



REMEMBERING OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE: CHUCK RAMANI

Dear all,

It is with deep sadness I am sharing this news about Chuck Ramani, Founder and Past President, IAS, passing away. He has been ailing for some time, but there was every hope he will pull thru and continue to enjoy his retirement, but this evening his family informed me that his valiant fight ended at approximately 7 pm, April 1. I met and spoke to him just over a week back at the hospital, and he was still keen to know how the business was doing and was hoping to make another visit to our office. Last September, many of you may remember Chuck attending the 50th celebration of IAS in his wheelchair and giving his usual strong but caring message to the gathering. We had instituted and honored his contributions to the organization and the global conformity assessment community by awarding the Chuck Ramani Lifetime Award to some of our IAS colleagues. We were fortunate to memorialize his contributions in the 50th anniversary celebrations book we released last September 2025. He was deeply touched and honored by all of the past and current members of IAS, ICC and other well-wishers who thronged him when he came for a brief hour at our 50th celebration last September. A detailed note on his career and legacy will be shared later.

As we know more about any of the funeral and/or memorial services arrangements, we will share with you.

Meanwhile, please do keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this time and let's remember his contributions to our community as well.

Raj Nathan
President, IAS

"On behalf of the IAS Board of Directors, we extend our deepest condolences on the passing of Chuck Ramani, Founder and Past President of IAS. Chuck's visionary leadership, unwavering dedication, and lasting contributions to the organization and the global conformity assessment community have left an indelible legacy. Even in recent days, his continued interest in the success of IAS reflected his enduring commitment and passion. Many will remember his presence at the 50th anniversary celebration, where, despite his condition, he delivered a message that embodied both strength and compassion.

We are grateful for the opportunity to have honored his remarkable contributions and to have preserved his legacy. Chuck will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time."

-Sergio Ascunce
Chair, IAS Board of Directors

"That is very sad news. Chuck was a great man who worked hard and loved his family. I believe that Chuck and others at ICBO, IAS have been mostly responsible for many of QAI's successes.

My heartfelt sympathies go out to his family and closest friends. I am going to miss Chuck a lot."

-Steve Harris
CEO, QAI Laboratories

"I am very sorry to hear about the passing of Chuck Ramani. We were close friends and colleagues for many years. My condolence to the family."

-Kurt Stochlia
Past Vice President, ICBO ES and ICC ES

"Sad to hear the news. Please convey our deepest sympathy to his family."

-Ravi Kanipayor

"This is quite shocking to hear although I was aware of his health.

Am reminded of the time we spent together in good old PAC days and the dinner he used to organize - a tradition which Raj carried on!!! My heartfelt condolences to his family and to people who worked closely with him."

-Anil Jauhri
(ex-CEO, NABCB)

"Thank you for sharing this truly sad news and I know how difficult this must be the entire IAS family. Our hearts and prayers are with you, Radhika and family during this difficult time. Chuck was truly a unique and special person who made such a positive impact on my life. I will miss him forever."

-John Barrios
Past Chairman, IAS Board of Directors

"I am extremely saddened to hear about the loss of our dear friend Chuck. He was such a gentleman, and I have nothing but fond memories of each and every interaction of ours. I had the pleasure of meeting him during IAS's 50th anniversary and he seemed to be doing better and had a positive demeanor.

May his soul rest in peace."

-Ram Lakshmi
Vice President, InfoBeans

"Thanks for letting me know Raj. I didn't know he was ill, but I was wondering about him and last week sent a note to ask how he was doing. He was a good man and set the best example for all of us."

-Michael Beaton, P.E.
Intertek

"Very sorry to hear...We lost a good guy. A good friend."

-Bill McHugh
Past IAS Board of Director

"This truly is a sad loss! He was a good man, always trying to do his best. He will be sorely missed."

-S. K. Ghosh, Ph.D.
President, S. K. Ghosh Associates LLC

"Stacey and I are deeply saddened to hear this, as I'm sure you are as well. It makes us appreciate even more the wonderful 50th anniversary event that you and the staff organized, which gave us the opportunity (as it turns out, our final opportunity) to see Chuck and recount his achievements in an open forum."

