

**Minutes of the General Body Meeting, held at JIPMER, Pondicherry
on 22.01.2005 during the 22nd Annual National Conference of ISMS
from 21st to 23rd January 2005**

The General Body Meeting of the Society was held on 22nd January 2005 at JIPMER, Pondicherry. Following Office Bearers of ISMS were present on the dais during the Meeting.

1. Prof. K.R. Sundaram – Chairman
President – ISMS
2. Dr. B.L. Verma
President-Elect, ISMS
3. Dr. C.M. Pandey
General Secretary - ISMS
4. Dr. Uttam Singh
Treasurer – ISMS

At the outset, Prof. K.R. Sundaram, Chairman and President of ISMS welcomed all the members who were present in the Meeting. He extended his appreciations to the out-going Executive Council Members – Dr. C.M. Pandey, General Secretary; Dr. Uttam Singh, Treasurer; Dr. Padam Singh, Past President; Prof. I.M.S. Lamba, Past General Secretary; Dr. R.J. Yadav, Past Treasurer and Prof. Ajit Sahai, E.C. Member and thanked them for their valuable contributions to the Society in various ways. Thereafter, the Agenda of the Meeting was circulated and different items of Agenda were taken up for discussion. Following decisions were taken in the Meeting.

1. Confirmation of GB Meeting Minutes - 2003 and action taken:

The Minutes of the GB Meeting, held at Jodhpur in November 2003 were confirmed with the corrections "the term of the Editor should be from 2004-2008". Due to typographic error, it was earlier mentioned as 2004-2006.

2. Presentation of General Secretary's Report:

Dr. C.M. Pandey, General Secretary, presented his report for the year 2004. Copies of the Report were distributed among the members present in the Meeting. The Report was approved.

3. Presentation of Treasurer's Report:

Dr. Uttam Singh, Treasurer presented his Report for the year 2004. Copies of the Report were distributed among the members present in the Meeting. The Report was approved.

4. Presentation of Editor's Report:

No Report was received from Prof. N. K. Tyagi, Editor of ISMS Bulletin. However, Prof. Tyagi was himself present in the Meeting and he presented his Report orally. He raised some issues regarding problems involved in the publication of ISMS Bulletin and there were detailed deliberations on these issues. Conclusions were as under:

- a) After a personal meeting with Prof. Tyagi at Jhansi on December 6, 2005, a sum of Rs.5000/- was provided by the ISMS Secretariat to him on his request to bring out a soft copy of the Bulletin on our website for immediate revival of the Bulletin.

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- b) It was estimated that publication of one volume (hard copy) would cost about Rs.12000/- (approx.). The Secretariat would provide Rs.5000/- more on adhoc basis and the balance amount would be raised by the Editor. It was also suggested that efforts should be made to raise more funds from organizations like DST to support the regular publication of the Bulletin.
- c) The Bulletin may be published on CD or as a hard copy whichever would be cheaper and appropriate.
- d) It was agreed that Rs. 5000/- would be provided to the Editor by the Secretariat before 31st January 2005 as above and the publication would be revived before 30th April 2005, thereafter the matter would be reviewed by the new Secretariat.

5. Recommendations of the Fellowship Committee:

The President and the Convener of the Committee presented the recommendations and the same were approved. The following members were recommended for conferring the Fellowship of the Society (FSMS) for the year 2004.

- a) Prof. Ajit Sahai, JIPMER, Pondicherry
- b) Prof. D.K. Subbakrishna, NIHMANS, Bangalore

6. Recommendations of the Award Committee:

Recommendations for the following Awards were approved:

- a) Prof. BG Prasad Award: Dr. S. Subramanian, Vector Control Research Centre ICMR, Indira Nagar, Pondicherry-605006, for the paper, entitled 'The Dynamics of Wuchereria Bancrofti Infection: A model of longitudinal data from Pondicherry, India', *Parasitology* (2004), 128, 467-482.
- b) Smt. Suraj Kali Jain Award: There was only one entry, which was not found suitable for the Award.

7. Recommendations of the Nominating Committee:

For the post of President Elect, General Secretary and EC Member, there were two nominations for each post and for the post of Treasurer, there was only one nomination. The recommendations for each post were made by the Nominating Committee but the Executive Council could not arrive at a consensus and the matter was referred to the General Body. The GB discussed the matter in detail. During the course of discussion, Prof. Arvind Pandey, New Delhi, withdrew his nomination for the post of President Elect and Dr. Anil Kumar, Agra, withdrew his nomination for the post of General Secretary. Based on these, the GB approved the nomination of Prof Ajit Sahai, JIPMER, Pondicherry, as the President Elect for the years 2005-06 and the nomination of Dr. P. Venkatesan, TRC, