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### **Minutes of General Body meeting**

**held at DMRC, Jodhpur (29th Nov 2003) during the 21st annual conference of ISMS.**

The General Body meeting of the society was held on 29th Nov 2003 at Desert Medicine Research Centre (ICMR), Jodhpur. The meeting was conducted by the following office bearers:

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| <b>1. Prof. KR Sundaram -<br/>Chairman</b> | President, ISMS      |
| <b>2. Dr. CM Pandey</b>                    | Gen. Sceretary, ISMS |
| <b>3. Dr. Uttam Singh</b>                  | Treasurer, ISMS      |

The attendance list of the memebbers who were present in the meeting is placed at appendix-I. At the outset, Chairman, Prof Sundaram welcomed the members and extended warm regards and appreciation to the outgoing Executive council members - Dr. Anil Kumar, Dr. V Sreenivas and Dr. RK Gupta for their valueable contribution to the Society. Thereafter the agenda was circulated and the different items in the agenda were taken up for the discussion. The following decisions were made in the meeting.

#### **1. Confirmation of GB meeting minutes-2002 and action taken:**

Action taken out of GB meeting minutes-2002, held at New Delhi were noted. The minutes were confirmed with the following modification.

At point 4 of the minutes listing of two awards was missing and hence it was modified as follows:

1. Prof. SK Bhattacharya oration-2002 - Dr. Padam Singh
2. Prof. RN Srivastava award-2002 - Dr. Anita S

Prof. SK Bhattacharya oration was delivered by Dr. Padam Singh, and RN Srivastava award will be presented to Dr. Anita S. during the next annual conference.

#### **2. Approval of Gen Secretary's report:**

Due to some unavoidable circumstance, the organisers could not provide time to the Gen. Secretary for presentation of his annual report during the inaugural session and therefore it was directly circulated in the GB meeting and was approved.

#### **3. Approval of Treasurer's report:**

The treasurer's resport was presentedand approved. The members noted the item on pending advances in the name of editor, ISMS conference Agra and

Gen. Secretary, Nagpur office. It was pointed out that it was just a question of getting appropriate documents for their settlement during the next audit. It was decided that all the concerned treasurers (Dr. Uttam Singh, Dr. RJ Yadav and Dr. P Jayabal) should work under the chairmanship of Dr. Padam Singh to resolve this issue within two months.

#### **4. Editor's report:**

The editor's report could not be presented since there was no communication from the editor

#### **5. Announcement of Awards:**

1. **Prof. SK Bhattacharya oration-2004:** Prof. PP Talwar, New Delhi
2. **FSMS:** Following members were elected for FSMS award
  - a. Dr. SN Dwivedi, AIIMS, New Delhi
  - b. Dr. RN Mishra, ISMS, BHU, Varanasi
3. **Prof. PV Shukhatme award:** Dr. Abha Rani Agarwal, ISMS (ICMR), New Delhi
4. **Prof. RN Srivastava award:** Dr. Tulsi Adhikari, IRMS (ICMR), New Delhi

#### **6. Nomination of Office Bearers:**

Following office bearers of the society were elected for the term noted against their names

##### **1. Members of the Executive Council**

- a. Prof. DC Nath, University of Gauhati: 2004-2006
- b. Dr. KK Singh, ICMR, New Delhi: 2004-2006
- c. Dr. TC Gupta, ICMR, New Delhi: 2004-2006

##### **2. Editor:**

Prof. NK Tyagi, MGIMS, Sewagram, Wardha: 2004-2006

#### **7. Confirmation of Minutes (EC-2004):**

The minutes of Executive Council meeting-2004 held at Jodhpur was presented in the GB meeting for confirmation and the following decisions were taken

##### **1. Conversion of FDs into multi option deposit account:**

For smooth maintenance and transfer of accounts, it was decided that all FDs of the society, after their maturity, may be converted to MOD account for 3 years. The accrued annual interest may be utilized by the Secretariat for running the society.

##### **2. Two websites of the society:**

The point was brought to the notice of EC/GB that there are two parallel websites of the Society. Since the old website hosted by ICMR is not updated and creates confusion among members it was decided that the old website hosted by the ICMR should be deleted.

##### **3. Rate of advertisement in ISMS bulletin:**

The issue of publication of advertisements in the bulletin was discussed. Since it would provide a source of income for the Society, it was accepted in principle. Since the rate of advertisement in the bulletin will depend on the type of material, size and its placement in the bulletin, it was decided that it should be left to the editor to decide these rates case by case.

##### **4. Procedure for nomination of various awards:**

Currently, the Gen. Secretary invites nominations and papers received by the Secretariat are sent to various convenors after screening. All the recommendations except FSMS are sent to the Gen. Secretary and the recommendations of FSMS are sent to the President. After detailed discussions the EC has proposed that the nominations should be sent directly to the

existing system is working smoothly and therefore it was decided that same procedure should be continued without any change.

**5. Promotion of Biostatistics courses at UG/PG Medical courses:**

It was decided that a committee should be constituted under the chairmanship of president, ISMS involving members from the institutes where these courses are included in PG/UG curriculum (AIIMS/SGPGI/JIPMER/CMC Vellore) to make a formal proposal and approach medical council of India for this purpose

**8. Venue of the next conference:**

The GB accepted the offer of Prof. Ajit Sahai for hosting the next (22nd) annual conference of the Society in 2004 at JIPMER Pondicherry. Prof. Ajit Sahai will communicate the exact date of the conference to the members.

A proposal for hosting ISMS-2005 was submitted by Dr. SS Gaudar from Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Nehru Nagar Belgaun, Karnataka. It was decided that appropriate decision on this issue will be taken in the next governing body meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote for thanks to the chair.