

31st March 2012 was one of the landmark year in the history of SIRC. The inaugural function of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of SIRC was held on 25th April 2011 at Music Academy, Chennai.

The function was inaugurated by Shri S. Viji, Chairman, Sundaram Finance Ltd., and Managing Director, Brakes India Ltd., Shri Nalli Kuppuswami Chetti, Managing Director, M/s. Nalli Chinnasami Chetty was the Guest of Honour at the function. Shri G. Ramaswamy, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential Address and Shri Jaydeep N. Shah, Vice-President, ICAI delivered the special address. All the members of the Regional Council, the Past Presidents of ICAI from Southern Region, Past Chairmen of SIRC, Past Central and Regional Council Members were honoured on the occasion.

It is for the first time, the Past Regional Council Members were honoured, the year being the Diamond Jubilee Year of SIRC and the contribution of all the members associated with SIRC since its inception were recognized. It is also for the first time, the retired staff of ICAI were recognized and were presented a memento.

As part of Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of ICAI, SIRC also organized a Cricket Match on 22nd December 2008 at Chennai. The ICAI Diamond Jubilee National Debate Competition at city level was held on 13th October 2008 at Chennai. SIRC also organized a Diamond Jubilee Sports Competition in the month of March 2009. All the branches of SIRC also organizing functions at their branch level befitting the occasion. The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations held at Branches were also widely published in the SIRC Newsletter of August 2008 issue.

The Valedictory Session of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of SIRC was held on 23rd March 2012. at Chennai. Shri Jaydeep N. Shah and Shri Subodh Kumar Agrawal, President and Vice-President respectively were the Guests at the function. Shri K.V.S. Gopalakrishnan, Former Special Director, Investigation Bureau was one of the Guests who delivered a lecture on the occasion.

All the Branches of SIRC were actively involved in the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of SIRC and held many programmes under its auspices. It is pertinent to point out that four other regions, viz., Western, Eastern, Central and Northern Regional Councils also celebrated the Diamond Jubilee Year since they were also formed on 1st April 1952.

A notable feature of the year 2011 was not only the Diamond Jubilee Year of SIRC, but also the Golden Jubilee Year for four of the branches of SIRC, viz., Bangalore, Coimbatore, Hyderabad and Madurai having been formed from 1st April 1962. Added on to this great and grand occasion, the Palghat, Quilon and Vellore Branches of SIRC celebrated its Silver Jubilee Year having been formed in the year 1987.

Convocation:

One more landmark initiative of the ICAI in which all Regions were involved in the administrative functions was the Convocation for the newly qualified members of the Institute. The First ever Convocation was held on 30th November 2008 at Hotel Le Royal Meredien, Chennai. Shri Ved Jain, President, ICAI and Shri Uttam Prakash Agarwal, Vice-President graced the occasion and Shri Ved Jain, President gave the credentials. Hon'ble Justice Dr. Justice AR. Lakshmanan was the Chief Guest and Shri K. Rahman Khan, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha was the Guest of Honour.

This Convocation has become an annual event to create professional comraderic and bonhomie and successive years saw the Convocation held at Chennai and for a couple of years also held at Bangalore and Hyderabad. Looking at the origin of the initiative we could not that the concept of "Annual Convocation of Chartered Accountants" was recommended by the Public Relations Committee of ICAI which the Council in principle accepted. (Ref: Page No. 238 of August 2004 issue – under caption "Council Decisions at its 243rd Meeting).

SIRC also organized another programme for the members, students and staff on "Basic Eye Screening" in association with Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital on 10th and 17th January 2009. These programmes are illustrated with a view to record that SIRC had concern for the well-being of the members, students and the staff of ICAI.

Women Steering Group:

During the year 2009, a new initiative was taken by the Institute and all the Regions were actively involved in this initiative. A Women Steering Group was constituted at the All India Level and programmes exclusively for the lady Chartered Accountants were organized. In one of the programmes held on 26th June 2009 at Chennai Ms. Kanimozhi, Member of Parliament was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the Women Conference.

On 21st November 2009, a mega Women Steering Group Conference was held at Chennai participated by around 300 lady Chartered Accountants which is the highest participation in any of the Women Conferences organized under the auspices of the Women Steering Group anywhere in India. Leading women luminaries from different walks of life participated in the Conference. Though the Steering Group was not in existence, SIRC organized yet another Women CA Conference on 4th February 2012. Ms. Mallika Srinivasan, Chairman, TAFE was the Chief Guest at the function.

These are some of the important events that took place in the decade of 2003-2012 which speaks of the efforts put in by the Institute in general and SIRC in particular in every sphere of its activity. SIRC can proudly recall the various events as it has over the years performing and at the same time, the image of the Institute was spread over

across the country with more and more interactions with the print and electronic media. The advent of the technological improvements over the years in the late 90s picket up enormously in the next decade that the Institute grew along with the technological development and implemented many innovative communicative channels amongst the members and students. Updation of Websites at the ICAI level, Regional Level and Branch Level was given a high priority and almost all the correspondences were through mail thereby bringing to an extent paper-less communication.

Norms for CPE Study Circles for Members in Industry:

Prior to 2003 there exist Chartered Accountants Associations in places where there is no Branches & the Number of members is 25 and above. They were given library grant for setting up the reference library

This decade also showed a very substantial increase in the number of seminars, workshops, study circles and other programmes at the Central, Regional and Branch Level as also at the CPE Study Circle, Chapter and Group level which has grown over the years. During this decade the concept of CPE Study Circle for Members in Industry came into being thus involving the members in industry in greater level of activity along side the Institute activities. A study of the evolution of these concepts would give us an insight as to the growth of the profession and the pursuit of ICAI in serving every member of the Institute in all nooks and corners of the country.

The Norms for the CPE Study Circles within India in detail was published in the March 2003 issue of the Institute Journal “The Chartered Accountant” under Page Nos. 964-966. The Norms for the formation and functioning of Chapters within India at places not falling under the jurisdiction of the Regional Councils / Branches for the limited purpose of organizing CPE Programme was published in Page Nos. 740-741 of January 2003 issue of ICAI Journal “The Chartered Accountant” followed with the formation of CPE Study Groups and its norms for the limited purpose of participating in the CPE Teleconferences at places where CPE Study Circles or CPE Chapters cannot be formed.

These norms were widely covered in the SIRC Newsletter during the year 2003 for dissemination of information amongst the members. A list containing the names of CPE Study Circles, Chapters, Groups and CPE Study Circle for Members in Industry relating to the Southern Region is published as an Appendix (Appendix – XIII) to this booklet for the information of the readers.

The recommendation of the Continuing Professional Committee of ICAI for formation of CPE Study Circles for Members in Industry was approved in principle by the Council at its 246th Meeting held from 21st to 23rd November 2004 which referred it to the Executive Committee for evolving the norms and other details. However the proposal took a final shape when the norms for formation of CPE Study Circles in Industry were published in the May 2009 issue of the Journal “The Chartered Accountant” from Page Nos. 1992 – 1995.

The Statement on Continuing Professional Education was issued in the year 2003 and published in Page No. 729 of January 2003 issue of the Journal in detail and this is considered as the First Statement on CPE issued by the Institute, prescribing the norms of implementation of CPE activities by the ICAI and its various organs. The Institute periodically issues the Statement of CPE and also covers the mandatory and non-mandatory topics that are to be covered in the CPE programmes organized by the PoUs in the country. In this regard the Institute defined the Programme Organizing Units (POUs) which refers to the Council, Committees of Council, Regional Councils, Branches of Regional Councils, Chapters and Study Circles. While in the initial stages of the implementation of the Continuing Professional for members in Industry as a recommendatory in nature, the Institute later on made it mandatory for members not holding Certificate of Practice.

While being so and having seen the various developmental activities taken up by organizing continuing professional programmes periodically it would be interesting to go through some of the important decisions taken both at the ICAI and SIRC level to give an idea of the manner in which they functioned to serve the all the stakeholders.

At an Extra-ordinary General Meeting of SIRC held on 23rd January 2003, two resolutions were passed, one requesting SIRC to publish the minutes of the AGM in an abridged manner and the other relating to election for disclosing on the disciplinary proceedings in the profile of the contestants circulated to the members.

It may be noted that at the **52nd meeting of the Annual General Meeting** held on 18th August 2003, this matter also came up and there was a suggestion to increase the quorum for the Annual General Meeting which however was not considered when the amendment was made as referred to above.

Delegate Fee for CPE Study Circle Meetings at SIRC:

At the **183rd Meeting of SIRC** held on 16th February 2004 under Item No. 35 (v), discussion took place as to the collection of fee for the evening programmes and it was informed to the members that the fee of Rs. 100/- is collected for meeting electricity, refreshments and other administrative costs. The delegate fee for the evening programme has since been increased to Rs. 150/-.

Group Insurance Scheme:

The Institute launched the Group Insurance Scheme for Members of the Institute under CABF and widely published the features of the scheme in Page Nos. 700-701 of December 2003 issue of Journal "The Chartered Accountant". The Institute had a tie-up with the Birla Sun Life Insurance and slab rate for differential age groups were fixed. SIRC popularized the scheme through publication in the SIRC Newsletter. Later on ICAI Launched Group Insurance Scheme for members and their spouse and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Life Insurance Corporation of India which requires one time payment for a period of three years. The Institute also launched the

Health Insurance Scheme for Members and Students of ICAI with New India Assurance Co., Ltd., and published the details in Page No. 139 of February 2012 issue and Page No. 20 of June 2012 issue.

During the year 2011 the Institute entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Corporation Bank to assist the members to have the Special Loan Scheme through the bank and the details were published in Page No. 139 of January 2011 issue of the Journal “The Chartered Accountant”.

Infrastructure Development:

SIRC with focus to provide better reading facilities for the students made available a reading hall with a 246 seating capacity in July 2003. Infrastructure facilities were also improved and on 31st January 2004, SIRC constructed the Canopy to utilize the place for providing lunch and dinner to the delegates attending the programmes of SIRC.

The P. Brahmayya Memorial Hall was air-conditioned in the year 2003 and M/s. Brahmayya & Co., contributed Rs. 10.00 lakhs for this project. The New Publication Counter was opened in July 2003 by Shri R. Balakrishnan, Past President, ICAI in the presence of Shri R. Bupathy, President, ICAI.

The Chairman Chamber, President Chamber and Council Hall were all refurbished and the entrance lobby redesigned to have a feel-good look while members and students enter the Institute Office. Beautification of the entrance lawn was given priority by having landscaping of garden and lawn. A Neon sign board was also installed during the year 2003.

It is during the year 2003-04 that the Data Centre (Virtual Institute Project (VIP) – First phase completed in November 2003) was inaugurated on 22nd November 2003 by Shri R. Bupathy, President, ICAI, On which stores all the data of members and students with a disaster recovery centre at New Delhi, one of the landmark achievements of the Institute. It is pertinent to point out that, as mentioned in one of the earlier chapters, the initiation of any big venture of ICAI starts from or stationed at Chennai. Another important feature in the field of infrastructure development in Chennai was that all the office administrative areas were fully air-conditioned and modular chairs were fixed which was a long felt need of the employees which dream became true in the year 2003-04.

It is for the records referred to in this booklet that the Institute framed guidelines for letting out the Institute Premises by its letter dated 21st June 2002.

The Digital Library and Members Lounge were inaugurated by Shri T.N. Manoharan, President, ICAI on 2nd November 2006 at Chennai.

