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The General Body met on Dec. 1, 2001 at Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow under the chairmanship of Dr. Padam Singh.
The following office bearers of executive council were on the dais:

- Dr Padam Singh - President(Chair Person)
- Prof KR Sundaram, President Elect
- Prof IMS Lamba, General Secretary
- Dr RJ Yadav, Treasurer
- Dr P Venkatesan, Editor

The report presented by General Secretary, Prof IMS Lamba was discussed and approved. The main suggestions accepted by the General Body were:

- In view of the no regular source of income at ISMS, the Organizing Secretaries should be requested to contribute some portion of their savings out of the collections/grants received for the meetings towards the recurring expenses of the Secretariat.
- The Secretariat must find ways and means to host ISMS WEB page independently on ICMR Portal and include more information such as article, news bulletin, on line ISM membership registration and feedback etc.
- All the members were requested to enrol new members.
- Organizing secretary to give wide publicity by sending circulars and posters to all the medical institutions and departments of statistics in Universities and State Government.

The following recommendations of the Executive Council, presented by Prof KR Sundaram, were approved by the General Body.

- **FSMS-** Prof S Krishnamoorthy, Bharti University, Coimbatore
- **Dr BG Prasad award-** Dr BB Yeole, Indian Cancer Society, Mumbai

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Dr TC Gupta, ICMR, New Delhi
Dr SK Nair, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal

Dr Padam Singh informed the members that EC has observed that the nominations received and processed for the vacant posts were not in order. So it was decided to elect new office bearers through General Body meeting. There after Dr Padam Singh suggested the following alternatives.

- a. The Existing committee may continue for one year
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- b. The general body may elect new General Secretary, Treasurer and one member whose office terms are going to expire on December 31, 2001.

After discussion, it was decided to go with second option. Accordingly suggestion were called for. There after Dr SN Dwivedi proposed the name of Dr C M Pandey, SGPGI, Lucknow for position of General Secretary. This proposal was accepted unanimously. Dr CM Pandey also accepted the decision. Then Dr CM Pandey proposed the name of Dr Uttam Singh for the position of Treasurer. This proposal was also accepted by all the members. Name of Prof Ajit Sahai, JIPMER, Pondichery for the post of EC member proposed by Prof PP Talwar was also accepted by the house.

The position of member fallen vacant due to election of Dr CM Pandey as General Secretary was filled by Dr RK Gupta, IRMS, New Delhi. His name was proposed by Dr Padam Singh and accepted by the house. The term of Dr RK Gupta will be for two

2001.7 Venue of next Conference:

The Committee accepted the offer of Prof Arvind Pandey, Director, IRMS, New Delhi as first choice for holding the XXth ISMS Conference during 2002. Dr Amar Jeet Singh, PGI, Chandigarh offered for hosting the annual conference in 2003/2004 at Chandigarh. The offer from Prof Madhulekha Bhattacharya for NIHFW was kept in waiting in case of emergency.

2001.8 The meeting ended with a vote of thanks particularly to the Organizing Committee and to the out going office-bearers of the Society.

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