

Dr. C. P. KURIAKOSE

Dr. C. P. Kuriakose began his lifelong love of education with a BSc in Mathematics from the Union Christian College, affiliated to the Travancore University, Kerala and an MA in Mathematics from the Madras Christian College, affiliated to the University of Madras, Tamilnadu. In 1943, he joined the College of Engineering Trivandrum (CET) for a BSc in Electrical Engineering. He graduated in 1947 and joined the same Department as a lecturer. In 1954, he went to England and joined the PhD program (Electrical Power & Control Systems) of the University of London as a Colombo Plan Scholar. He conducted his research in the Imperial College, London under the supervision of Prof. Humphrey Davis on the topic of “Analog Simulation of the Transient Response of Synchronous Machines Connected to Infinite Busbars”. After receiving the PhD degree in Electrical Engineering, he came back to CET in 1957. He returned like an “intellectual hurricane”, one of his students of the time described.

Dr. Kuriakose went to Chicago, Illinois in 1965 as a delegate to the World Conference on Engineering Education. He was later appointed as the Principal of the Government Engineering College, Thrissur. He then became the Director of Technical Education, Kerala. In 1969, Dr. Kuriakose was instrumental in championing the College of Engineering Trivandrum Alumni Association and coined the acronym CETAA and made the emblem and the seal. He contributed to the establishment of Cochin University of Science and Technology in 1971 and became Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Engineering Faculty for the Cochin University. There he introduced the part time evening M.Tech. course for employed engineers. In 1974, he went to the German Democratic Republic to negotiate technical assistance from Rostock University for the Department of Ship Technology in Cochin University. During 1979-1981, he worked as a Visiting Professor at the University of Sulaimaniah, Iraq. Dr. Kuriakose was the Chairman of the Institution of Engineering, Cochin Center and a Senior Member of IEEE. He served also in the Director/Advisory Boards of several companies and institutions. In 2005, Dr. Kuriakose’s book “Circuit Theory: Discontinuous and Discrete-Time Systems, Elements of Network Synthesis” was published by Prentice Hall of India.

Dr. C. P. Kuriakose was an inspiration to many students, teachers and relatives. He encouraged them to pursue advanced education. Dr. Kuriakose passed away on 13th March, 2018 at the age of 97. To honor Dr. Kuriakose’s legacy and passion for education, a memorial fund was established in 2018 for conducting Dr. C. P. Kuriakose Memorial Lecture on the anniversary of his birthday, September 5, 1921 as well as to support scholarships for students. This year, the lecture will be given by Professor Ashuthosh Sabharwal, Chairman, Department of Electrical Engineering, Rice University, Houston, Texas.