Inauguration of Management Development Centre:

SIRC re-designed the floor space availability in the third floor of the annexe building with a view to provide computer training for members and students and also to organize Management Development Programmes. The Management Development Centre and the Chennai Computer Centre was inaugurated by Shri T.N. Manoharan, President, ICAI on 17th February 2006 in the presence of Shri Sunil Talati, Vice-President, ICAI.

With the availability of well-equipped class room facility, the Management Development Programmes were given a face-lift and programmes were held periodically not only for the members but also for the corporate. One of the programmes which was done on a continuous basis was the Course on Finance for Non-Finance Executives. During the year 2007 Management Development Programme on “Wealth Management” was organized for the officers of State Bank of India in the Southern Region and 23 batches were conducted during the year. Besides, seven more batches were conducted during the years 2006-07 on varied topics with members participating in such programmes.

EG Transformer and SIRC Map:

Considering the acute power shortage and reduced load the Institute at Chennai took the initiative of commissioning an exclusive transformer and with constant follow up with the authorities the EB Transformer was installed and inaugurated on 16th February 2009. In the same year a Sign Board depicting all the branches in a map was displayed in ICAI Premises. On 16th February 2010, the Terrace Garden was declared open by Shri G. Ramaswamy, Vice-President, ICAI.

Circulation of Annual Report of ICAI:

Referring to the publication of the Annual Report in full form, it is pertinent to record in this booklet that the Institute in the past published the full text and later on the abridged version was only published and sent to all the members. However the members were provided the full text of the annual report on request through e-mail. (Ref: Page No. 499 of October 2004 issue). During the year 2012, an advisory was issued by ICAI to all the Regional Council which stated that Regional Council can host the details of the annual report and accounts in their websites and mail to members and a suitable announcement be published in the Newsletter.

Number of Members:

The salient features of the amendments made through the CA (Amendment) Act, 2006 was published in the Institute Journal of May 2006 issue wherein it has been referred that the Council of ICAI will have 32 members as against 24 earlier. It also stipulated a bar on Past Presidents of the Institute to seek election/nomination and holding of office of Council Member not more than three consecutive terms. It also specified that the number of members to be co-opted on each of the Non-Standing Com-

mittees is reduced from two-third to one-third of the strength of the council members in each committee. A new Standing Committee was formed viz., Finance Committee along with other Standing Committees.

The term of 2007-10 and 2010-13 for the Southern Region had eight members from the Central Council and 15 members from the Regional Council totaling to 23 members whereas in the earlier term the number of Central Council Members is 6 and number of Regional Council Members are 12. It may be noted that for the term of 2013-16 the number has been reduced to 7 members to be elected to the Central Council from the Southern Region and 14 members to the Regional Council from Southern Region.

Brand Image of ICAI:

The Brand Name and Brand Image of the Institute was improved upon with the use of symbol “**tick**” in the letter heads and visiting cards of the members, a decision taken by the Council taken at its 245th Meeting held on 31st August, 1st and 2nd September 2004. (Ref: Page No. 688-695). During the year 2006, one of the significant achievements for the professional fraternity was that a member of the Institute can have the prefix CA to his name and can print in their letter heads, visiting cards and in any communication. One more important initiative taken by ICAI was the change in the terminology of the term “articled clerk” to “articled assistants” (Ref: Page No. 971 of December 2006 issue of the Journal).

Dress Code for Members:

The Institute introduced the concept of Dress Code for Members which is recommendatory in nature and details were published in Page No. 1232 of February 2007 issue. In the same year the Logo for Members was unveiled on the Chartered Accountants Day held in July 2007 at New Delhi.

GMCS Course:

During the 2002, the Institute brought it mandatory that 15 days GMCS course should be undergone by any student for him to enroll to be a member of the Institute. From 2012, the GMCS course is done in two phases, GMCS-I and GMCS-II. This course was introduced under Regulation 51A/72A and as per the decision taken at the 222nd Meeting of the Council held in January 2002. SIRC so far until December 2012 held 173 batches.

Post Qualification Courses:

The Institute also brought out many Post Qualification Courses during this decade of 2003-2012 such as Course on Diploma in Insurance and Risk Management (DIRM) for which a notification was issued in this regard. (Ref: Page No. 1079-1081

of April 2003 issue of journal. A Post Qualification Course on “International Trade Laws & World Trade Organization” was launched on 5th November 2004. Yet another course “Certificate Course on Valuation” was also launched in the year 2008 and classes started in Jan-Feb 2009 followed with Master in Business Finance Certificate Course. The details of the Post Qualification Courses offered by ICAI are available at the ICAI Website www.icai.org

Placement Scheme for Articled Clerks:

The Southern India Regional Council, even before the Institute introduced the Placement Scheme for selecting articled assistants, organized in the year 2002 and continued in the year 2003 the Placement for selection of articled clerks and a reference to this can be seen in Page No. 746-747 of January 2003 issue of ICAI Journal. SIRC also had one such initiative in the year 2006. ICAI also later on organized such placement of articled assistants at the All India Level.

The **Elocution Contest** was in vogue and from the year 2003, the Institute also introduced the Quiz Contest along with the Elocution Contest and all the Branches of Regional Councils including SIRC organized Branch Level Quiz Contest as is done for the Elocution Contest and a Regional Level Elocution and Quiz Contest was organized by SIRC. It may be noted that the entire programme is organized under the auspices of the Board of Studies and total reimbursement of expenses incurred either by the Branches or the Regional Council are reimbursed.

One of the major initiatives of SIRC in popularizing the CA Course was that it had participated in many Educational Exhibitions held at Chennai and other parts of the Region and members of the Regional Council and the Administrative Heads and other officers visited various schools to popularize the course.

On-line Payment of Membership Fee:

During the year 2004, the institute introduced the payment of membership fees through on-line and also introduced during the year 2004 the payment of membership fee through ECS. This has helped many members in paying the fees and though initially the response was less, over the years, many more members utilized this facility.

In the year 2006, the Institute hosted a portal for the benefit of members and newly qualified students an on-line placement portal www.placements@icai.org.

SIRC also introduced the system of online payment for paying the delegate fee by the members and it was inaugurated on 18th July 2009 by Shri M.S. Sundararajan, CMD, Indian Bank.

Installation of Kiosk

In order to assist members and students visiting the Institute's Office at Chennai a Kiosk was installed in the month of August 2012 so that the information required can be obtained through the database provided for in the Kiosk.

Compulsory Computer Training for Students:

The Institute made it mandatory for every articled assistant to undergo 250 hours of compulsory computer training which was later on changed to 100 hours, besides the completion of 35 hours of Orientation Programme to join articles. It may be noted that the computer centre until 2008 was managed by SIRC and since 2008, the same was taken over by the Information Technology Committee of ICAI. On 16th February 2008, Shri Ved Jain, President, ICAI inaugurated the newly set up Computer Centre in the First Floor of the annexe building with a seating capacity for 50 participants.

In the year 2006, a new course curriculum was introduced, viz., "Common Proficiency Test" which made it mandatory for any one aspiring to join the CA course to pass the said examination. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) was widely published and the details were also published in Page No 287 of August 2006 issue of the Journal and the CPT Syllabus in Page No. 291 and the PCE Syllabus in Page NO.476 of September 2006 issue. Later on in the year 2008, the IPCC came into being and in the month of August 2012, the Institute has amended the Regulations where by for graduates having the minimum prescribed marks can join the articles directly and pursue the Intermediate /IIPC Course.

During the year 2008, a new course curriculum was introduced "Accounting Technician Course (ATC)" and those who have passed the Intermediate Examination were given the Certificate on an application made by them to the Institute. Besides, any student desires of joining the ATC can join by registering separately or along with IPCC.

The concept of "Free CPE Seminar" concept came into being and a number of free seminars were held during the year 2003. SIRC also made it as a policy the CPE Study Circle on the third Wednesday as a free programme to the members.

During the end of 2010, the Institute under Regulation 81 (5) of CA Regulations, 1988 read with Rule No. 4 of the Chartered Accountants Students' Association Rules formed the Branches of Students' Association in places where there is a Branch of Regional Council. Hitherto, for opening of a Students' Association, there were certain guidelines as to the minimum number of students in the branch jurisdiction whereas by this amendment the Central Council can form a Branch of Students' Association where there is a Branch of Regional Council, based on the recommendation of the Regional Council. It is significant to point out that the advantage of this amendment was first

utilized by SIRC when the Institute notified the setting up of 11 Branches of Students' Association by a single announcement dated 22nd July 2011 along with Sambalpur Branch of EICASA.

CA Qualification recognized as equivalent to Post Graduate for pursuing Ph.D:

It is for the records that the information about 85 Universities and 6 IIMs recognizing the CA qualification as equivalent to the Post Graduate Course for the purpose of doing Ph.D and the information of the University Grants Commission decided that the threshold limit of 55% is not applicable in PG Level University Examination for members in pursuing Ph.D. Course This information is very vital as many of the members who are interested in pursuing Ph.D course may not be aware of this and hence recorded here. The list of Universities and IIMs which have given recognition are published as an **Appendix – XIV**.

ICAI had also entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IG-NOU, Bharathidasan and Madras Universities for the CA students for pursuing Graduate/Post-Graduate course.

Social Cause:

The social cause was one of the most cherished one for the Institute and during the Tsunami devastation in South, the President of ICAI made an appeal for contribution to the cause. A total of Rs. 1,56,319.63 contributed by members, students and the staff of ICAI was contributed to the Prime Ministers National Relief Fund. The names of the contributors were also published in Page No 1569 and 1570 of May 2005 issue. SIRC always took upon the initiative to serve the society and whenever natural calamity happens, SIRC came forward to contribute through its members, students and staff and appeal are made seeking contribution. A sum of Rs. 10.8 lakhs was collected by SIRC from the members and sent to the Central Office. Besides many members from the Southern Region have directly sent the contribution to the ICAI.

During the year on the Children's Day food and umbrella were distributed to the needy school students.

In order to provide better service to the members and students the Institute set up two more Decentralized Office in Southern Region in the year 2004 at Coimbatore and Ernakulam, besides Bangalore and Hyderabad which are already in existence.

Partner in Nation Building:

It is very significant to record here that the term "**Partner in Nation Building**" referred to by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, President of India in a function organized by ICAI became a slogan of ICAI and it is very interesting to note that the term referred herein above is published as a bottom line script in the first page of the Journal of the Institute "The Chartered Accountant" since March 2006.

SIRC Events:

SIRC joined during this decade in two important events organized by the Society of Auditors when the Centenary Year of Ms. R. Sivabhogam, the First Women Chairman of SIRC was celebrated. The Birth Centenary Celebrations of Miss R. Sivabhogam, Past Chairperson, SIRC was inaugurated on 26th July 2006 by Shri N. Rangachary, Advisor to Govt. of AP and Shri T.N. Manoharan, President, ICAI was the Guest of Honour.

On this occasion an endowment was created in SIRC in her name with a corpus of Rs. 1.00 lakh for giving scholarship to the needy and deserving students. The Institute also, commemorating her Centenary Year brought out a feature in July 2006 titled “Women in Accountancy”.

The **Centenary Celebrations** of Shri P. Brahmayya, Past President, ICAI organized by SIRC with Society of Auditors on 21st October 2008. Shri N. Murali, Joint Managing Director, The Hindu was the Chief Guest. A Booklet on P. Brahmayya was also released on the occasion.

During this decade two more Memorial Funds were instituted for giving scholarship to needy and deserving students viz., Shri R. Sivaraman Memorial Fund with a corpus of Rs. 2.00 lakhs and D. Rangaswamy Memorial Scholarship Fund with a corpus of Rs. 1.00 lakhs.

