

Pradeep Khosla, Dean of Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, Appointed as Infosys Prize Jury Chair

Bangalore, India – March 3, 2011: The Infosys Science Foundation today announced the appointment of Professor Pradeep Khosla, Dean of the College of Engineering, and the Philip and Marsha Dowd University Professor at Carnegie Mellon University, USA, as the Jury Chair for the Infosys Prize for Engineering and Computer Science. Professor Khosla takes over this role from Professor Subra Suresh, who was appointed the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) by the United States Senate.

Professor Khosla was earlier a jury member for the Infosys Prize for Engineering and Computer Science. He will chair the jury for the Prize year 2011 and will soon select a panel of jury members who will help evaluate applications received in the category.

Professor Khosla is the recipient of several awards including the SiliconIndia Leadership Award for Excellence in Academics and Technology (2000), the ASME Computers in Engineering Lifetime Achievement Award (2009), and the inaugural Pan IIT American Leadership Award for Academic Excellence (2009).

On his appointment as the new Jury Chair for the Infosys Prize for Engineering and Computer Science, Professor Khosla said, "I am honored to chair the Infosys Prize jury for Engineering and Computer Science. This is a great initiative that has been taken up by the Infosys Science Foundation to elevate the prestige of science and research and inspire young scientists. The Infosys Prize acknowledges outstanding contributions to research and I am pleased to be associated with this initiative."

On the occasion of this announcement, Mr. T.V Mohandas Pai, President - Infosys Science Foundation said, "The Jury Chairs for the Infosys Prize comprise of eminent leaders in each of their fields lending credibility to the stature of the Infosys Prize and the respective prize categories. The Jury Chairs are selected carefully and are responsible for evaluating the achievements of the nominees against the standards of international research. We are pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Pradeep Khosla as the new Jury Chair for the Infosys Prize for Engineering and Computer Science, and look forward to his guidance and experience that he will bring to the jury."

"Pradeep Khosla is an excellent choice as the Jury Chair for the 2011 Infosys Prize for Engineering and Computer Science," said Carnegie Mellon University President Jared L. Cohon. "Pradeep has been a great leader for Carnegie Mellon globally, and his research track record is both innovative and multidisciplinary - qualities so critical to this competition's award nominees. We are proud that our colleague has been named to this prestigious position."

About the Infosys Science Foundation

The Infosys Science Foundation, a not-for-profit trust, was set up in February 2009 by the management of Infosys. The Foundation instituted the Infosys Prize, an annual award, to honor outstanding achievements of researchers and scientists across five categories: Social Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering and Computer Sciences, Mathematical Sciences and Life Sciences, each carrying a prize of rupees 50 Lakh. The award intends to celebrate success in scientific research and stand as a marker of excellence in these fields.

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