-Jim Toscas
Past Chairman, IAS Board of Directors

"I am very sorry to hear the bad news, I was hoping to see him soon. May God bless his soul; our thoughts and prayers are with all of you."

-Majed Dabdoub, P.E.
Past Chairman, IAS Board of Directors
Dabdoub & Associates, LLC

"I just learnt about demise of Chuck. It is shocking to know as he has been a dynamic leader, a great and noble person, curry club enthusiast and true gentleman. Please convey my condolences to his family and prayers for all in IAS. Unable to accept as I write the email. May his soul rest in peace."

-Aparna Dhawan

"So very sorry to hear this news. Chuck was a friend and mentor to so many. His impact on our personal and professional lives is legacy that will be a difference in the world that makes it a better place. I hope the team are all doing well in your work and personal lives."

-Rocco Davis
Past Chairman, IAS Board of Directors
LIUNA Pacific Southwest

"I sent an earlier email expressing my sadness in learning of Chuck's death. It is very emotional to lose friends regardless of age or distance. I have so many good memories of Chuck. I considered my ICC colleagues, my family and friends. We went through so many experiences over the years that bound us in deep friendships, loyalties and trust.

Thank you for letting me know. My thoughts and prayers are for Chuck's family and all who loved him. May God help them through their grief."

-Sara Yerkes

"I'm very sorry to hear about Chuck's passing. My heart is with his family and friends."

-Antonio Zavala

"I am deeply saddened to learn of Chuck Ramani's passing. He was the founder and President of IAS, USA. I had known him for many years during his active professional life and always admired his vision, leadership, and gracious nature. He made significant contributions to the conformity assessment community in US and ILA/IAF.

Remember my meetings with him during ILAC/APAC annual conferences and as a APAC Lead Evaluator for NABL Evaluation. He inspired many through his dedication and integrity.

He will be fondly remembered not only for his professional achievements but also for his warmth and humility.

My heartfelt condolences to his family and who knew him. May his soul rest in peace."

-Anil Relia
Past CEO, NABL India

"Thank you, Raj, for sharing this news with us. Chuck touched so many people's lives in our profession in a meaningful and positive ways with his genuine, loving, and professional personalities and proudly I am one of them. His profound leadership skills and style contributed drastically with the growth and success of the great IAS and ICC organizations.

My deepest condolences go to his personal and professional families.

May universe bless Chuck's soul."

-Mo Bayat
IAS Board Member

"It is deeply saddening to hear about Chuck Ramani's passing. I still remember when I first met him and mentioned I am from Palakkad, he immediately and warmly shared that he was also from the same district in Kerala, India. I can still feel the warmth of his handshake when we met him during the 50th celebration of IAS.

Please convey my heartfelt condolences to his family. He will be fondly remembered for his contributions and the positive impact he made on everyone who knew him."

-K.T. Noushad
Lead / Technical Assessor, IAS.





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*"This came as a great shock to me as I was unaware that he was that ill.
I feel very sad to hear of his departure.*

Please send my heartfelt sympathies to his family and I pray that his soul rests in peace."

-Chellappah Srighanthan

"Thank you for sharing this. I am very sorry to hear of Chuck Ramani's passing.

We appreciate you sending this information over. We will plan to share something through our chapter email as well. We would also be glad to circulate the In Memoriam note.

Please extend our condolences to his family, colleagues, and all those who worked closely with him. His contributions to the profession and the broader code community are clearly significant and will be remembered."

-Guillermo Hobelman
Building Official, City of Hermosa Beach

*"It is a very bad news, and I am very sad to know about Mr. Ramani's passing away.
I pray Hanuman ji to provide His soul the rest and peace. I know he was a devotee of Hanuman ji.*

*The first time I met him in Ottawa was in 1992, at ILAC meetings.
He was a great man, a creator."*

-Devi Saran Tewari
ex Director, NABL

"Thank you for sharing. Chuck's contributions to the code community will certainly be remembered."

-Louie Vasquez, MCP, CBO, CFM
Building Official

"With very sadness I learned about the passing of our friend and a great leader, Chuck. It is indeed a very sad day, he was such a great guy, and in so many trips to Abu Dhabi we were together working there.