On the 28th December 2012, the Centenary Celebrations of Shri Sadagopachari, the founder member of the Institute in the year 1949 was celebrated by Society of Auditors and SIRC joined in the function. Justice S. Ranganathan, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India was the Chief Guest.

On 26th January 2013 the Ashok Kumbhat Memorial Lecture was delivered by Shri Harish Salve, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court on “Direct Taxation – Contemporary Issues”. On 31st January 2013 the Fifth V. Sankar Aiyar Memorial Lecture was delivered by Padma Bhushan Shri Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, Unique Identification Authority of India on “Empowering Panchayat Raj through Technology”.

One of the highlights of the events of SIRC in 2012 was the monthly programme on “Excel” Hands-on-Training which received excellent response from the members. Another highlight of events in 2012 was the programme on “Investors’ Awareness” which was conducted in the months of October, November and December 2012 more frequently than before.

Grievance Resolution Mechanism:

The E-seva link was provided in the year 2006 in the ICAI Website for members to get their clarifications and doubts cleared. An improvised version of the e-seva, namely, the **e-Sahaayataa** – A New Grievance Resolution Mechanism was introduced

in the year 2008-09 for providing timely services to all the stakeholders of the profession through the globe.

The Regional Council, as it has been seen earlier, was publishing the booklets and at the 258th Meeting of the Council held on 8-10, 2006, ICAI has stipulated certain guidelines for release of publications by Regional Councils and Branches. The guidelines were published in detail in Page No. 801 of November 2006 issue.

General Amnesty Scheme:

The above scheme was also in place in the year 2002 and on an earlier occasion. **On 13th May 2008**, an announcement on General Amnesty of restoration of membership was issued and was continued in 2009 also. The General Amnesty Scheme was again brought in the year in 2011-12.

Days of Examination considered as “on duty”:

One of the important decisions of the Council that appeared in Page No. 212 of July 2012 issue was that the break in between examination days, though not holidays, are to be treated as period actually served under articles. It may be noted that prior to 2008 the examinations were held continuously except declared holidays whereas from the year 2008, the examinations were conducted in such a way that there was a break of one day between one examination to another examination in a specified curriculum which resulted in the extension of number of days to 16 to 18 days. In the light of the same, the above decision was taken by the Council.

SIRC earlier had published advertisement of educational institutions and the Council had decided that henceforth no advertisement from educational institutions conducting the coaching classes for CA students should be entertained.

It is for the records the following instances are included in this booklet which would be of interesting to read and recall.

Under Item No. 22 (6) of the **182nd Meeting of SIRC** held on 22nd October 2003, it was decided to contribute 10% of the surplus of the Conference held at Bangalore to CABF.

Newer areas of Coverage in the SIRC Newsletter:

In the SIRC Newsletter in the year 2004, a new feature was introduced titled “Do You Know” where information of interest to the members were published. While going through the Institute Journal of 2006 and 2007, it can be seen that such a feature also found a place on a monthly basis giving therein the significant occasions and information.

In the year 2005-06, for the first time in the history of SIRC, a year long schedule of programme was published (Ref: March 2006 SIRC Newsletter) to enable the members to diarize their presence at the programmes of their choice and interest.

During the year 2007 and 2012, SIRC published the Newsletter as a “Theme-based SIRC Newsletter” with articles covering subjects of professional interest in the said newsletters.

During the year 2008 for the first time, a separate column in the SIRC Newsletter was included titled “From Chairman, SICASA” and the Chairman, SICASA shared his thoughts and not continued later on.

One more insertion was included in the year 2008 in the SIRC Newsletter viz., “Are you in the mailing list” requesting members to register their latest address for uninterrupted delivery of the newsletter and other correspondences. This in a way reduced the number of undelivered newsletter.

SIRC Referencer:

In the same year 2005-06, for the first time a SIRC Referencer-cum-Members Diary was brought out by SIRC as a Ready Reckoner and priced @ Rs. 225/- only which contained informative details for the members.

Facilities to Faculty:

For the success of the Coaching Classes, the role of the faculty was pivotal and with a view to provide the faculty a place for preparation before the commencement of classes a Faculty Room was provided in the first floor with well-furnished table, chair, reading materials maintained in glass shelves. The faculty was also from the year 2005-06 provided breakfast which is still continuing. On 5th September 2008, for the first time, the Teachers Day was celebrated by SIRC on 5th September 2008 at Chennai.

As has been done during the years 1998 and 1999, Faculty Development Programme was organized during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06.

Entitlement of TA/DA for Chairman elected from outside the Headquarters:

Yet another important decision taken by the Institute with reference to the functioning of the Regional Councils was that the Chairman elected from outside the Headquarters would be reimbursed the expenses incurred by him for performing his official functions. The letter of the Institute in this regard dated 29th October 2004 was taken on record under Item No. 18 of the 186th Meeting of SIRC held on 18th February 2005.

Formation of Four Branches in one year – 2006:

During the year 2006, SIRC had four more new branches of SIRC at Bellary,

Nellore, Rajamahendravaram and Kakinada. There was only two occasions earlier when four branches came into being when the Institute formed the Branches of SIRC at Bangalore, Coimbatore, Hyderabad-Secunderabad and Madurai in the year 1962 and which came into being on 1st April 1962 and Mangalore, Salem, Tiruchirapalli and Vijayawada in the year 1971.

Orientation Programme for Branch Chairmen:

The Institute with a view to provide input to the Branches, as a policy, decided to organize in all Regions an Orientation Programme for Chairmen and Secretaries of Branches in the year 2007. SIRC organized the First Orientation Programme on 4th May 2007 at Bangalore. In the year 2010, the Institute framed detailed guidelines as to the conduct of the Orientation Programme and also sanctioned financial grant for the specific purpose. At the initial stage of the introduction of the programme, in the first year the Chairmen and Secretaries were to be invited and for the next two years in the term only the Chairman would be the participant. Further the special grant was limited to Rs. 7.50 lakhs in the first year and for the second and third year Rs. 4.00 lakhs which has since been modified and a maximum grant of Rs. 7.50 lakh is given to all the Regional Councils every year for conducting the Orientation Programme. The Orientation Programme under the above said guidelines were held at Kottayam in the year 2010, at Mammalapuram in the year 2011 and at Bangalore in the year 2012.

During the year 2007, one more initiative of ICAI was taken forward by SIRC when it organized an Orientation Programme for newly elected members for the first time at SIRC Premises.

On both the occasions, SIRC compiled a voluminous booklet containing all the relevant Regulations, Directions of the Central Council regarding the functions of the Branches of the Regional Councils, procedural formalities and many administrative guides which were highly appreciated. The compilation made in the year 2007 was released by Shri Sunil Talati, President, ICAI in the presence of Shri Ved Jain, Vice-President, ICAI. Since then SIRC has been successfully organizing the Orientation Programme for the Chairmen and Secretaries of Branches. The Institute, on its part, in the year 2011 sent the Guides and Manuals for distribution to the participants.

An **Orientation Programme** for the Officers of Regional Councils was organized by ICAI and it was held at Chennai on 30th and 31st January 2012 and noted under Item No. 23 of the 207th Meeting of the SIRC held on 23rd February 2012.

For the first time, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India organized an event “ICAI National Leadership and Yoga Camp” at Haridwar in the year 2009 where the members of the Managing Committee of all the Branches were invited.

SIRC also organized Orientation Programme for CPT students for the first time on 30th September 2007 and the parents of the students were also invited. Similar

orientation programme for the CPT students are held for every batch before the commencement of the classes.

In the same year 2008, SIRC brought out a colourful brochure for getting Advertisement in the SIRC Newsletter, giving therein the salient features detailing the benefits of advertising in the professional newsletter of SIRC. SIRC also brought out another brochure explaining the importance of undergoing the Coaching Classes and highlighting the significance of Coaching Classes organized by SIRC.

VAT Audit:

In the year 2008, a representation for implementation of VAT Audit in the State of Tamil Nadu was presented to the Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes Shri M. Ubayadullah by SIRC. It may be pointed out that in the year 2012 the Government has introduced the Bill in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly and SIRC has taken the first step way back in 2008.

Union Budget:

The meeting on Union Budget was a regular event in the history of SIRC and for over a decade Shri Nani A. Palkhivala, eminent lawyer spoke at Chennai. It has been the regular event when the public are also invited. For the first time, SIRC in the year 2008 brought out a booklet titled "India Budget 2008" in a record time within 24 hours from the time of presentation of the Union Budget in the Parliament and distributed the same at the Public Meeting held on Union Budget held on 2nd March 2008 at Chennai.

SICASA e-newsletter and Website:

The year also saw the inauguration of SICASA Website on 15th June 2008 and during the year 2012, the SICASA brought out e-newsletter and hosted in the Website. The information about the programmes of SICASA are hosted and updated periodically.

Present Stipend Rates

S.No	Classification of the normal place of service of the article assistant	Stipend payable per month		
		During the first year of training	During the second year of training	During the remaining period of training
1	Cities / towns with a population of 20 lakhs and above	Rs. 1,000/-	Rs. 1,250/-	Rs. 1,500/-
2	Cities / towns having a population of 4 lakhs and above but less than 20 lakhs	Rs. 750/-	Rs. 1,000/-	Rs. 1,250/-
3	Cities / towns having a population of less than 4 lakhs	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 750/-	Rs. 1,000/-

ICAI Road:

It is gratifying to note that the Government attaches more importance and recognize the profession and one of the indicators is that the Salem Municipality by a resolution named the road where the Salem Branch of SIRC is situated as “ICAI Road”. Later on in the year 2010, the road where the Tuticorin Branch is situated was also named as “ICAI Road” and Hubli Branch of SIRC is situated (only branch where four sides of the premises are connected with four sides of the road) as “ICAI Road”. This all shows that the Government recognizes the role of ICAI and its endeavour as “Partner in Nation Building”. Besides, it needs special mention that across India, Hubli Branch is the only branch situated in a land measuring one acre in the centre of the city surrounded on all the 4 sides by public roads.

As per the Code of Ethics in regard to Elections, the column “Chairman Writes” was substituted with “Regional Council Writes” whenever the sitting Chairman of SIRC is contesting for the election and this system is strictly followed.

Padma Shri Award to Shri T.N. Manoharan, Past President, ICAI:

The Year 2010 needs a special mention in so far as the recognition to the Chartered Accountants are concerned when Shri T.N. Manoharan, Past President, ICAI received the “Indian of the Year 2009” in the Business Category under the aegis of CNN-IBN from the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India Dr. Manmohan Singh as part of the Satyam Revival Team.

The profession was recognized when Shri T.N. Manoharan, Past President, ICAI was conferred the Padma Shri Award. It was a great moment for the profession when Her Excellency the President of India Smt. Prathiba Devisingh Patil presented the Padma Shri Award on 7th April 2010 at New Delhi. SIRC proudly recalls that a member from the Southern Region had received the coveted award and in honour of Shri T.N. Manoharan, a Felicitation Function was organized by SIRC on 15th February 2010.

Annual Registration Scheme:

In the year 2010, the Annual Registration Scheme for members to attend the programmes of SIRC was introduced effective from 28th May 2010 upto 31st March 2011. This was followed in the year 2011-12 also between 1st May 2011 and 31st March 2012.

Regional Conferences Webcasting:

For the first time in the year 2010, the proceedings of the Regional Conference was hosted in the SIRC Website for the members and the initiative was taken forward in the year 2011 when the Webcasting was done live followed up in the year 2012. In the Conference held at Bangalore in the year 2012, a unique initiative was taken when

during the tea breaks presentation of the feedback from the participants were screened which was well received.

