

ANNUAL SIETAR INDIA CONFERENCE
CONNECTING WORLDS:
SOLUTIONS THROUGH INTERCULTURAL INSIGHTS
31ST OCTOBER & 1ST NOVEMBER, 2009.
VENUE- THE ORCHID SCHOOL, BANER, PUNE.

SIETAR INDIA GENERAL PRESENTATION

THE SOCIETY FOR INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION TRAINING AND RESEARCH

(SIETAR)-India is a nonprofit Association of educators, researchers and trainers from a wide range of practical and academic disciplines who share a common concern for intercultural relations. SIETAR-India provides an opportunity to learn from and share with colleagues in the intercultural arena and advance the body of knowledge and practice in the field.

SIETAR holds Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) status with the United Nations and the Council of Europe.



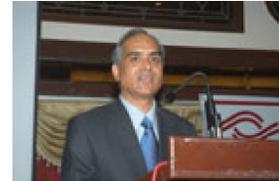
Hema Ravichander

SIETAR India was created in 2006 in Bangalore and is part of a wider global network of SIETAR chapters. SIETAR was created in the USA in 1974, and now has chapters in Canada, France, the UK, Germany, Italy, the UAE, India and Japan with new chapters being initiated in many other countries and regions. Two global conferences of SIETAR were also organized, the first one in Tokyo (Japan) in 1998 and the second one in Granada (Spain) in 2008. SIETAR boast over 5000 members around the world and around 200 regular attendees in India alone. Please visit our website www.sietarindia.org

SIETAR India's purpose is to create a forum for people from diverse backgrounds working in an intercultural environment so that they can share knowledge reflect on how their experiences can help people from different environment understand each other better so they can build stronger relationships and bring people of the world closer. The target audience of SIETAR is students, academics, HR executives, consultants, trainers, expatriates, NGOs, and anyone who is living in an intercultural environment or wanting to expand their global mindset.

In order to fulfill its agenda, SIETAR India, like other SIETAR chapters, organizes regular events around the country that are open to all and where interculturalists from all walks of life come and present their research, facilitate training activities, share corporate experiences, and solutions to the intercultural challenges they might face in an informal forum usually held in cultural centers or educational institutions.

Once a year, SIETAR India also organizes a world class conference where world renowned interculturalists come together around a specific theme and share their experience, insights and research. The first SIETAR India conference was held in 2006 in Bangalore with the presence of Hema Ravichander, former Global Head of HR Infosys, and gathered 134 people from 11 different countries that presented and/or assisted to the event. The second SIETAR India conference was held in January 2008 in Chennai with the presence of Dr “Thiagi” Thiagarajan, founder The Thiagi Group, and Mr. Laxmi Narayan, CEO Cognizant, and gathered over 150 people from 15 countries for 2 days.



Laxmi Narayan

CONFERENCE IN PUNE:

The third SIETAR India conference will be held on October 31st and November 1st 2009 in Pune around the theme: “*Connecting worlds: Solutions from an Intercultural Perspective*”. The venue will be The Orchid School, Baner Pune. The conference will bring together academia, business, and social development stakeholders to discuss how interculturalism can help them connect more effectively in order to create more systemic approaches to global issues and more synergies in a world where communalism and cultural protectionism is gaining ground.

The SIETAR Board is seeking the presence of Dr. Abdul J. Kalam for inaugurating the conference on 31st October, 2009 and delivers the key note address. His presence validates the theme as he is the epitome of a person connecting different worlds and different realities. He personifies India’s image of multiplicity, plurality and diversity.