My condolences to his family and friends."

Hamid Naderi, P.E. CBO
Senior Vice President, ICC Product Development & Consulting

"I am deeply sorry to hear that. Please extend my condolences to the IAS family. First thing I thought is that the best always leave us way too early.

-Udo Lampe
Managing Director, Food Safety Enthusiast, Analytica Alimentaria GmbH
IAS Board member

"I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Chuck Ramani.

I had the great privilege of knowing Chuck for over 30 years, dating back to my time as a Visiting Researcher at ICBO ES. At that time, he served as Vice President, and he extended extraordinary kindness and support to me and my family, for which I have remained profoundly grateful.

Apart from his professional achievements, I will always remember Chuck as a kind, sincere, and wonderfully witty person. Even after his retirement in 2018, I had the pleasure of reconnecting with him during my visits to the United States, and I deeply cherish those moments.

Please accept my heartfelt condolences. My thoughts are with his family, friends, and all members of IAS during this difficult time."

-Hiroki Sunohara (Mr.)
General Manager, International Department
The Building Center of Japan (BCJ)

"I will never forget the day my friend Chuck called me "Indy." I was deeply shocked when I heard that Chuck had passed away. Although it was only a few days ago, the news is something I will never forget.

Since the last time we met, I had long hoped for an opportunity to see him again—to chat, laugh, and spend time together.

I still remember his stories, which were filled with kindness, humor, and wise advice.

I am deeply grateful for everything he did for us.

Please accept my deepest condolences to his family and all the staff at IAS during this difficult time."

-Masami Indy Ohori, BCJ, Japan.

"Our deepest condolences, may his soul rest in peace."

-Akshay Mishra

*"I was saddened to hear about the passing of Chuck Ramani. On behalf of the Global Accreditation Cooperation Secretariat, please accept our heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. Chuck's contributions and presence at IAS and the international accreditation community will be remembered and greatly missed. My thoughts are with you, his family, the IAS staff, and everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.
Wishing you strength and comfort in the days ahead."*

-Victor Gandy
Secretary, Global ACI, Inc.

"Thank you for the sad message about Chuck's passing. I never knew Chuck was ailing.

I wish his family and friends sincere condolences.

Chuck Ramani was a quintessential, professional gentleman. He never had a negative word about anything or anyone. His demeanor was always positive.

During the peer evaluations we did together in whatever country, he always knew the best shopping and restaurants to frequent. His contributions to the evaluations was always timely, effective and forthright.

His legacy in strongly supporting global recognition of competent accreditation bodies through APLAC (now APAC), ILAC/IAF (now Global Accreditation Cooperation, Inc.) will be long remembered."

-Peter Unger
Past President of A2LA
Past chair of ILAC

"I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Chuck Ramani. Chuck was a foundational figure and titan in our industry, and his visionary leadership was instrumental in elevating IAS to its status as one of the world's most recognized accreditation bodies.

I feel incredibly privileged to have spent time speaking with him this past fall during the IAS 50th Anniversary celebration. It was a reminder of his enduring passion for our field and his dedication to excellence.

My deepest condolences go out to the entire IAS family and, most especially, to his own family during this difficult time. He will be greatly missed, but his impact on the global accreditation landscape will be felt for decades to come.

Rest in peace, Chuck."

-Rick A. Titus
Accreditation Asset Manager, UL Solutions

"When you see Radhika again, please give her our love. I am so glad we were able to see them that the 50th. That event was more important than we imagined at the time."

-Bob Heinrich
Past Chair, IAS Board of Directors

"Thank you for letting me know. Chuck was a warm and welcoming soul ... it is a loss for our community ... My condolences to you and the IAS team."

-Doug Leonard
CEO, ANAB

"I am personally very saddened to hear about Chuck's passing away. As you know, he is the only person that I met in my life who hailed from dad's village, Govindrajpuram. It seems unbelievable that I found someone from my dad's village in the world of accreditation. He joined my mom and I over dinner at Colombo and later visited my home where he got to know my wife and son.

I pray for the well-being of his family."