E-Newsletter in SIRC Website:

For the first time, during 2010, the newsletter was made e-newsletter and sent to members in India and abroad. In the same year, for the first time, SIRC Directory published with photos of Managing Committee Members of Branches.

15 Minutes Reading Time for Students:

One of the landmark decisions of the Council benefiting the students was taken by the Council when the students were given 15 minutes time reading time to the candidates of CA Examination which became effective from May 2011 Examination.

Election of Chairman and other Office-bearers at Branches – Guidelines:

A decision by the Executive Committee on Election of Chairman and other Office bearers of all Branches of Regional Councils is recorded for future reference which is re-produced below:

The Chairman of a Branch, after demitting office, should not seek re-election for or hold the said or any other post at Branch level in subsequent years. The Committee also decided that no member should hold two posts simultaneously and that in case, as a result, any difficulty was faced, the matter may be brought before the Institute for its consideration. In other words, commencing from the year 2010, a member who had held in the past/ is holding the post of Chairman for the year 2009-10, can remain as a member of a Managing Committee only. The rule was made effective from the year 2010-11.

At the **190th Meeting of SIRC** held on 18th May 2006, under Item No. 16 (I), it was noted that for disbursement of traveling allowance to the Council/Committee Members for attending various meetings, no cash payments are to be made. SIRC has since been sending the reimbursement through cheque only and recently from the year 2012, the reimbursement is sent through electronic mode.

One of the important deliberation took place at the 60th Annual General Meeting held on 30th June 2011 when it was clarified to the query about the presentation of report by the auditors that the Report of the Auditors need not be addressed to the members since the appointing authority was the Regional Council and hence to be addressed to the Regional Council only.

The above points only illustrates and makes a point that the foundation for the functioning of the SIRC was built with strong pillars of procedures and systems evolved over the years and the effective implementation of such procedures and systems goes in a long way in the effective functioning of the Regional Council at Chennai.

In conclusion, this booklet would serve the limited purpose of knowing the various facets of the Regional Council, its evolution, its concerted efforts over the years, the service to the members, students and other stake holders, the harmony with the officers and the staff of the Institute, its recognition across the spectrum and so on and so forth. As mentioned initially in this booklet, decisions and important occasions of the Council of the Institute and branch related matters form part without which the History of SIRC would not be complete.

A further detailed study would give many more insight into the functioning of the Institute and SIRC but it is hoped that the booklet now in your hands could serve as a launching pad for such preparation.



**CA. R. Bupathy, President, ICAI Declaring open the Canopy
on 31st January, 2004**



**CA. T.N. Manoharan, President, ICAI Declaring open the
Management Development Centre on 17th February, 2006**



CA. K. Rahman Khan, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha lighting the inauguration of International Conference in the gracious presence of CA. T.N. Manoharan, President, ICAI, CA. Sunil H. Talati, Vice - President, ICAI and other functionaries on 11th January, 2007 at Chennai.



His Excellency Shri Surjit Singh Barnala, Governor of Tamil Nadu lighting the ceremonial lamp on the occasion of Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of ICAI at Chennai on 17th June 2008



CA. S. Viji, Chairman, Sundaram Finance Ltd. & MD, Brakes India Ltd inaugurating the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of SIRC of ICAI in the gracious presence of CA. G. Ramaswamy, President, ICAI, CA. Jaydeep Narendra Shah, Vice - President, ICAI, Dr. Nalli Kuppusami Chetti, Managing partner, M/s. Nalli Chinnasami Chetty and other functionaries of SIRC.



Shri. Pranab Kumar Mukherjee, Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance inaugurating the International Conference by lighting the lamp in the gracious presence of Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Hon'ble Union Minister for Corporate Affairs, Shri. G.K. Vasan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Shipping, CA. K. Rahman Khan, Deputy Chairman Rajya Sabha, C.A.G.Ramaswamy, President, ICAI, CA. Jaydeep Narendra Shah, Vice-President, ICAI and other functionaries on 6th January, 2012 at Chennai



Padma Bhushan Shri. Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, Unique Identification Authority of India unveiling the bust of CA. G.P. Kapadia, First President of ICAI in the presence of Shri Mani Sankar Aiyar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, CA. K. Viswanath, Chairman, SIRC of ICAI, other Dignitaries and Central and Regional Council Members.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES OF SIRC OF ICAI

On 31st March and 1st April 1956, the Madras Regional Council organized the First Regional Conference of Chartered Accountants at Gokhale Hall, Madras. Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Ayyar delivered the inaugural address on 31st March 1956 (Vol. IV – Part XI – Page No. 468). The first paper presented at the Conference was on “Industrial Potential of South India” was by one of the leading industrialists in South India Shri S. Anantharamakrishnan, Chairman, Board of Directors, M/s. Simpson & Co., Ltd., Madras. For the purpose of records, it is recorded that the First Floor of the annexe building of the Institute at Chennai is named after him. Shri S. Anantharamakrishnan was also served as a Member of Advisory Board for Post Graduate Course of ICAI. (Ref. Page 157 of October 1961 journal)

After a gap of 12 years, having held the First Regional Conference, the Southern India Regional Council organized the Second Regional Conference on 16th, 17th and 18th February 1968 at Ravindra Kalakshetra Building, Bangalore. The Report of the Conference was published in Page Nos. 532-534 of Vol. XVI – Part IX – March 1968 Issue of the Journal). Justice K. Subba Rao, Retired Chief Justice of India inaugurated the Conference on the evening of 16th February 1968. The Conference was attended by 315 member-delegates, 25 student observers and 71 lady guests. There were only four technical sessions for the whole of two days with three papers discussed in each session for the first three sessions and two papers in the last session which was followed by the Valedictory Session. Shri B.D. Jatti, Minister in charge of Civil Supplies, Govt. of Mysore was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session.

The said conference had a deficit of around Rs. 5,000/- for which the Regional Council sought reimbursement of at least Rs. 3,000/- from the Central Council and this could be out of the surplus generated at the Fourth All India CA Conference hosted by SIRC at Bangalore and also decided that the balance amount be made good by sundry donations.

The Southern India Regional Council organized the Third Regional Conference of SIRC at Coimbatore on 30th, 31st May and 1st June 1969. (Ref. Page No. 622 of Vol. VII.). A brief write up was published in the Institute Journal in Page No. 52 of July 1969 issue referring therein that 180 members-delegates and 13 student observers were present at the Conference. Padmabhusan Shri K. Sreenivasan, Director, South India Textile Research Association inaugurated the Conference.

The Fourth Regional Conference of SIRC was organized at Abbotsbury, Chennai on the 27th and 28th June 1970. The Conference was inaugurated by Shri V.R. Nedunchezian, Minister for Education and Health, Govt. of Tami Nadu. 283 delegates attended the Conference. Ref: Page No. 201 of Vol. XIX).

The Fifth Regional Conference of SIRC was organized on 10th and 11th July 1971 at Pandyan Hotel, Race Course, Madurai and 197 delegates attended the Conference. Mr. M.B.S.Henry, Managing Director, Madurai Mills Limited inaugurated the Conference.

The Sixth Regional Conference of SIRC was organized on 12th and 13th August 1972 at Brigadier Hill Annexe, Bangalore Club, Residency Road, Bangalore. 250 delegates attended the Conference. The Conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice Shri K. Jaganna Shetty, Judge, High Court of Mysore.

The period also witnessed many conferences including the Regional Conferences unlike in the earlier period where the total number of Regional Conferences held was only 6 from 1952 to 1972 whereas in the ten year period between 1973 and 1982 SIRC organized 8 Regional Conferences which provided more opportunities for the elected members to interact with the members across the Region.

The Seventh Regional Conference of SIRC was held on 27th and 28th April 1974 at Coimbatore. The Conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice Shri V. Sethuraman, Judge High Court of Madras. 193 delegates and 17 student observers were present. Shri K. Sundaram, President, Indian Cotton Mills Federation, Coimbatore delivered the valedictory address. (Ref: Page No. 563 of Vol. XXII).

The Eighth Regional Conference was held at Hyderabad during the Silver Jubilee Year of ICAI on 5th and 6th April 1975 and was inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri P. Basi Reddy, Minister for Industries, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

The Ninth Regional Conference of SIRC was at Hubli on 24th and 25th April 1976. Hon'ble Minister Shri M. Veerappa Moily, Minister of State for Small Scale Industries, Karnataka State inaugurated the Conference. Shri M.Y. Ghorpade, Finance Minister, Govt. of Karnataka was the Chief Guest at the Concluding Session.

SIRC organized the Tenth Regional Conference at Lotus Club, Ernakulam on 29th and 30th January 1977. The theme was presumably given for the first time for a SIRC conference, viz., "Economic Environment and Industrial Development". The conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice Dr. T. Kochuthommen, Judge, High Court of Kerala on 29th January 1977. Shri B.R. Maheswari, President, ICAI presided over the inaugural session. In the open discussion on the evening of 29th, Dr. V.A. Syed Mohammed, Union Minister of State for Law, Justice and Company Affairs presided. Shri H.K. Panikkar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Cochin was the Chief Guest at the Concluding Session. 264 member-delegates and 26 student observers attended. A detailed report was published in the Institute Journal. (Ref: Page No. 716 of Vol. XV).

SIRC organized the Eleventh Regional Conference at Coimbatore on 8th and 9th July 1978. Justice T. Ramaprasada Rao, Chief Justice of Madras High Court inaugurated. Shri B.L. Kabra, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential Address. Shri M.V.K. Warriar, IRS, Commissionr of Income-tax, Coimbatore delivered the valedictory address. Shri N.C. Krishnan, Past President delivered special address at the valedictory session. The Conference was attended by 200 delegates.

SIRC organized the Twelfth Regional Conference at Trivandrum on 24th and 25th February 1979. Dr. V.K. Sukumaran, Vice-Chancellor, University of Kerala inaugurated. Shri P.K. Mallik, President delivered the key-note address. Shri S.K. Warriar, Managing Director, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd., delivered the valedictory address. Mr. N.C. Krishnan, Past President, ICAI delivered the special address at the valedictory session. The Conference was attended by 216 delegates.

It is interesting to note that for the first time two Regional Conferences were held in the same financial year viz., 1978-79.

The Thirteenth Regional Conference of SIRC was held from 21st to 23rd February 1980 at the Institution of Engineers Hall, Bangalore. Hon'ble Justice Shri M.K. Srinivasa Iyengar, Judge, High Court of Karnataka inaugurated. Shri Y.H. Malegam, President, ICAI addressed the delegates. Shri V. Krishnan, Director of Industries and Commerce, Karnataka State was the Chief Guest at the Concluding Session.

The Southern India Regional Council organized the Fourteenth Regional Conference of SIRC at Madras at Hotel New Woodlands Hotel on 19th and 20th September 1981. His Excellency Shri Sadiq Ali, Governor of Tamil Nadu was the Chief Guest at the inaugural session and inaugurated the Conference. Shri Bansi S. Mehta, President, ICAI addressed the delegates.

SIRC organized its Fifteenth Regional Conference on 26th and 27th March 1983 at the Assembly Hall of P.S.G. College of Technology, Coimbatore. The Conference was inaugurated by Shri C.R. Sundararajan, Commissioner of Income-tax, Coimbatore. Shri Ashok Kumbhat, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential Address. Shri G. Varadaraj, Managing Trustee, P.S.G. & Sons Charities were the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session who delivered the valedictory address.

