

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

COAI continued in its endeavor to be at the forefront of national and international events held in the year 2013-14, including Mobile World Congress at Barcelona, ITU events, etc. that addressed issues and matters of interest to our members and industry.

COAI also partnered in various **Seminars and Workshops** on issues of interest and benefit for its members and the industry and for creating awareness amongst the consumers. COAI and its members also continued active participation in Organization such as CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM, NASSCOM, GSMA, 3GPP, ITU among others, as well as activities of many telecom events in India.

COAI took a more direct approach in reaching out to activists and media and creating counter voices against the activists on the topic of EMF through credible resources. COAI continued its dedicated efforts towards mitigating the negative activism and misconceptions on emissions from mobile towers. The Association was successful in reaching out to international experts and medical institutions/associations to garner support and engagement in the advocacy activities.

The **COAI Executive Council** headed by the Chairperson, Mr. Himanshu Kapania, Vice Chairman, Mr. Marten Pieters and comprising senior representatives from all member operators, met several times over the last year to deliberate on a variety of issues impacting the industry. They were ably assisted by proficient advice from the various **Working Committees** that had been set up in COAI.

In conclusion, I would like to convey my deep appreciation and thank **all the Committees and Working Groups** and their **Chairmen and Vice Chairmen** for their expert leadership and significant contribution towards various industry issues and helping the Association in representing them suitably at various forums.

I would like to personally **thank the Chairman, Mr. Himanshu Kapania**, for his personal involvement and support in all the activities and initiatives of the Association for the last year and we request his continued support and guidance in future as well. I also thank the **Vice Chairman, Mr. Marten Pieters** for all the support, guidance and international experience that he has provided during his tenure.

I would especially like to record my deep appreciation to the unfaltering efforts and support of the **COAI Secretariat** team who have always been fully committed to the task before us and have always been ready to take up new challenges for the Association and execute them smoothly, efficiently and with excellence.