-Vijay Krishna

"Thank you for letting me know. This is truly a sad moment, it actually feels unreal. I am very saddened by his passing; my thoughts and prayers are with his family. Tremendous loss."

-Osama Younan, PE
General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety

"Thanks for sharing. Chuck was such a wonderful person who shared his care and passion for conformity assessment across the globe. He was a calm influence at APLAC and ILAC from the very beginning. While it was always a period of time between visits and even if he was busy, Chuck always took time to shake my hand, say hello, ask how my A2LA team was doing, and share a good story. It's really a shame other ABs didn't have a Chuck in charge when they were beginning their business as I would like to believe we'd have more trust in the AB world. Carry on my friend, please pass along my regards to my IAS friends and to Chuck's family. He was a great man, and he will be greatly missed.

God speed."

-Trace McInturff
A2LA Vice President, Accreditation Services

"Thanks for sharing this sad news and we will keep him in our prayers. Condolence from my side."

-Dr Chandrajith, PhD
CEO, Wimpey Laboratories
IAS Board member

"Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of a truly remarkable person Chuck Ramani. He had a profound impact on my life since 2006, teaching me not only how to succeed professionally in the conformity assessment community, but how to lead with kindness; maintaining relations with each and everyone around and taking the team together. His legacy lives on in the many people he guided, and I am honored to be one of them.

The conformity assessment community, as well as the IAS & ICC family, has lost a bright light, but his spirit will continue to inspire us. My heartfelt condolences to Chuck Ramani's family during this difficult time."

-Devang Jhaveri
Past IAS Board of Directors
Global Management System Consultancy and Training Company





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"We are shocked and we have lost a noble person. I still remember the time I spent with him and his son while he was on a wheelchair at the 50th IAS anniversary celebrations and his message is still lingering in my mind. A passionate and committed person rare to find.

I pray almighty to give strength to all, especially his family, to bear this loss. My request is to you to consider introducing in his memory something valuable to all concerned with Quality. May be an oration in his memory.

Om Shanthi."

-Dr Thuppil Venkatesh

"I am so sorry to hear of Chuck's passing. He was a wonderful leader, mentor, and friend. You do his memory justice by continuing the lasting legacy that is IAS! As always, let me know if there's anything I can help you with."

-Stephen Jones

Past member, IAS Board of Directors Past President,
ICC Board of Directors

"One of the Good Ones has gone West."

-J.E.J. (Ned) Gravel, CD, PEng, CAE, CA-LS, IPL
Manager, Training

"Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of our founder and former President. I regret that I am unable to attend the funeral; however, my thoughts are with Chuck's family during this difficult time.

Kindly convey our deepest sympathies to Chuck's family."

-L H D Bandusoma

Program Manager-Medical Laboratory Accreditation,
Proficiency Testing Providers & Reference Material Producers Accreditation, IAS

"Thank you for taking the time to share the sad news, very nicely done.

I was so saddened when I heard the news last night. Chuck was one of those rare people who seemed to transcend the human condition; he was truly an angel in our world. I have already added him to our deceased members and colleagues' resolution for this fall."

-Ronald Piester, AIA

SVP, Member/Customer Experience, ICC
Past President, ICC Board of Directors

"With tears in my eyes i read this..."

-Alberto Herrera

"Very sad to hear the passing away of Chuck Ramani. A thorough professional and gentleman. May his soul rest in peace."

-Ramesh Ramachandran

"How terribly sad. Chuck personally encouraged me to get involved with IAS and provided me with on-going advice and guidance on how I could contribute to IAS in a meaningful way. I know he did the same for countless others."

-Mike Bouse

Program Manager
BDA/FPD/BSSP Accreditation Program, IAS

"It was a shocking sad news of hearing Mr. Ramani's demise right in the morning. I knew him since the last 20+ years, since the day I joined IAS.

I had never seen him, as long as he was the President, less enthusiastic and less energetic in matters concerning well being of IAS. Even after demitting office he had IAS and its well being in his heart and thoughts. I never thought it would be the last time I would see him when I talked to him in the 50th year celebrations. To put it in a nutshell he was a compassionate gentleman who gave space to the other person and honored the other person's thoughts and opinions. Needless to say, IAS will miss him, even if he had demitted his office. My heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Radhika Ramani and his family. At this time, he and his family are in our thoughts and prayers. This may please be conveyed to the family.