The Sixteenth Regional Conference of SIRC was organized on 28th and 29th April 1984 at Madurai. Hon'ble Justice Shri P. Venugopal, Judge, Madras High Court inaugurated the Conference. Shri A.C. Chakrabortti Vice-President of ICAI addressed the members in the inaugural session. Shri R. Ratnam, Chairman and Managing Director, M/s. Sundaram Industries Limited, Madras was the Chief Guest.

The Seventeenth Regional Conference of SIRC was organized on 18th and 19th May 1985 at Hotel Taj Coromandel, Madras. Hon'ble Justice O. Chinnappa Reddy, Judge, Supreme Court of India inaugurated the Conference. Shri N. Krishnan Managing Director, Ind-Suzuki Motorcycles Ltd., Madras was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session.

The Eighteenth Regional Conference of SIRC was organized on 26th and 27th April 1986 at West End Hotel, Bangalore. Hon'ble Shri S.R. Bommai, Minister for Revenue and Planning, Government of Karnataka inaugurated. Hon'ble Shri Rama Jois, Judge, High Court of Karnataka was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session. Shri P.A. Nair, President, and Shri R. Balakrishnan, Vice-President attended.

The Nineteenth Regional Conference of SIRC was organized at Hotel Connamara, Madras on 14th and 15th February 1987. Shri R. Balakrishnan, President, ICAI inaugurated. Hon'ble Justice Shri S. Mohan, Judge, Madras High Court was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session.

SIRC organized the Twentieth Regional Conference on 27th and 28th February 1988. It was inaugurated by Shri S.K. Das Gupta, President, ICAI. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala Shri E.K. Nayanar addressed the Conference at the inaugural session. Hon'ble Justice T.L. Viswanath Iyer, Judge, Kerala High Court was the Chief Guest and delivered the valedictory address. Shri K.G. Somani, Vice-President, ICAI delivered key note address.

The Twenty-First Regional Conference of SIRC was organized on 6th and 7th February 1989 at Madras. Hon'ble Justice Shri S. Sivasubramanian, Judge, Madras High Court was the Chief Guest at the Inaugural Session and inaugurated the Conference. Shri K.G. Somani, President, ICAI and Shri A.H. Dalal, Vice-President, ICAI graced the inaugural session. Hon'ble Justice Shri K. Venkataswamy, Judge, Madras High Court was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session.

The Twenty-Second Regional Conference of SIRC was inaugurated by Shri A.H. Dalal, President, ICAI on 27th January 1990. The Conference was held on 27th and 28th January 1990 at Hotel Taj Coromandel. Dr. D.C. Kothari, Chairman and Managing Director, M/s. Kothari Industries Corporation Limited was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session.

The Twenty Third Regional Conference was held on 18th and 19th May 1991 at Hyderabad. The Conference was attended by 223 delegates. (Details to be taken).

The Twenty Fourth Regional Conference was held at Chowdiah Memorial Hall (Academy of Music), Bangalore on 21st and 22nd November 1992. The Conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice Shri Shiva Shankar Bhat, Judge, High Court of Karnataka.

SIRC also recognized the senior members at the Golden Jubilee Year of SIRC, Diamond Jubilee Year of SIRC and in the 44th Regional Conference held recently in Bangalore in 2012.

SIRC organized its 25th Regional Conference and was named as Silver Jubilee Regional Conference. The Conference was held at South India Textile Research Association Auditorium (SITRA), Coimbatore on 20th and 21st November 1993 and was inaugurated by Shri B.P. Rao, Vice-President, ICAI on 20th November 1993. Shri N. Mahalingam, Chairman, Sakthi Group of Companies was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session. Shri S.V. Arumugam, Managing Director of Annamalai Finance Ltd., was the Guest of Honour. The year has seen newer initiatives taken which would be covered in this Chapter elsewhere.

The Twenty Sixth Regional Conference of SIRC was held on 6th and 7th August 1994 at Hotel Savera, Madras. Shri B.P. Rao, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential Address. Dr. A.C. Muthiah, Vice-Chairman and President, Southern Petro-Chemicals (SPIC) inaugurated the Conference. Shri L. Ganesh, Vice-Chairman, Rane (Madras) Limited was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session.

The Twenty Seventh Regional Conference of SIRC was held on 22nd and 23rd December 1995 at Siddartha Academy Auditorium, Vijayawada. Shri K.S. Raju, Vice-Chairman and Managing Director, Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd., inaugurated the Conference.

The Twenty Eighth Regional Conference of SIRC was organized on 15th and 16th November 1996 at Cochin. The Conference was inaugurated by Shri T.S. Vishwanath, President, ICAI. During the period from 1993 to 2002, every year, the annual Regional Conference was held and in the year 1996, for the first time in the history of SIRC the number of delegates for a Regional Conference exceeded 1000 when the 28th Regional Conference was held at Cochin.

The Twenty Ninth Regional Conference was held on 19th and 20th September 1997 at Image Auditorium, Chennai. Hon'ble Justice Shri Shivaraj Patil, Judge, Madras High Court inaugurated the Conference. Shri M.M. Chitale, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential Address. Shri L. Lakshman, Chairman, Rane Group and Alternate President, ASSOCHAM was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session.

The Thirtieth Regional Conference was held on 19th and 20th December 1998 at Chowdiah Memorial Hall (Academy of Music), Bangalore. Shri Rahul Roy, President, ICAI inaugurating the Conference. Hon'ble Union Minister for Law, Justice and Company Affairs Dr. M. Thambi Durai was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session. Shri S.P. Chhajed, Vice-President, ICAI delivered the Valedictory address and Shri B.P. Rao, Past President, ICAI delivered key note address. Three books on Information Technology for Chartered Accountants written by Shri A. Rafeq, Law Relating to Charity under Direct Tax by Shri Louis R. Dominic, Trichy and Taxation of Income in Foreign Exchange were released on the occasion of the 30th Regional Conference.

In the year 1999, the Thirty First Regional Conference was held at Coimbatore Institute of Technology (CIT) Auditorium, Coimbatore on 18th and 19th December 1999. Shri B.K. Krishnaraja Vanavarayar, Chairman, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Coimbatore inaugurated the Conference. Shri S.P. Chhajed, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential Address at the inaugural session. Shri G. Sitharaman, Vice-President, ICAI was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session and delivered the Valedictory Address. On the occasion of the 31st Regional Conference, SIRC Website was launched. The fully operationalized SIRC Website was inaugurated by Shri T.R. Santhanakrishnan, Chief Financial Officer, M/s. Satyam Infoway on 8th February 2002.

In the millennium Year the Thirty Second Regional Conference was held on 29th and 30th July 2000 at Sri Sathya Sai Nigamagamam, Hyderabad. Hon'ble Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh inaugurated the Conference. Shri G. Sitharaman, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential Address and also graced the Valedictory Session and delivered the Valedictory Address.

In the Golden Jubilee Year of SIRC, the Thirty Third Regional Conference was held on 15th and 16th December 2001 at Kamarajar Memorial Hall, Chennai. Hon'ble Shri Yashwant Singh, Union Minister of Finance inaugurated the Conference. Shri N.D. Gupta, President delivered the Presidential Address and Shri A.K. Chandak, Vice-President, ICAI delivered the Valedictory Address. The Guest of Honour Shri S. Gurumurthy, Chennai delivered a Special Address.

The Thirty Third Regional Conference held was named as "Golden Jubilee Year Regional Conference. The Regional Council at its 176th Meeting held on 11th February 2002 decided to contribute 10% of the net surplus to the Chartered Accountants Benevolent Fund. A contribution of Rs. 50,000/- as part payment of 10% of surplus generated from the Golden Jubilee Year Regional Conference was initially sent and later on the balance amount of Rs. 4,650/- was sent to CABF as the Conference had yielded a surplus of Rs. 5,46,519.20 p. (Ref: Page No. 6 of February 2002 issue).

The Thirty Fourth Regional Conference of SIRC was held at Kamaraj Memorial Hall on 14th and 15th December 2002. Hon'ble Shri Nainar Nagendran, Minister for Electricity, Govt. Tamil Nadu inaugurated the conference. Shri A.K. Chandak, Presidential Address at the inaugural session. His Excellency Shri P.S. Ramamohan Rao, Governor of Tamil Nadu was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session. Shri R. Bupathy, Vice-President delivered the Valedictory address. Hon'ble Shri D. Jayakumar, Minister for Law and Information Technology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu was the Chief Guest at the cultural programme.

A booklet on "Management of Chartered Accountants Office" written by Shri S. Krishnaswamy, Bangalore was brought out by SIRC and released at the 28th Regional Conference held on 15th and 16th December 1996 at Cochin.

The First Faculty Development Programme was held on 26th September 1999 in Chennai. Further an intensive two day pre-conference residential programme forming part of the 31st regional conference was held at Coimbatore which was referred to as Pre Conference Faculty Development Programme held on 16th and 17th December 1999 at Coimbatore as a Residential Programme. A Pre Conference Workshop on Information Technology was also held on 17th December 1999. This is the first time that a Pre-Conference was held in the history of SIRC. It may be noted that during the years 2006 and 2011, a parallel session on specific topics were held at the Regional Conferences.

The surplus of the annual regional conference was to the Regional Council till 1997 and under Item No. 13 of the 168th Meeting held on 28th May 1999, there was a discussion as to the sharing of surplus and it was then decided to give the 100% to the Host branch and at that time the entire 100% surplus was sent to Bangalore Branch. However the decision was changed later on to the effect that the proportion of sharing of surplus would be 75:25 to the Host Branch and SIRC which is currently in force.

While SIRC maintains the basic record of the Regional Conferences held since its inception, an exercise was made to extend the statistical data as to document in this booklet. Going through such information gives an insight as to how much the Institute is regarded by the Governments both in State and Central with eminent dignitaries gracing the inaugural and valedictory sessions. Over the years the presence of delegates for the Regional Conference has increased substantially and it has been a challenging but yet interesting and happy task for the functionaries to organize the Regional Conference in a big way and in a befitting manner. The readers would be delighted to read the brief of the Regional Conferences held between 2003 and 2012 and with this intention it is finding a place in this booklet.

The Thirty Fifth Regional Conference of SIRC was held at Palace Grounds, Bangalore on 13th and 14th December 2003. The Conference was inaugurated by: Hon'ble Shri Ravishankar Prasad, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting. Shri R. Bupathy, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential. S. Gurusurthy, eminent columnist delivered the Valedictory Address. On this occasion a SIRC Publication on Tax Audit Manual written By Shri Ashok Raghavan was released.

The Thirty Sixty Regional Conference of SIRC was held at Shilpakala Vedika, Cybverabad, Hyderabad on 10th and 11th December 2004. The Conference was inaugurated by Shri Sunil Goyal, President, ICAI. Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh delivered the – Valedictory Address. Shri Kamalesh S. Vikamsey, Vice-President, ICAI delivering special address. At the Musical Nite, Shri T.S. Narayanaswami, CMD, Andhra Bank Chief Gust at the Musical Nite.

The Thirty Seventh Regional Conference of SIRC was held on 9th and 10th December 2005 at Le Median, Ernakulam. The Conference was inaugurated by His Excellency Shri R.L. Bhatia, Governor of Kerala. Shri T.N. Manoharan, Vice-President, ICAI delivered the special address at the inaugural session. Shri K.V. Thomas, Member of Kerala Legislative Assembly was the Guest of Honour. Shri Sitaram Yechury, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), delivered the Valedictory Address. For the first time two streams of Technical sessions were held on the first day. Shri T.N. Manoharan, Vice-President, ICAI addressed a session on day two.

