

## Report on Distinguished Lecture program by Prof. Rudolf Kruse, held on November 16, 2018, at Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata

The Distinguished Lecture was delivered by Prof. Rudolf Kruse, Professor at the Faculty of Computer Science in the Otto-von-Guericke University of Magdeburg, Germany. The program commenced at 3 pm in the Center for Soft Computing Research seminar room of Indian Statistical Institute Kolkata at 3 pm. The talk focused on “Decomposable Graphical Models: On Learning, Fusion, and Revision”. It dwelt on both theoretical as well as highly relevant complex industrial applications. Besides funding from the IEEE CIS, the program was jointly organized by the Machine Intelligence Unit of the Indian Statistical Institute.



The program was attended by around 40 participants, encompassing faculty members, research scholars and masters students. At the outset, Prof. S. Mitra, Chair of IEEE CIS Kolkata Chapter, welcomed Prof Rudolf Kruse.



Prof Kruse delivered the lecture for around one hour, followed by exciting discussions. The speaker presented the issues very lucidly, with nice examples, and also encouraged the students and faculty members to work in this domain. His lecture instilled a sense of confidence among the young students to delve into the challenging open issues, relevant to industrial applications. After the lecture, Prof Kruse was felicitated by Dr. P. Rakshit, Treasurer, IEEE CIS Kolkata Chapter. The program ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair. The meeting ended at 4.30PM. This was followed by high tea of the delegates.



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Chair IEEE CIS Kolkata Chapter