With profound sadness"

-B N Taranath

Staff Metrologist, Lead/Technical Assessor, IAS

"Deepest condolences. Very sad to note."

-N. Venkateswaran

CEO, NABCB, India

"Thank you Raj. That IAS 50th celebration is one I'll always remember. Also, my sincere condolences to you and the entire IAS team. I'm so glad I was able to attend the IAS 50th celebration and have you and Chuck sign my book. Take care my friend."

-James W. "Jim" Sayers

Past Board member, IAS Member, ICC Board of Directors

"I was so sad to hear about Chuck's passing. He was always so kind and positive towards me. May his memory be a blessing."

-Mel Oncu

"This is shocking and saddening.

Last time that I met him at the IAS celebrations, it seemed that he would pull through.

He had a sparkle in his eyes, feeling proud of IAS, an organization that he deeply loved and nurtured. He was gleaming with the presence of so many experts from around the world, maybe thinking of the past challenges and the hard work that the IAS team put in to reach this stature.

He was like a father, a mentor to me and we always used to have freewheeling discussions without holding anything back. In all our discussions, focus on ethics, principles and doing right for the society was always the key foundation.

I am at loss of words but as said in Hindu scriptures, as a great soul he will still continue to make great contribution for mankind even in his next avatar.

With prayers for the departed soul and for the family to overcome this loss."

-Vipin Sahni

"Really. Sad news to IAS family. I interacted with him initially when I started working for IAS, but the interactions were limited.

Admire his overall personality. Personality to be remembered for ever!!!

Condolence to his family."

-Ganesh Bhat

Senior Manager MSCB Programs

"Shocking to know that Chuck Ramani is no more with us. It's unfortunate that I didn't work with him but during our Christmas Lunch party, I had an opportunity to talk with him for few minutes, and he was so nice to me, and we had a good conversation in Tamil. His talk on his Challenging experiences in assessments and inspirational words will always stay with me.

May his soul rest in peace. His family will be in my prayers and thoughts."

-Deepa Murugan

Program Coordinator

"This is heartbreaking news. When I first became involved in APLAC, I learned a great deal from him. He was always kind, patient, and generous with his time and guidance. His support made a lasting impression on me, and I will always remember him with gratitude and respect.

I have a fond memory of meeting him last September—still looking handsome, even in his wheelchair."

-Mingxia Zhang

"It is indeed a sad news. Chuck has been a pillar not only for IAS but the global Accreditation community. I first met him in June 2000 during his visit to NABL for APLAC evaluation.

It's a huge loss to everyone.

May God rest his soul in peace."

-Dr. Bhupendra Kumar Rana

Chief Executive Officer
Quality & Accreditation Institute (QAI)

"I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Chuck Ramani. Please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time.

Chuck's contribution to the accreditation community and his role in shaping IAS have left a lasting legacy that will continue to inspire many of us. He will be remembered with great respect and appreciation.

My thoughts are with you, his family, and the entire IAS team."

-Brahim Houla

Chair, Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated

"Thanks, Raj, for sharing this. My deepest condolences and prayers to the family."

-Jagdheesh Manian

Director, Bureau Veritas

"Thanks for letting me know. Chuck was a great man."

-Corey M. Roblee

Vice President
Government Relations, ICC

"I was deeply saddened to hear about Chuck's passing. He was a one-of-a-kind and influential leader who inspired everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. Please also accept my heartfelt condolences.

He was your fellow traveler, perhaps the person with whom you achieved so many 'firsts' in the accreditation world. Because of that bond, I know your memories of him carry a weight and importance that none of us can fully grasp. But such is life; there is little we can do in the face of death.

Perhaps, starting this year, IAS could honor his legacy by establishing the 'Chuck Ramani Conformity Assessment and Quality Awards'. It's just a thought, but it could be a way to make his name immortal. I am truly sorry for your loss."

-Osman Vural

Accreditation Program Manager
Certification Bodies for Persons