The Thirty Eighth Regional Conference of SIRC was held on 11th and 12th August 2006 at Velayutha Swamy Kalyana Mandapam, (A/c), Tirupur. The Conference was inaugurated by Shri T.N. Manoharan, President, ICAI. Shri Suresh Prabhu, Member of Parliament and Former Union Minister for Water Resources delivered the Valedictory Address. This Conference held for the first time in a place where the number of members residing is less than 200.

The Thirty Ninth Regional Conference of SIRC was held on 15th and 16th December 2007 at Kantterava Indoor Stadium, Bangalore. The conference was inaugurated by Shri Rameshwar Thakur, His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka and Past President, ICAI. Shri Sunil Talati, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential Address. Shri Ved Jain, Vice-President, ICAI delivered the valedictory address. Shri B.P. Rao, Past President, ICAI was the Guest of Honour and delivered the special address. A Walkathon was held for the first time on the eve of a Regional Conference on the morning of 15th December 2007. The Conference also saw over 3700 delegates for the first time.

The Fortieth Regional Conference of SIRC was held on 28th and 29th November 2008 at Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai. The Conference was inaugurated by His Excellency Shri Surjit Singh Barnala, Governor of Tamil Nadu. Shri Ved Jain, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential Address and Shri Uttam Prakash Agarwal, Vice-President, ICAI delivered the special address at the inaugural session. Shri Suresh Prabhu, Member of Parliament and Former Union Minister for Water Resources delivered the valedictory address. Shri O.P. Vaish, Govt. Nominee on the Central Council of ICAI was the Guest of Honour at the Valedictory Session and delivered special address. For the first time a member from abroad Shri R. Seetharaman, CEO, Doha Bank, Qatar was one of the speakers in this conference. This Conference created a new benchmark in terms of number of delegates with over 4700 delegates for the conference. This conference also found a place in the “Limca Book of Records – 2010” for the highest number of participation for any professional conference and it terms the 40th Regional Conference of SIRC as the “Largest Conference of Accountants”.

The Forty First Regional Conference of SIRC was held on 29th and 30th August 2009 at International Convention Centre, Hitech City, Hyderabad. The Conference was inaugurated by Hon’ble Shri Y.S. Rajasekara Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh inaugurated. Shri Uttam Prakash Agarwal, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential Address. Shri N. Kiran Kumar Reddy, Hon’ble Speaker of AP Legislative Assembly was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Session and delivered valedictory address. Shri Madhu Yaskhi Goud, Member of Parliament delivered special address at the valedictory session.

The Forty Second Regional Conference of SIRC was held on 27th and 28th November 2010 at Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium, Kochi. This conference was inaugurated by Hon’ble Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Union Minister of Finance. Prof. K.V. Thomas, Hon’ble Union Minister of State for Agriculture, Consumer Affairs, Food Distribution, Shri P.C. Chacko, Member of Parliament and Shri K.M. Mani, Member of Kerala Legislative Assembly and Former Finance Minister of Kerala participated in the inaugural session. Shri Amarjit Chopra, President, ICAI delivered the Presidential Address and Shri G. Ramaswamy, Vice-President delivered special address. Shri S.S.N. Moorthy, Chairman, CBDT delivered the valedictory address. Shri Thomas Chazhikadan, MLA, Kerala Assembly special address.

The Forty Third Regional Conference of SIRC was held on 19th and 20th August 2011 at CODISSIA Complex, Coimbatore. The Conference was inaugurated by Shri G. Ramaswamy, President, ICAI. Shri Jaydeep Narendra Shah, Vice-President, ICAI delivered the Special Address. Shri G. Ramaswamy, President, ICAI delivered the valedictory address. A notable feature of this conference was that it was held in the Diamond Jubilee Year of SIRC.

The Forty Fourth Regional Conference of SIRC was held on 18th and 19th August 2012 at Bangalore Palace Grounds, Bangalore. The Conference was inaugurated by Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, Union Minister of Power and Corporate Affairs. Dr. K. Rahman Khan, Former Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha was the – Guest of Honour and delivered Special Address. Shri Jaydeep N. Shah, President delivered the Presidential address and Shri Subodh Kumar Agrawal, Vice-President delivered the special address. Shri B.P. Rao, Past President, ICAI delivered the Valedictory Address.

It is to the credit of SIRC that during this decade, ICAI organized by itself and through its committees numerous programmes in all parts of the Southern Region and SIRC involved itself in many of the programmes and played host in the major conferences held at Chennai. It also guided the branches whenever programmes of ICAI are held at the branch level and acted as a facilitator between the Institute and the Branches. A study of the conferences organized by SIRC and SIRC playing host would provide an insight of the involvement SIRC had in such programmes. These conferences were largely attended with a minimum of around 2000 delegates.

On the Sidelines of the Regional Conferences – Certain Information recorded:

The Regional Council deliberated on the deficit incurred in the conduct of the Seventh Regional Conference held at Coimbatore and some of the members that the Coimbatore Branch should absorb the deficit and few members felt that the deficit was not on account of excess of expenditure over the budgeted amount but because of the lesser number of delegates registered. It was finally decided at the 88th Meeting of SIRC that the deficit amount should be made good by individual contributions by the members of the Conference Committee. The records showed that a sum of Rs. 60/- was collected from each member to offset the deficit and finally at the 91st Meeting of SIRC held on 29th September 1975 it was noted that the amount was received from the members of the Conference Committee except two members and decided that the balance deficit be adjusted out of the surplus of the other programmes. This information is provided only to illustrate the seriousness with which the Regional Council functioning when it comes to adhering to the financial discipline.

The Composition of the 11th Regional Conference Committee was also discussed at the meeting of the Regional Council and decided that all members of SIRC, all members of the Managing Committee of Coimbatore Branch and six members of

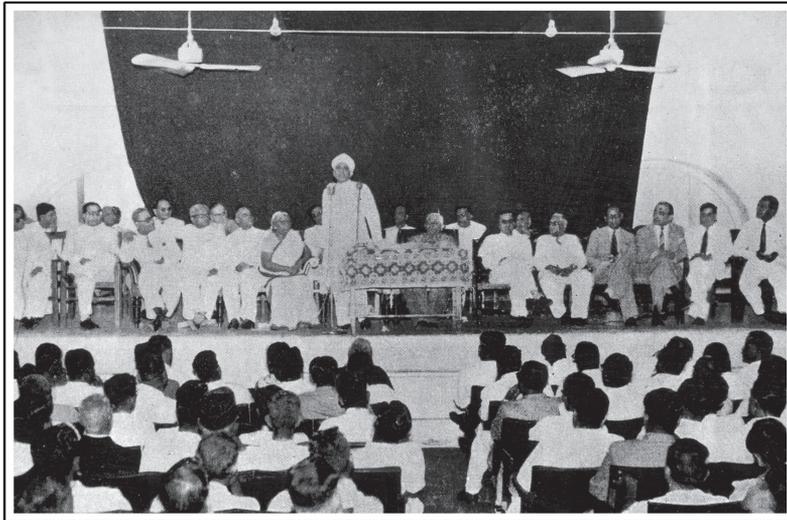
Coimbatore recommended by that Branch would be the members of the Conference Committee. It was also decided that the Secretary of SIRC would be the Secretary of the Conference Committee and the Secretary of the Coimbatore Branch would be the Joint Secretary of the Conference Committee.

There was a suggestion at the 100th Meeting of SIRC held on 27th September 1978 to have a Regional Council Meeting along with the dates of Conference and it was considered. However as a special case the meeting decided to have the Regional Council Meeting at Hyderabad in the third week of January 1979. It may be noted from the records of SIRC that the Conference scheduled did not take place and so also the meeting of the Regional Council. This information is to illustrate that a decision was taken to have both and further to point out that during the year 1981, when the 14th Regional Conference was held at Madras on 19th and 20th September, the Regional Council Meeting was held on the 20th September. This also coincided with the term of the sitting Chairman and at this meeting new office-bearers were elected to SIRC. It is for the records that it is the only instance where the last day in office of Chairman he had his official function in a Regional Conference as the Chairman of SIRC, besides presiding over the meeting of the Regional Council the same day afternoon.

For the first time in the year 2006, when the Thirty Eighth Regional Conference of SIRC was held in Tirupur on 11th and 12th August 2006, the Institute Flag was hoisted before the commencement of the Conference by Shri T.N. Manoharan, President, ICAI. This system has since been followed whenever the Regional Conferences are held by SIRC.

For the first time, in the year 2010, SIRC recorded the proceedings of the 42nd Regional Conference and hosted in the SIRC Website. In the year 2011 and 2012 the same was made live and hosted in the SIRC Website which enabled members across the Region and outside India to watch the proceedings of the conference.

First Regional Conference of SIRC of ICAI (1956)



Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar is delivering the inaugural Address at the First Regional Conference of SIRC of ICAI at Chennai on 31st March 1956.

Latest Regional Conference of SIRC of ICAI (2012)



A View at the Dais at the 44th Regional Conference

FIRST's in SIRC:

- One of the FIRST Three Women Chartered Accountants is from Chennai (Southern Region) – Ms. R. Sivabhogam.
- The Southern India Regional Council was the FIRST to conduct coaching classes in last 50's at Thambu Chetty Street, Madras.
- ICAI Journal was published FIRST at Chennai in 1952 though bulletin was brought out from Calcutta in 1950 and 1951
- The FIRST Chairperson of a Regional Council is from Chennai – Ms. R. Sivabhogam who occupied the position for three consecutive years viz., from 1955 – 1958.
- FIRST Meeting of the Council held outside the Headquarters (New Delhi) was at Chennai in 1956 pm 31st March, 2nd and 3rd April 1956 and also when a formal decision was taken by ICAI to have one or two Council Meetings outside New Delhi on experimental basis (Ref: Vol. No. XXX), Madras was the venue in the year 1982.
- The FIRST region to recognize the recipient of Gold Medalist and Fergusons Prize in the mid 50's when the tuition fee of two candidates were refunded.
- FIRST and the only member to have occupied the position of Secretary of SIRC for three consecutive years, 1958-59, 1959-60 and 1960-61 is Shri G. Narayanaswamy
- The FIRST Intensified Course on Management Accounting in the year 1965. Incidentally, this is the first of the kind of programme organized under the Institute Programme of developmental activities. 153 lectures were held between 14th April 1965 and 2nd January 1966.
- The Southern Region was chosen FIRST to start the decentralization of Institute activities in the year 1974.
- The Southern Region was the FIRST to commence the Pilot Course on Academy of Accounting in the year 1976 and subsequently as a full-fledged Academy of Accounting for the students. SIRC was the FIRST to bring out the Newsletter on 1st July 1975.
- FIRST Women Candidate from Southern Region to have secured the Gold Medal was Ms. C.V. Sakuntala in the year May 1984.
- The FIRST recipient of the Branch Award instituted by ICAI – The recipient was from Southern Region – Ernakulam (1985)
- The FIRST recipient of the Best Regional Council Award instituted by ICAI in the year 1986 – Southern Region
- The Southern Region was the FIRST to introduce the Computer Centre in mid 80's. i.e., on 17th February 1986.
- The FIRST Region to institute the Best Branch of Regional Council and Best Branch of Students' Association (in Southern Region) (1993)

- SIRC was the FIRST to conduct the Chartered Accountants Day at Chennai on 1st July 1993.
- FIRST Lady Member elected to the Central Council was from Southern Region – Mrs. Priya Bhansali (1995)
- For the FIRST time Orientation Programme for Faculty of Coaching Classes in March 1996
- FIRST Region to hold the Blood Donation Camp and continued without break for the last 17 years (1997 onwards)
- FIRST time an Orientation Programme for held for the Staff in the month of May 1997
- SIRC was the FIRST to bring out the Silver Jubilee Issue of the SIRC Newsletter on 1st July 1999 when the Hon'ble President CA. G. Ramaswamy was then the Chairman of SIRC.
- The FIRST recipient of the Students' Association was awarded to SICASA in the year it was instituted in the year 1999.
- The FIRST Branch of Students' Association Award instituted by ICAI in the year 1999 – Ernakulam Branch
- The FIRST Chartered Accountant to become IAS was from Southern Region – Shri R. Lakshmanan of Coimbatore (2001)
- FIRST in bringing out the booklet on Union Budget within 24 hours of its presentation in the Parliament (2008)
- FIRST to celebrate the Teachers Day in honour of the faculty of Coaching Classes – Southern Region (2008)
- SIRC has the distinction to have the largest number of professional gathering - FIRST of its kind in terms of number of delegates, viz., at the 40th Regional Conference of Chartered Accountants held at Chennai in the year 2008 and RECORDED IN THE LIMCA BOOK OF RECORDS.
- FIRST to receive the Padma Shri Award from Souther Region is Shri T.N. Manoharan (Past President, ICAI) in the year 2010.
- FIRST to send the Newsletter as e-newsletter to all members including members of the Southern Region residing abroad.

