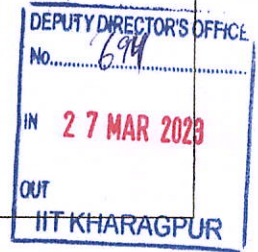


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Date: 20.03.2023

**Sub: Approval requested for the payment of annual membership fee for Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) for 2023-24**

With reference to the letter to the Director from Prof B. Hariharan, Vice-President/President elect, Shastri Indo Canadian Institute, dated March 1, 2023 on the above mentioned subject, it is hereby stated that the IIT Kharagpur has been a member institution of SICI for the past several years.

The membership presents a lot of benefits to our Institute including eligibility for applying for the various funding schemes/grants of SICI. Over the years, many of our students, scholars and faculty members have been beneficiaries of these schemes.

In view of the above, the following is proposed:

- The SICI membership for 2023-24 be renewed.
- The annual membership fee of INR 50,000 may kindly be paid from the budget of Office of CE, as per the practice of previous years.

Placed for the kind consideration and approval.

Associate Dean, IR & Ranking

Associate Dean, Outreach

24.03.2023  
Dean, Outreach & AA

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29/03/23

March 1, 2023

**Prof. V. K. Tewari**

Director

Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur

Kharagpur 721302,

West Bengal, India

**Dear Prof. Tewari**

Greetings!

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI) over the years; now it is time again to renew the annual membership! Your support has enabled us to facilitate and build academic linkages and associations between the two countries. Today, we have a wide network of 142-member institutions in India and 38 in Canada, including 16 new Indian members this year from a variety of disciplines which include IITs, IISERs, Forensic Science University and Technical & Management Universities.

Our network exists to support and connect member institutions of both the countries to build academic partnerships, share best practices, foster new opportunities and provide practical support to help members achieve more. Our programmes and initiatives in terms of different grants and fellowships offered by both the governments have contributed significantly towards establishing and expanding academic connections between India and Canada.

We are pleased to share the news that Global Affairs Canada has given a grant of CAD \$ 5,50,000 supporting various programmes administered by SICI like Student Internships from Canada to India, bringing Canadian faculty to India to enrich international teaching-learning pedagogy and foster internationalization of National Education Policy.

Now SICI has in place MoUs with Ministry of Advanced Education of the Province of Saskatchewan and Government of Alberta to foster and develop a cooperative relationship between India and the respective province with focus on research and mobility. We keep engaging with our member institutions in different ways through our activities and programmes. We are also working with the State Governments in India to develop partnership agreements with their respective Higher & Technical Education Departments

I am very happy to share with you the happy news that SICI has successfully formed its first bi-national research cluster in Agriculture with the prime focus to build linkages that enable

its member institutions with a niche in Agriculture to operate productively in this field. This bi-lateral Agri-cluster brought together all major stakeholders under one umbrella like the federal/central governments of India and Canada, states and provincial governments, academia and research community of SICI's member Institutions in India and Canada, relevant Industries operating on bi-national corridors and agricultural community at-large.

SICI is going to inaugurate its second cluster on 'One Health' on March 2, 2023 which will be attended by the High Commissioners from both countries, the Premier of Saskatchewan, and many faculty & researchers from both Indian and Canadian institutions in hybrid mode. This event will serve as a curtain raiser with three or four virtual workshops on varied thematic areas of 'One Health'. For more details on Bi-national cluster and thematic areas visit us at <https://www.shastriinstitute.org/smmiw-one-health>

At SICI, the membership for the year 2023-24 becomes due w.e.f. April 1, 2023. Therefore, to continue your valuable partnership with SICI, we would request you to please renew your institution's membership by paying Rs. 50,000/- electronically or vide a Demand draft or cheque in favour of 'Shastri Indo Canadian Institute', payable at New Delhi by 15 June, 2023. The bank details of the Institute are attached herewith for online transfer.

For any queries or comments, please feel free to connect Dr. Prachi Kaul, Director, SICI at [prachi@sici.org.in](mailto:prachi@sici.org.in)

I look forward to your continued membership and participation in the Institute's activities.

Yours sincerely



B. Hariharan  
Vice-President / President elect



**Bank details for direct transfer of Membership Fees to SICI account :**

Name of the Account Holder :	Shastri Indo Canadian Institute- Membership Fees
Name of the Bank :	Indian Overseas Bank
Address :	70, Golf Links New Delhi
Account No. :	026501000016166
MICR Code :	110020007
Mode of ECS Transfers available with bank :	Yes
RTGS Code	IOBA0000265
IFSC Code	IOBA0000265

**You are requested to kindly drop in a mail when you make the transfer.**