

delegates and participants for their valuable contribution and lively discussion, the Chairman the Co-Chairman for conducting the sessions well.

A limited number of copies of the souvenir released on the occasion of the Conference consisting of the abstracts of the contributed papers and other essays are available for distribution. Members who need a copy may write to Dr. J. Richard and it would be sent on 'first come first served basis'.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING

(At the CMC, Vellore on 19-11-98)

- The General Body (GB) meeting was chaired by Dr. V.G. Kaliaperumal, President-Elect, as the President, Prof. P.P. Talwar could not attend the meeting.
- Dr. Kaliaperumal welcomed all the Members. As there was no quorum, he adjourned the meeting for a short period and reconvened.
- The minutes of the GB meeting held on 12-12-97 at the SMS Medical College, Jaipur was confirmed.
- Dr. M. Kachirayan presented the General Secretary's report 1998. The GB approved the same.
- Mr. P. Jayabal presented the Treasurer's report for the year 1998 and also the audited statement of accounts for the year ending 31st March 1998. His report was accepted unanimously.
- Dr. Arvind Pandey presented the Editor's report 1998 and the statement of accounts which were approved by the GB.
- The GB placed on record its appreciation to Dr. M. Kachirayan, Mr. P. Jayabal and Dr. Arvind Pandey who were completing their terms as General Secretary, Treasurer and Editor, respectively.

- The GB recorded its appreciation to Dr. M.D. Gupte, Director, IRMS, Chennai and to Dr. K.B. Pathak, Director, IIPS, Mumbai for their assistance given to the Secretariat and the Editor, respectively.

- Dr. Kaliaperumal announced the names of the awardees approved by the EC for the Society's **Awards 1998**, as given below:

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| 1. FSMS | - Dr. Arvind Pandey, Mumbai. |
| 2. Prof. B.G. Prasad Award | - Dr. S.S. Ganguly, Pune. |
| 3. Prof. P.V. Sukhatme Award | - Dr. Anil Kumar, Agra. |
| 4. Smt. Suraj Kali Jain Award | - Dr. Anil C. Mathew, Coimbatore. |

- The GB ratified the recommendation of EC nominating the following for the posts mentioned against their names:

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| 1. President-Elect (1999-2000) | : Dr. Padam Singh |
| 2. General Secretary (1999-2001) | : Dr. I.M.S. Lamba |
| 3. Treasurer (1999-2001) | : Dr. R.J. Yadav |
| 4. Editor (1999-2003) | : Dr. P. Venkatesan |

- The GB ratified the new **FSMS Committee (1999-2001)** reconstituted by the EC with the following Members:

1. *President (Convener)*
2. *General Secretary*
3. *Treasurer*
4. *Prof. K.B. Pathak, Mumbai*
5. *Prof. P.S.S. Sundar Rao, Karigiri*
6. *Dr. Rameshwar Sharma, Jaipur*
7. *Dr. S. Radhakrishna, Hyderabad*
8. *Dr. Padam Singh, New Delhi*
9. *Prof. K. Srinivasan, New Delhi*
10. *Prof. P.P. Talwar, New Delhi*

- The reconstituted **Awards Committee (1999-2001)** with the following Members as recommended by the EC was ratified by the GB

1. Dr. S.N. Dwivedi, New Delhi (Convenor)
2. Dr. A. Indrayan, New Delhi
3. Dr. B.L. Verma, Jhansi
4. Dr. Arvind Pandey, Mumbai
5. Dr. S.S. Ganguly, Pune

- The following are the Members of the **Nomination Committee (1999-2001)** as reconstituted by the EC which was ratified by the GB.

1. Dr. J. Richard, Vellore (Convenor)
2. Dr. N.S.N. Rao, New Delhi
3. Mr. P. Jayabal, Chennai.

- The GB was informed that the XVII Annual Conference (1999) will be hosted by the Department of Biostatistics, NIMHANS, Bangalore. Dr. D.K. Subbakrishna will be the Organising Secretary under the guidance and leadership of Dr. Kaliaperumal. They would explore the possibility of holding a joint conference with the Biometric Society, Bangalore.
- The GB requested the new Secretariat at the IRMS, New Delhi to write to the Director, CJIL, Agra to explore the possibility of holding the XVIII Annual Conference at his Institute during the year 2000.
- Also, Dr. S.S. Verma's offer to hold the XIX Conference during the year 2001 at New Delhi may be pursued by the ISMS Secretariat.
- The GB ratified the EC's decision to write off the FSMS fees (Rs.1,000/-) receivable from a Fellow.

The decision by the EC that an application of a Member for particular Award should not be considered if he/she had already been awarded the same was discussed and modified. The GB recommended that "an application of a member for a particular Award should not be considered if he/she had already been awarded the same during the previous 5 years".

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



FROM GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK

Dear fellow members of ISMS,

Before exchanging my thoughts with the honorable members, I would like to inform you that in the General Body (GB) meeting held at Vellore (The venue of XVI ISMS Conference) on November 19, 1998, a New Executive Committee (EC) of the Society was constituted for the period 1999-2000. The minutes of the GB are given in this issue. Now Prof. Kaliaperumal is the President; Dr. Padam Singh, President-Elect; myself General Secretary, Dr. R.J. Yadav, Treasurer and Dr. P. Venkatesan, Editor of the Society. The headquarters of the Society will be at Institute of Research in Medical Statistics (ICMR), New Delhi - 110 029. All the members are requested to do correspondence at the new Administrative Office of the Society.

Further, I am pleased to inform you that the XVII Annual Conference of the Society will be held during the period December 2-4, 1999 at the National Institute of Mental Health, Bangalore. Prof. D.K. Subhakrishna will be the Organising Secretary. Please ensure your presence at Bangalore with splendid contribution.

All those members who have e-mail address are requested to send me the same through e-mail at "isms@icmr.delhi.nic.in" by quoting their ISMS membership number, telephone number and full name. Such e-mail directory would be made available to all the members. From the next issue of this Bulletin, we are planning to provide some space for 'Letters to Editor'. Only few thought provoking letters which are of general interest will be selected for publication. The remaining will be attended individually.

In order to make ISMS Bulletin more scientific and interesting, we need some extra funds for