Landmark Decisions of ICAI / SIRC (At a Glance)

1. Constitution of Regional Councils at the five regional constituencies (Decision taken in August 1950).
2. Establishment of Coaching Board in the year 1954. The nomenclature of the “Coaching Board” was changed to “Board of Studies” in the year 1977.
– The same nomenclature even now continues
3. Creation of S. Vaidyanath Aiyar Memorial Fund (1960)
– Still in force – Every year all the Regions are organizing the S. Vaidyanath Aiyar Memorial Lecture.
4. Government of Madras issued a Gazette Notification on 8th March 1961 under Part VI – Section 2 giving therein the Govt. Notification No. – G.O. Ms. No. 315, Public (Elections-II) 25th February, 1961 considering the Chartered Accountants as equivalent to that of a graduate of a University in the territory of India for election to the Madras Legislative Council Election under the Graduates Constituency.
5. The introduction of identifying the voters through specimen signature came into force for the election to the Central and Regional Councils from the term 1964-67 and a circular was issued in this regard.(Circular No. 3-CA(Misc.)/63 dated 20th March 1963 – Ref Page No. 401 – Vol. XII – February 1964 issue).
– The system still continues.
6. It was also reported in the Journal that in the year 1968, the Council decided that every five years a special committee would be appointed for reviewing the entire field of training and education being imparted by the Institute.
7. Increase in the number of Managing Committee Members in a branch from 4 to 6. A Notification to this effect was issued bearing No. 1-CA(58)/1/72 dated 6th December 1972. (Page No. 505 of Vol. XXI).
– The same still continues in respect of branches having membership of 500 and less and in respect of branches having membership of above 500, the number of members to the Managing Committee is 8.
8. Election of Chairman of the SIRC was taken at the 90th Meeting of the Southern India Regional Council held on 7th May 1975 and a Convention was adopted.
- The convention is first read out and the system still continues.

9. First issue of the Newsletter was brought out from July 1975.
- Still continuing. Current Vol. No. is 38.
10. Celebration of Silver Jubilee. 40th Year of Independence, Golden Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of both ICAI and SIRC.
11. In the year 1980 the Council decided to set up of Chapters outside India.
12. Notification No. 1CA(7)/140/84 dated 9th October 1984 was issued which stipulated that the elections to the Managing Committee of the Branches would become co-terminus with the amended Directions governing the branches of the Regional Councils.
- Still in force.
13. Setting up of a Branch of a Regional Council in a State without any branch. The resultant impact of this amendment was the setting up of a Branch at Jammu & Kashmir State and later on for setting up of a Branch of SIRC at Pondicherry. (1987)
- Still in force.
14. Institution of Best Branch Award in the year 1985, Best Regional Council Award in the year 1986 and Best Students' Association and Best Branch of Students' Association in the year 1999.
- Still in force.
15. During the 2002, GMCS Course completion becoming mandatory for enrolling as an Associate Member of ICAI.
- -Still in force.
16. Opening of Data Centre (Virtual Institute Project (VIP) with a disaster recovery centre at New Delhi. (2003)
- Still in force
17. Chairman elected from outside the Headquarters would be reimbursed the expenses incurred by him for performing his official functions. (2005-06)
- Still in force. .
18. Nomenclature of "Articled Clerks" changed to "Articled Assistants" in the year 2006.
- Still in force.

19. The Brand Name and Brand Image of the Institute with the use of symbol “tick” in the letter heads and visiting cards of the members and having the prefix CA to the name of the member (2006).
- Still in force.
20. Convocation for newly enrolled Chartered Accountants in the year 2008.
- Still in force.
21. Executive Committee Decision on Election of Chairman and other Office bearers of all Branches of Regional Councils: The Chairman of a Branch, after demitting office, should not seek re-election for or hold the said or any other post at Branch level in subsequent years. The Committee also decided that no member should hold two posts simultaneously and that in case, as a result, any difficulty was faced, the matter may be brought before the Institute for its consideration. In other words, commencing from the year 2010, a member who had held in the past/ is holding the post of Chairman for the year 2009-10, can remain as a member of a Managing Committee only. The rule was made effective from the year 2010-11.
- Still in force.
22. 15 minutes extra reading time given to the candidates of CA Examination which became effective from May 2011 Examination.
- Still in force.
23. Formation of a Branch of Students’ Association in a place where the Branch of Regional Council is situated and the restriction of number of members have been removed. (2011).
-Still in force.
24. The break in between examination days, though not holidays, are to be treated as period actually served under articles. (2012)
-Still in force.
25. amendment to Regulation 149 sub-regulation (1) relating to Extra-ordinary General Meeting.
“(1) The Regional Council shall, on a requisition made in writing by at least 10 per cent of the total number of members of the region or seven hundred fifty members in the region, whichever is less, convene an extraordinary General Meeting.”;
- Recently introduced and in force.

AWARDS FOR SIRC AND ITS BRANCHES

The details of the awards received by SIRC, SICASA, Branches of SIRC and SICASA from ICAI and the awards presented by SIRC to the Branches of SIRC and SICASA have been separately given in this booklet.

A very important and pleasant occasion in the annals of SIRC was when it was adjudged to receive the Best Regional Council Award in the year 1986-1987 along with the Western India Regional Council. A shield was presented at the Annual Function of the Institute. It is heartening to note that for the year 1987-88, this coveted award was received by Southern India Regional Council for its performances and the Shield was presented at the Annual Prize Distribution Function held at New Delhi on 15th September 1988. It would be interesting to note that the presentation of Best Regional Council was initiated only during the year 1985 and SIRC was the FIRST recipient and achieved the distinction in succession for the second year. While it was joint award in 1986-87, SIRC was the only region to receive the award for the year 1987-88. (Ref: 38th Annual Report of ICAI for the year 31st March 1987).

It is also important to note that the Institute had instituted the Best Students' Association Award in the year 1999 and SIRC is proud to record that the Southern India Chartered Accountants Students' Association received the coveted award in the year in which it was instituted, i.e., for its activities in the year 1999 and more interestingly, the SICASA received the award in succession for the next two years i.e., for its activities in the year 2000 and 2001, a Hat-trick of Awards.

One of the highlights of the history of SIRC was the institution of awards by SIRC. As we look into the records of other Regional Councils, it is to the credit of SIRC that it had instituted the Awards with a view to encourage the branches of SIRC and SICASA in organizing its activities. The institution of award for the branches of SIRC came in the year 1993 and in the initial year of its institution, the awards were termed as "Most Active Branch of SIRC" and "Most Active Branch of SICASA. The institution of awards was approved at the 145th meeting of SIRC held on 22nd January 1993 and criteria evolved and sent to the all Branches of SIRC and SICASA for compliance.

During the year 1998, there was a change in the criteria based on members and awards were presented as "Best Branch" and "Active Branch. The recipients of the awards for the year 1998 are -

At the 162nd Meeting of SIRC held on 3rd November 1997, the Regional Council decided to change the nomenclature and that there should be an exclusive Best Branch Award.

At the 167th Meeting of SIRC held on 22nd January 1999, the criteria was changed and instead of having an award for more than and less than 500 members, it was changed as "More than 300 Members" and "300 and less members" and accordingly the awards for the year 1998 was determined.

The criteria for adjudging the Best Branch SIRC and SICASA were modified in the year 2001 and approved by the Regional Council at its 175th Meeting held on 28th September 2001 and the nomenclature of the award was also changed whereby the Active and Most Active Branch Awards were substituted with “Best Branch Award” as under:

The awards for the Best Branch of SIRC and SICASA were earlier presented at the “Meet with the President and Vice-President of ICAI” held at Chennai and at the 176th Meeting held on 11th February 2002, it was decided that the awards would be presented at the Regional Conference to be held during the year in which the awards are announced. The intention of the decision was that the awards are to be presented with a larger audience where all the branches would be participating with their Managing Committee Members and other members of the branch and such a presentation at the function would enthuse and motivate the other branches to excel as to achieve the coveted award in the years to come. The system of presentation of the awards at the valedictory session of the conference still continues.

Under Item No. 13 (a) of the 173rd Meeting of SIRC held on 14th February 2001, the suggestion to have one best branch and two active branch awards was accepted. It was further decided that where the awards were given by ICAI, the same branch is not given the award at the regional level and that a citation and appreciation would be given at the Regional Council in regard to the Branches who have received the Best Branch Award at the All India Level. However during 2008, the decision was reversed and awards were considered for those branches who have received the award at the all India level.

The award for Best Region and Best Branch was based on the activities of the year which was hitherto in two different years when the term of the Regional Council was from September to September and later on changed to 1st January to 31st December and changed to 1st January to 30th November and restored back to January to December. The reason being when the Central Council had the Annual Function in the month of January every year at a point of time, the report should reach by middle of December for the Central Council to evaluate the performance and when the Annual Function was held in the month of February later on which is still in vogue at present, the period of activities to be considered was changed from 1st January to 30th November of the year to 1st January to 31st December and the report should be sent by 7th of the January of the following year.

Item No. 16 of 183rd Meeting of SIRC held on 16th February 2004, it reiterated the decision of the Regional Council that if a branch has received an award from the Central Council, the same branch would not be considered by the Regional Council.

However under Item No. 13 of the 204th Meeting held on 21st February 2011, it was decided that if the branch had received the Commendation Award, the said branch may be considered for the Best Branch Award at the Regional Level.

While looking at the awards received by the Branches from ICAI, it would be most gratifying to note that the Ernakulam Branch of SICASA was the recipient of the award for 14 times in a row which is a rare feat to be surpassed. This significant achievement was recorded in the deliberations of SIRC when the Regional Council recorded its appreciation under Item No. 13 of the 207th Meeting of SIRC held on 23rd February 2012.

It has been the endeavour of SIRC to emulate the last year achievement as to receive the Best Region Award and the performance have been constantly reviewed and it is hoped that SIRC would be in contention for the award and would form part of the History of SIRC in its subsequent publication from 2013 onwards, when the exercise is taken up.

