

# ALL KERALA WIE MEET 2016



**21 September 2016**

**Albertian Institute of Science and Technology, Kalamassery**

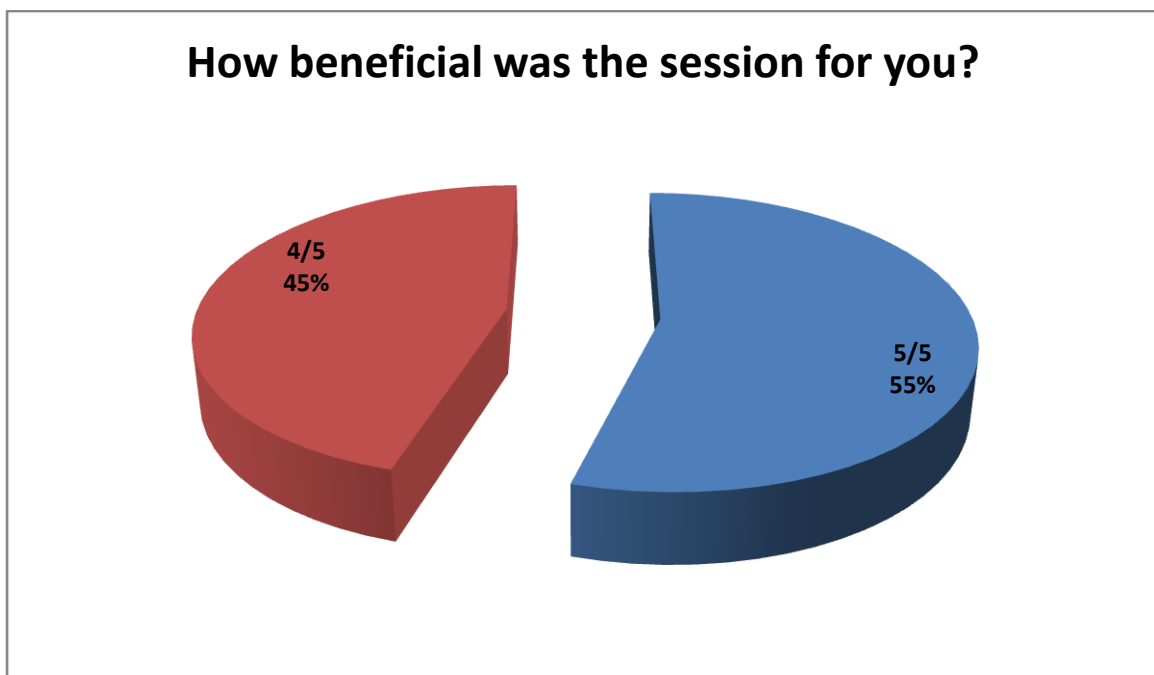
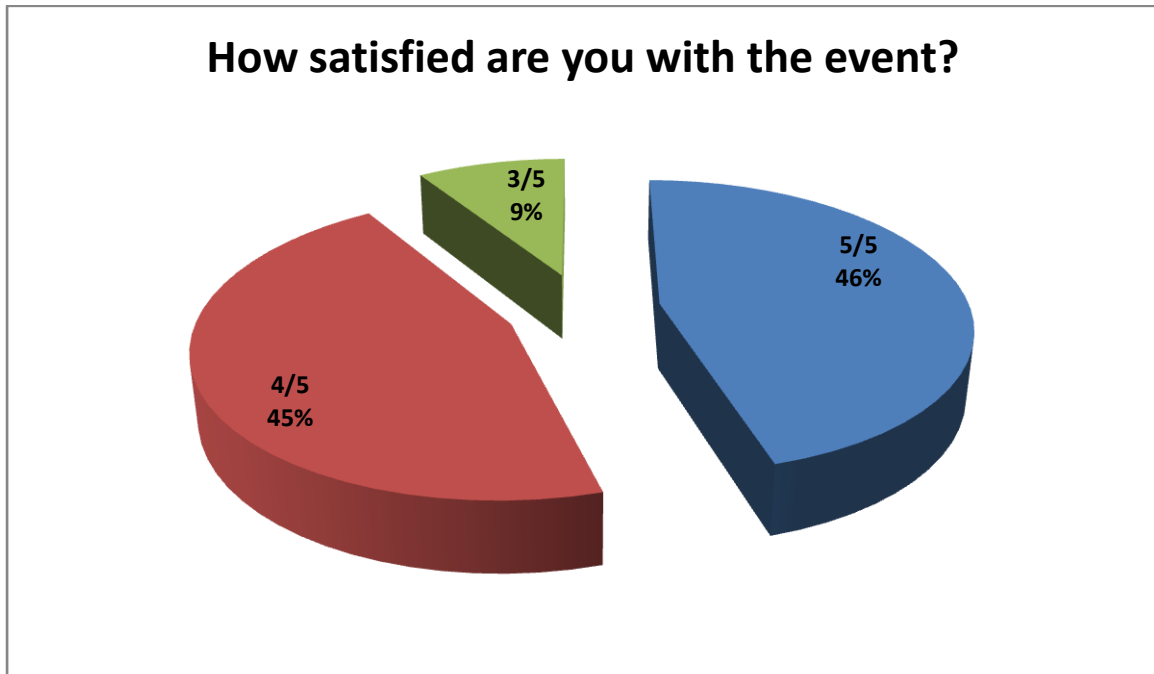
The All Kerala WIE Meet 2016 was held at Albertian Institute of Science and Technology on 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2016. The event was started by the Code of Ethics read out by Mr. Paul Ansel, Treasurer, IEEE Kochi Subsection. The welcome address was delivered by Ms. Deepthi Das, Secretary, WIE Kerala Section. Followed by the welcome address, Mini Ulanat, Chair, IEEE Kochi Subsection addressed the gathering. The function was presided over by Rev. Dr. Clement Valluvassery, Manager, AISAT. The program was officially inaugurated by Ms. Keyana Tennant, WIE Program Manager, by lighting the lamp. Prof. George, Principal, AISAT and Mr. Shahim Baker, Chair, IEEE Kerala Young Professionals delivered the felicitations which was followed by the vote of thanks by Manisha MariamVincy, Student WIE Representative.

