA Brand of Products including AHRI for Coils, Eurovent for AHUs, UL for AHUs, CE for Ducted Splits. ETA is the first Company in India to have obtained these Certifications.

Mr Sinha then moved to Swegon Blue Box Private Limited a wholly owned subsidiary Company of Blue Box S.r.l., Italy which is a part of Swegon Group of Companies. He was first the Chief Operating Officer and now holds the position of Chief Executive Officer.

Other Activities

Mr Sinha has been President of RAMA (Refrigeration & Air conditioning Manufacturers Association) Trade Association in India of Manufacturers of Refrigeration & Air

conditioning Products. It has 20 Companies as its members which are all large Companies and some have Global presence.

Mr V Krishnan

In ASHRAE

Mr Krishnan was actively involved in the formation of the ASHRAE Western India Chapter. He served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and finally the President of the Western India Chapter during the Society Year 2006-2007. He is also one of the active members responsible for the formation of the ASHRAE Mumbai Chapter. He served as the CTTC Chair for the Chapter in the very first year of its formation.

He has actively participated in Region-at-Large Activities having attended all the RAL Meetings since Athens (2005), Dubai (2006), Goa (2007), Portugal (2008), Kuwait (2009), Cairo (2010), Abu Dhabi (2011) and Sri Lanka (2012). He could not attend the CRC at Qatar in 2013 due to VISA issues. He served as the RAL Meeting Secretary at Portugal (2008) and Kuwait (2009). Krishnan has served as Regional Treasurer, RAL. Krishnan has also been a Member of the Special Ad-Hoc Committee constituted by the DRC, Chaired by Mr Basel Anbari to look at ways to Bolster the RAL Finances.

At a Society Level, Krishnan has been a Member of ASHRAE TC 5.03 since 2007 (currently a Voting member), Chair of Hand Book Sub-Committee at TC 5.03 and as a Voting Member in Special Projects Committee 200. He has been attending all the Society Meetings (Summer & Winter) from 2007 at New York, followed by Salt Lake City, Chicago, Louisville, Orlando, Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Montreal, Chicago, San Antonio, Dallas, Denver, New York City, Seattle, Chicago and the last meeting held at Atlanta. He has been regularly attending the RAL Planning Meetings during the Summer & Winter Meetings. Krishnan is the recipient of the ASHRAE Chapter Service Award of ASHRAE Western India Chapter.

Krishnan represents ISHRAE (The Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating & Air-conditioning Engineers) at the AASA (ASHRAE Associate Society Alliance – ISHRAE being an Associate Society of ASHRAE). He is also a member of the AASA Sub-Committee dealing with Building Energy Certification chaired by ASHRAE Past President, Gordon Holness.

Krishnan has worked on bringing ISHRAE and ASHRAE Close. He served as President of the ISHRAE during the Society Year 2011-2012. He has been involved with several Meetings with ASHRAE Ex Com that has resulted in ASHRAE Endorsing the ACREX Exposition conducted by ISHRAE every year in India. Krishnan is the Convener of the upcoming show ACREX 2016. He is the main architect for the Workshops put together during the ACREX shows.

In 2014, at the ACREX in New Delhi, he was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the Society.

Career:

Mr Krishnan joined Voltas Ltd., a Tata Group Company and India's premier Air-conditioning Company, in 1977, as a Management Trainee after graduating in Electrical Engineering from Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. He spent the next fifteen years in Voltas, where he handled several assignments including sales, project execution, service and then moved to the Corporate Office where he was responsible for Business development, Technology Transfer and Dealer Development.

Krishnan separated from VOLTAS in 1992 and started his own enterprise which is engaged in the business of manufacturing and marketing Air, Fire and Smoke Management Products.

We, at ASHRAE Mumbai Chapter are proud to have both these gentlemen in our midst.