

# ITC SIG Profiles of countries and regions

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The following profiles were posted on the ITC SIG website on the STCSIG service, when it was discontinued in 2008 and the Global Talk website began. Additional information about countries and regions may be found in issues of the *Global Talk* newsletter.

## Technical communication in India

### ***STC member strength in India***

As of April 2004 the India chapter of STC has over 120 members and several sustaining member organizations. According to Gurudutt R. Kamath, a technical writing trainer based in India, there are around 10,000 Technical Communicators (this includes web content writers) in the country.

### ***Publications in technical communication in India***

Indus is the award-winning bimonthly publication of the India chapter of STC. It carries articles on the theory and practice of technical communication. Articles in Indus have a combined technology magazine and newsletter flavor. As a technology magazine, Indus balances the latest in technical communication practices, processes, and software with specific activities and articles pertinent to technical communicators in India. Indus also serves as a communication forum for members while covering STC events in India. Indus is published in the first fortnight of every odd-numbered month. You can read it online at <http://stc-india.org/indus/index.htm> (historical link).

### ***Other technical communication organizations and email lists in India***

Technical Writers of India, or TWIN as it is commonly known is often called "the bonding glue of the Indian technical writing community." TWIN was founded in the winter of 1997. The TWIN mailing list, with over 1000 members, is a forum to communicate, share, and discuss issues about technical writing. For more information, visit <http://www.twin-india.org/>.

A Yahoo group known as Technical Writers India is a forum used by writers in India to exchange information: [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/technical\\_writers\\_india/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/technical_writers_india/).

### ***Academic programs in India***

Today, India has at least two university-level courses in Technical Communication: an optional paper in the Master of Communication and Journalism (MCJ) course offered by the Department

of Mass Communications, Calicut University and a short-term program offered by Stella Maris College, Chennai. Recently, besides these two schools, a few engineering colleges in the country—prestigious institutions such as the Indian Institute of Technologies (IITs)—have started providing classes on communication or technical writing. STC India chapter members and other technical communicators have played a key role in setting up and running these courses.

### ***Industries being served in India***

- Information Technology (Software)
- Science
- Business
- Advertising

### ***Kind of writing done***

Software, Marketing, Science, Business

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## **Israel chapter**

The Israel chapter of STC has a good relationship with the Israel Translators Association. The groups give discounts to each other's events and announce the events of both groups to members. The chapter's recent annual convention had a localization track which was well attended. *Information from Jo Levitt, member of the Israel Chapter, April 2004.*

## **Technical communication in Japan**

### ***STC member strength in Japan***

As of December 2005, the Japan chapter of STC has over 40 individual and 10 corporate members. For more information, visit <http://www.stc.or.jp> (historical link).

### ***Other technical communication organizations in Japan***

Japan Technical Communicators Association (JTCA) was founded on January 1, 1992. Currently, JTCA has over 70 corporate members and 300 individual members. For more information, visit <http://www.jtca.org/english/general.html> (historical link).

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Japan Association of Translators (JAT) was founded in May 1985. Currently, JAT has over 500 members. For more information, visit <http://www.jat.org/index.html> (historical link).

***Industries being served in Japan***

Information Technology, Science, Business

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