Dr. Bhavani's Diary (Working from Home during COVID-19) – Part 8

April 1, 2021

I am continuing with my now quarterly posts on working from home during COVID-19. My first post was on April 24, 2020 which was followed by six weekly posts and then went to quarterly on January 1, 2021. Since we are going back to in-person work late August 2021, my last post will be on July 1. In the meantime, this is what happened during the past three months.

This is the quarter that many of us got vaccinated. My first dose of Pfizer was on January 20th and the second on February 12, 2021. What a relief. I am now planning to travel to NYC to visit my son and his family in April, May and June – 3 trips in 3 months. We had the awful cold weather week (Feb 12 – 21) in Texas when out heating broke and as a result a pipe burst in our laundry room, but thankfully everything got back to normal by end of February.

In the meantime, I have continued to give keynote addresses in March including one at Women in Communications Engineering in India celebrating International Women's Day followed by another one also in India (Conference on Mathematics and Computer Science) and the third one at Arizona State University's cyber security conference. I have posted versions of these keynote talks on my YouTube page. In addition, we also put out some press releases of our accomplishments.. Here are some of the links.

2021-Events – IEEE Delhi Communications Chapter

Women in Communications Engineering - India, on International Women's Day, March 7, 2021 - YouTube

https://icmc2021.in/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5YUUpXuy6o&t=54s

https://www.utdallas.edu/news/faculty-staff/accolades-1-jan-2021/

https://cs.utdallas.edu/thuraisingham-interview-with-daescu-spring2021/

https://xploreqa.ieee.org/author/37268636500

https://www.dmagazine.com/business-economy/2020/10/finalists-announced-the-innovation-awards-2021/

My classes are going well – it's the Data and Applications Security class this semester – I started teaching this class in Spring 2005 and then my colleague took it over in Fall 2015 and I taught it this semester as my colleague is on sabbatical. I am also the instructor for our Experimental Research in Cyber Security course (INSuRE) for 13 semesters in a row. I also plan to teach it in Fall 2021. Also, during this quarter I started the certificate course on Public Policy at the London School of Economics and am really enjoying it. In addition, pleased about some papers published in conferences (e.g., AAAI 2021) and also served as official mentor in cyber security to high school students as well as to junior faculty at UT Dallas.

This summarizes the activities during the past quarter and looking forward to possibly my final post on July 1, 2021 as part of the "while working from home series." during COVID-19. There are many activities planned between now and July 1. We get back to in-person classes the week of August 23, 2021.