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## **SDMIMD director Dr Parasuraman appointed on EPAS Accreditation Board**

Mysuru, July 6:- Dr N R Parasuraman, Director, SDMIM, Mysuru, has been appointed on EPAS Accreditation Board by EFMD. He is the only member from India on the EPAS Board. The other three are from Switzerland, Tunisia and Uruguay. EPAS is an international programme accreditation system operated by EFMD which has 900 member organisations and is based in Brussels with offices in Asia and the Americas. The appointment is a recognition of the high standards that SDMIMD is maintaining throughout. The primary focus of the EFMD EPAS Board is to consider whether a programme meets the prescribed standards by evaluating the proposals along with peer review reports presented to the board for approval of accreditation status.

Sharing his views on his appointment, Dr Parasuraman said, "I feel it is a great honour to have been included in this elite board of an elite accreditation agency. It is, in my opinion, a vindication of what SDMIMD has achieved and what it stands for. We were the first to get EPAS accreditation in India and have been working hard to measure up to international standards ever since. It really is a special feeling to be the first from India to be appointed to the accreditation board."

SDMIMD is known for quality and standards in academics, infrastructure and internationalisation. The flagship Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) programme of SDMIMD has MBA equivalence from Association of Indian Universities and AICTE.

With a focus on further improvement and globalisation of management education, SDMIMD is making all-out efforts. Sharing the legacy and future vision, Dr Parasuraman says, "SDMIMD was set up more than 25 years back with the lofty objective of being a B school which has global content interspersed with rich Indian ethos. It is heartening that the institute has achieved this in many ways. Of course, the journey is never complete and we are endeavouring to improve on all areas."

EPAS is a service for EFMD members and is based on the same process as EQUIS and covers the full range of academic programmes from the bachelor to the doctoral level. EFMD is an international, not-for-profit, membership organisation of business schools and corporations, based in Brussels, Belgium, with offices in Asia and the Americas. (MR)