For the first time, a Certificate of Appreciation was given to SIRC for the successful conduct of the 39th Regional Conference at the Annual Function of ICAI held on 4th February 2008. The records perused before and later did not have any reference to such awards given earlier and later and hence SIRC is the proud recipient of this award for the first time in the history of ICAI.

At the 202nd Meeting of SIRC held on 20th May 2010 under Item No. 12, the criteria for selection of awards were discussed and few additions to the criteria were made. Under Item No. 14 of the 204th Meeting held on 21st February 2011, a committee was to be formed to review the criteria and the Executive Committee was authorized to constitute the committee to determine the recommendation for award to the branches.

At the 192nd Meeting of SIRC held on 15th February 2007, it was decided that a committee has to be constituted by the Executive Committee for deciding the Best Branch Award by SIRC. Further recording of the minutes show that the Chairman nominated members to the Screening Committee.

Item No. 3 of the 203rd Meeting of SIRC held on 20th October 2010 it was decided to constitute a Committee for consideration of criteria for Best CPE Study Circle and Chapters. This issue was also looked into by the Committee formed to determine the recommendation for awards to the branches in the year 2012 and it was felt the institution of award is not required which was also taken note by the Regional Council.

During the year 2012, the criteria was re-visited and reviewed and the branches of the SIRC and Branches of SICASA were communicated about the revised criteria which is effective from the year 2012 and would be the base for considering the Best Branch of SIRC and SICASA for the period January-December 2012.

AWARDS FOR SIRC AND ITS BRANCHES BY ICAI

ICAI AWARDS - 1985-86

Ernakulam Branch of SIRC - Best Branch

ICAI AWARDS - 1986

SIRC of ICAI - Best Regional Council

ICAI AWARDS – 1988 – 80

Hyderabad Branch of SIRC - Best Branch

ICAI AWARDS – 1989-90

Bangalore and Hyderabad Branches - Highly Commended Performance Certificate

ICAI AWARDS – 1990-91

Bangalore Branch - Best Branch
Coimbatore Branch - Certificate of Commended Performance

ICAI AWARDS – 1992

SIRC of ICAI - Best Regional Council

Bangalore - Highly Commended Performance Certificate

ICAI AWARDS – 1992-93

Bangalore Branch was adjudged as the Best Branch
Hyderabad along with Poona and Ghaziabad received the Certificate of Highly commended performance.

ICAI AWARDS – 1993-94

Bangalore Branch was adjudged as the Best Branch

ICAI AWARDS - 1995

Hubli Branch of SIRC was adjudged the Best Branch
Hyderabad and Madurai Branches have received the Highly Commended Performance Certificate”

ICAI AWARDS – 1998

SIRC was adjudged as the Best Region

Bangalore, Hyderabad, Coimbatore and Visakhapatnam Branches received the Commendation Award.

ICAI AWARDS – 1999

SIRC was adjudged as the Best Region

SICASA got the Best Students' Association Award.

The Ernakulam Branch of SICASA was adjudged as the Best Branch of SICASA.

The Hubli and Ernakulam Branch of SIRC received the Commendation Award

ICAI AWARDS – 2000

SICASA got the Best Students' Association Award.

Ernakulam Branch of SIRCASA received the Best Students' Association Award

ICAI AWARDS - 2001

SIRC received the Best Regional Council Award along with WIRC in the year 2001

SICASA received the Best Students Association Award

Ernakulam Branch of SIRC received the Highly Commended Performance Certificate

Bangalore, Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam and Salem Branches received the Excellent Performance Certificate

ICAI AWARDS - 2002

Bangalore Branch of SIRC was adjudged as the Best Branch along with Nagpur Branch

The Ernakulam Branch of SICASA has been adjudged as the Best Branch of Students' Association

Belgaum Branch was presented with Highly Commended Performance Certifi-

cate by ICAI. (Check Belgaum or Hubli)

ICAI AWARDS - 2003

- Best Students' Association - SICASA
- Best Branch of Students' Association - Ernakulam Branch (SR).
- Highly Commended Performance Certificate - Ernakulam Branch of SIRC.

ICAI Awards for 2004

- Highly Commended Performance Certificate - Hubli and Salem Branch
- Best Branch of Students' Association - Ernakulam Branch of SICASA (SR).

ICAI AWARDS - 2005

- Best Branch - Medium Size Mangalore Branch
- Highly Commended Performance - Medium Size Vi jayawada Branch
- Best Branch (Small) - Hubli
- Highly Commended Performance – Small - Salem, Erode and Tirupur
- Best Branch of Students' Association - Ernakulam (SR)

ICAI AWARDS - 2006

- Highly Commended Performance Certificate Small Size - Hubli, Palghat and Udupi
- Shield for the performance Medium Size - Trivandrum Branch of SIRC
- Shield for the performance Branch of Students Association - Ernakulam Branch of SICASA

ICAI AWARDS - 2007

- Best Branch of Regional Council Big Branches - Ernakulam
- Best Branch of Regional Council Medium Size - Salem
- Best Branch of Students' Association - Ernakulam Branch of SICASA

Certificate of Highly commended performance

Medium Size	-	Vijayawada
Small Size	-	Hubli and Palghat
ICAI AWARDS - 2008		
Highly Commended Performance Shield	-	SIRC and WIRC
Big Branches Shield and Certificate		
Best Branch	-	Ernakulam Branch of SIRC
Highly Commended Performance	-	Coimbatore Branch
Medium Size – Shield and Certificate Highly Commended Performance	-	Salem Branch of SIRC
Small Size – Shield and Certificate Highly Commended Performance of SIRC	-	Hubli and Tuticorin Branches
Appreciation Certificate	-	Tirupur
Best Students' Association	-	Ernakulam and Trivandrum (Joint)
ICAI AWARDS - 2009		
Shield:		
Best Branch (Medium Size Category)	-	Salem Branch of SIRC
Best Branch of Students' Association SA	-	Ernakulam Branch of SICA-
Certificate for Highly Commended Performance:		
Big Branch Category	-	Ernakulam Branch of SIRC
Small Branch Category	-	Hubli Branch of SIRC.
ICAI AWARDS - 2010		
Best Branch – Big Size	-	Ernakulam Branch of SIRC
Best Branch – Medium Size	-	Salem Branch of SIRC
Highly Commended Performance Certificate	-	Erode and Tuticorin
Best Branch of Students' Association	-	Ernakulam and Coimbatore (Jointly)

ICAI AWARDS - 2011

Best Regional Council	-	SIRC and WIRC
Big Branches (Large Size)	-	Ernakulam Branch
Medium Size	-	Salem Branch
Highly Commended Performance Medium Size	-	Trichur Branch
Small Size	-	Tuticorin Branch
Highly Commended Performance Small Size	-	Erode Branch
Best Students' Association	-	Ernakulam Branch of SICASA (SR)

ICAI AWARDS - 2012

Highly Commended Performance Certificate	–	SIRC
Large Branches – Certificate	–	Ernakulam Branch
Medium Branches – Shield	–	Salem Branch of SIRC
Small Branches – Certificate	–	Hubli Branch of SIRC
SICASA – Shield	–	Ernakulam Branch of SICA SA jointly with Tuticorin Branch of SICASA.

AWARDS INSTITUTED BY SIRC FOR BRANCHES AND BRANCHES OF SICASA

Most Active Branches of SIRC - 1993

Coimbatore, Hyderabad, Hubli and Tiruppur Branches

Most Active Branches of SICASA
Bangalore and Trivandrum Branches

Most Active Branch of SIRC - 1994

Having 500 members and above - Ernakulam Branch
Branches with less than 500 members - Hubli Madurai and Tirupur Branches
Joint Winners

Most Active Branch of SICASA - Belguam Branch of SICASA

Active Branch of SIRC - 1995

Having 500 members and above - Bangalore and Coimbatore
Commendation Award - Ernakulam and Hyderabad
Less than 500 members - Madurai, Tirupur, Trivandrum and
Visakhapatnam
Commendation Award - Tiruchirapalli Branch
Active Branch of SICASA - Bangalore and Ernakulam
Commendation Award - Salem

Active Branch Award of SIRC – 1996

Members having 500 and above - Bangalore, Coimbatore, Ernakulam
and Hyderabad
Less than 500 members - Belgaum, Hubli, Kottayam, Madurai,
Quilon, Tirupur and Visakhapatnam
Commendation Award - Calicut, Mangalore, Salem and
Tiruchirapalli

Branches of SICASA:

Members having 500 and above - Bangalore, Coimbatore and
Ernakulam
Less than 500 members - Belgaum and Hubli

Best and Active Branch Awards of SIRC - 1997

Best Branch Award

- With Membership of More than 500 - Hyderabad
- With Membership of 500 and less - Hubli & Trivandrum (Jointly ad judged)

Active Branch Award:

- With Membership of More than 500 - Bangalore
Ernakulam
Madurai
- With Membership of 500 and less - Mangalore
Tiruchirapalli
Tirupur
Visakhapatnam

Commendation Award:

- With Membership of 500 and less - Belgaum
Kottayam
Mysore
Palghat
Tirunelveli
Tuticorin

Branches of SICASA:

Best Branch Award

- With Membership of More than 500 - Ernakulam
- With Membership of 500 and less - Trivandrum

Active Branch Award

- With Membership of more than 500 - Bangalore
Coimbatore
- With Membership of 500 and less - Belgaum
Hubli
Tiruchirapalli

Commendation Award:

With Membership of more than 500 - Hyderabad

Best Branch Award – 1998

With membership of more than 300 - Bangalore

With Membership of 300 and less - Tirupur

Active Branch Award

With Membership of more than 300 - Ernakulam, Hyderabad Coimbatore and Visakhapatnam

With membership of 300 and less - Quilon, Salem and Hubli

Commendation Award

With Membership of more than 300 - Madurai

With Membership of 300 and less - Belgaum

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Best Branch of SICASA - Hubli

Active Branch Award - Ernakulam, Hyderabad and Madurai

Commendation - Bangalore and Kottayam

Best Branch Award – 1999

With membership of more than 300 - Coimbatore

With Membership of 300 and less - Tirupur

Active Branch Award

With Membership of more than 300 - Bangalore, Ernakulam, Hyderabad Madurai and Visakhapatnam

With membership of 300 and less - Belgaum, Hubli, Kottayam and Salem

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Best Branch of SICASA - Bangalore

Active Branch Award - Calicut, Coimbatore, Hyderabad and Tiruchirapalli

Best Branch Award – 2000

With membership of more than 300 - Bangalore

With Membership of 300 and less - Tirupur

Active Branch Award

With Membership of more than 300 - Hyderabad and Coimbatore

With membership of 300 and less - Palghat and Salem

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300 and Above

Best Branch of SICASA - Bangalore

Active Branch Award - Hyderabad

Less than 300

Best Branch of SICASA - Kottayam

Active Branch of SICASA - Belgaum and Calicut

Best Branch Award – 2000

Best Branch Award
Above 750 Members
Between 301 and 750 members
Upto 300 members
Commendation Award (no number limitation)

Best Branch of SICASA
Above 750 Members
Between 301 and 750 members
Upto 300 members
Commendation Award (no number limitation)

Best Branch Awards – 2001

Best Branch Award - Above 750 Members - Bangalore
301 and 750 members - Visakhapatnam
Upto 300 members - Tirupur
Commendation Award - Vijayawada
(no number limitation)

Best Branch of SICASA Above 750 Members - Bangalore
301 and 750 members - Madurai
Upto 300 members - Kottayam
Commendation Award - Vijayawada
(no number limitation)