The first session after the inauguration was regarding **Global WIE Activities** by the chief guest, Ms. Keyana Tennant. She mentioned about WIE AGs, membership growth and business plans. The strategic goals for next 3-5 years were discussed. It included conducting programs, growing and developing members, a global forum, identifying and fostering internal/external collaborations etc. She also discussed 2016 IEEE WIE highlights – Awareness, Visibility and Activity. The various WIE events like 2016 ILC, WIE summits, etc and program partnerships, travel grants, awards etc were mentioned. She also put forward some ideas to engage with WIE which included quarterly WIE challenges, STAR outreach etc.

The next session was about **WIE Kerala Section Activities** handled by Ms. Mini Ulanat. She started her presentation mentioning the history of WIE Kerala Section and then moved on to the journey of WIE Kerala Section and its new initiatives. It included the three All Kerala WIE Summits – Women in Computing, Women in Technology and Women in Leadership, and the Shastra Vismaya and the Energy Conservation Drive, which won the Darrel Chong GOLD Award in 2016. She also mentioned the student activities and best practices of WIE Kerala Section.

This session was followed by an **Open forum** in which students raised many of their queries related to WIE and WIE activities. The session discussed various possibilities to increase technical interest in girls and to increase membership retention. The various global volunteering opportunities and need of more technical WIE programs were discussed. Ms. Keyana very pleasantly interacted with the delegates and answered their queries. The event concluded with valedictory ceremony and photo session.

## EVENT FEEDBACK :



## CONCLUSION:

The event was well received by the audience, which consisted of over 100 WIE Volunteers in total. Special thanks in order to Ms Keyana Tennant for her esteemed presence, WIE Global for their encouraging support and IEEE Kochi Subsection for hosting the event.



**EVENT PICS:**

