



IITM-RWTH Student Entrepreneurship Summit 2019

Date: December 4th- 6th, 2019

Venue: HSB 357, 2nd floor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras

About the event:

This two-and-a-half-day event, hosted by the **Center for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CSIE)**, and jointly organized with RWTH Aachen University aims at bringing together the vibrant **student entrepreneurship** scenes of **RWTH Aachen University**, Germany, and of the **Indian Institute of Technology Madras**, India, two of the leading institutions in their respective countries. Embedded in a 2-week-stay of RWTH students at IITM, it will **create lasting connections** between young innovators. The two „Sister Universities“, RWTH and IITM are proud to have a variety of socially and environmentally responsible student initiatives emerging out of their campus and thriving in the eco-systems of Aachen and Chennai respectively.

The fusion of outstanding student initiatives and start-ups with senior decision-makers from academia, industry and government promises to unleash an energy that will spark joint activities on both sides. Long-term collaborative formats are likely to emerge and lasting new connections are going to be created. Due to the pressing challenges of a global environmental crisis, a particular focus will be on **technological and entrepreneurial solutions for real-world challenges**. Thus, the event will host a variety of environmentally and socially relevant initiatives from the fields of energy, e-mobility and engineering as well as biotech, the life sciences and chemistry. Apart from displaying practical examples, an examination of salient concepts like **frugal innovation**, **inclusive innovation** and **social entrepreneurship** will inspire participants and guests to reflect critically on these topics and to gain new perspectives.



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Wednesday, December 4 th		
Till 19.00:	Arrival of participants & getting to know the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem at IIT Madras; followed by networking dinner	
Thursday, December 5 th		
9.00	Registration	Indian and German initiatives, speakers and participants
10.00	Inaugural session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. R. Nagarajan, Faculty Coordinator, CSIE: „Inauguration and introduction“ German Consul General Ms. Karin Stoll: „Word of welcome“ Dr. Stefan Diederich, Coordinator, Strategic India Activities, RWTH Aachen: „Welcome and introduction“
10.45	Session on Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “BharatTech: Touching Lives in Rural India” by Rajamanohar Somasundaran, Co-Founder and CEO, Aquaconnect, Chennai “Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship” by Prof. L.S. Ganesh, IIT Madras “The DWIH network and the German innovation landscape in India”, A. Jamkhedkar, DWIH New Delhi
11.45	Networking and Tea	All
12.00	Aachen meets Chennai: The student entrepreneurship and start-up scene at RWTH Aachen University and IIT Madras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enactus e.V. Aachen & Enactus, IIT Madras Mr. Anant Raheja, Fibsol, IIT Madras Research Park Sonnenwagen e.V. Aachen Mr. Ashwanth G, Desicrew, IIT Madras Research Park iGEM e.V. Aachen & iGEM, IIT Madras Mr. S. Gangaram, Kandybottle.com ITSA e.V. Aachen Mr. S. P. Balamurugan, GUVI, IIT Madras Research Park Energybirds e.V. Aachen Mr. Visakh, PiBeam, IIT Madras Research Park Pacific Garbage Screening e.V., Aachen Mr. Ajay, Solinas, IIT Madras Research Park
13.15	Lunch	All
14:30	Panel discussion on Entrepreneurship in an Indo-German context	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator: Mr. James Rajanayagam, CSIE Dr. Satyanarayanan Seshadri, IIT Madras Mr. S. Baskarbabu, VP - Corporate Communications & Training, Schwing Stetter India Ms. Amrita Gandikota, GINSEP India Representative
16.00	Coffee and Tea	Networking and thematic discussions
16.30	GINSEP session	Networking with Indian and German initiatives and start-ups
17.00	YNOS session	Presentation of YNOS Portal, Dr. Thillai Rajan, DoMS, IIT Madras
20.00	Joint dinner	Speakers and organizers
Friday, December 6 th		
9.00	Valedictory Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Artificial Intelligence for Social Good” by Prof. B. Ravindran, Head, RBCDSAI, IIT Madras Conclusion by Prof. Mahesh Panchagnula, Dean I & AR, IIT Madras
10.30	Excursion	Learning from social entrepreneurs in coastal Tamil Nadu
19.00	Dinner	Speakers and organizers

