

Dear All,

Following the email of registration forms for SA50 last week, we have received some questions / queries from some of the members and alumni. Hence, through this email, we are trying to address some of the most typical questions. Please go through these FAQs carefully and let us know if your question is still unanswered.

SA50 Registration Queries

1. Can you clarify the three categories of registration? It is a bit confusing.

Sure. Let us go one by one.

CATEGORY A – this is applicable to those FAAA members who have also contributed (Rs. 10,000 or more) towards SA50. Hence, in total, they have paid a minimum of Rs. 16,000 (10k+5k+1k). They only need to indicate their participation via the registration form. If there are FAAA members who have not contributed Rs.10,000 or have contributed but a lower amount, they can choose to make the contribution now and avail of the benefits of the category A. hence the un-numbered line underneath the main category A. The option to contribute Rs. 10,000 now does not exist for non-FAAA members.

CATEGORY B – this is applicable to those FAAA members who have not made any contribution towards SA50. In this case, you have 2 options. 1, you can choose to make a contribution of Rs. 10,000 and avail of the category A benefits OR 2, you can register according to the fees set for FAAA members – Rs. 3000 per person for the full event.

CATEGORY C – this is for those alumni who are neither members of FAAA nor have made any SA50 contribution. These people are eligible to register for the SA50 for Rs. 6,000 per person for the full event.

CATEGORY D (newly added) – this is for alumni members who would like to attend only the FREE TO All events of SA50. This category has been added after clarifying the parts of the overall program that are free to all. Please see revised calendar of events for details.

The above pricing may seem steep at first glance. But we have to remember that nothing is free. The institution (FA-CEPT) is unable to subsidize the cost of this event. Hence, it is up to us, alumni, to help support this event. Early on, we had agreed that we will limit the amount of sponsorship to the total we can raise internally on our own (by voluntary contribution and registration). Hence, the pricing is the way it is. Honestly, if each alumnus, had contributed Rs. 5,000, we would have raised enough money to have the SA50 on our own steam and some more to contribute towards long term goals of SA/FA. But since such contribution has not been forthcoming, the above approach is necessary.

Consider for a minute that during the garba this year, the price for single alumnus entry on the alumni only day was Rs. 1,000. Also consider what would be the price for a single rock show. Consider the meals, and other logistics that the volunteers of SA50 are putting together for you to come and celebrate the SA50 with your fellow alumni and batchmates. If you put all this together, does it still feel unreasonable?

2. Is SA50 an FAAA event or a CEPT event? Why is it a paid event?

SA50 is an event that is jointly undertaken by FA-CEPT, FAAA, SA Students Council with the support of CEPT Foundation. When the event was conceived, it was well understood that for the event to be successful all 3 entities will need to collaborate and work hand-in-hand to make this possible. FA-CEPT is bearing the cost of use of venue, the time of faculty and staff involved in this and SA Students Councils is also contributing through their time. Thus, the biggest onus to raise the funds needed for the event lies with FAAA.

Like with everything else, there is a cost involved in putting together an event of this magnitude and nature. Since there are expenses involved, that need to be paid, someone has to bear the cost. It is most prudent if the person that pays the cost is also the person that enjoys the benefits. Hence, registration is a very simple and direct way to help offset the costs of the event. Hence, there is a paid portion to the SA50 event.

3. Is SA50 a paid only event?

No. There are number of events within SA50 celebrations in Dec 2012 that are open to all and will not incur any payment. These include the SA50 exhibition, WOW Exhibition, Faculty Felicitation, Seminar (partially) and Indian Classical Concert. In order to clarify this, we have also revised the calendar to reflect the events that are free and open to all. We have also added a **CATEGORY D** – for alumni who would like to register and participate in only the free events.

However, the overall organization of the 50 year celebrations is not free and hence, certain events will be open for paid members only. These include, Multi-Kulti Alumni Presentations, Seminar (partially) Rock Show, Garba and all meals.

4. Why are some of the events restricted for paid members only?

At the beginning of the planning of SA50, in the meeting of 5th March 2011, it was decided by batch reps and alumni, that for the SA50 celebration, we will only take as much sponsorship as we are able to raise internally through our own resources (alumni contribution, cept contribution etc). Based on the current amount of contributions we have, we need to raise additional resources through paid registration in order to ensure that we are able to meet (or atleast stay close) to our earlier decision. Hence, in order to meet the cost, and to better manage the

logistics of the event, certain events need to be restricted to registered paid members only.

5. I would like to present at Multi-Kulti, but I feel the amount of registration fees is too high.

In order to accommodate for the people who are not participating / registering for any other event, but attending only Multi- Kulti, we are creating a new category for **single day registration** of alumni for the day of **Multi-Kulti**. This registration will be for Rs. 1500 and will include tea and lunch at Tagore hall for the day of Multi-Kulti. However, it will NOT INCLUDE entry to the Rockshow which is the evening event on the same day. In case you want to attend the Rock show as well, we suggest you take up the full members registration at Rs. 3,000 or the full non-member registration at Rs. 6,000 per person.

6. I am an FAAA member who has contributed less than Rs.10,000 (in my case Rs. 4,000) towards SA50. How should I proceed further with the registration.

In this case you have a couple of options.

- a) You may pay additional Rs. 6,000 and take full benefit of the Registration category 1.
- b) You may pay an addition Rs. 2,000 and have a full registration for 2 people for the entire event.
- c) If you want to have full registration for only 1 person you may request FAAA to channel the additional Rs. 1,000 as your contribution towards the SA50 fund, which is greatly appreciated.

7. I want to celebrate (with paid registration for) SA50 but I am not interested in being an FAAA member. What category should I use to register?

You should use Category C, which is open to all alumni who are not members of FAAA. The registration fee for this is Rs. 6,000 per person. But just to make sure you are aware, if you register for 2 people under category C, you will contribute Rs. 12,000. But you may not benefit from any of the FAAA members only events in the future. However, if you become a member now and pay your membership dues (Rs. 6,000 until 31 Dec 2012), you can be eligible for category B and register 2 people for a total of the same Rs. 12,000. In this case however, you will be benefit from 1 year of membership of FAAA. The choice is yours..!!

Thank you for taking time to read this email, and your continued support for SA50 activities.

Please let me know if there are any questions that this email has not addressed.

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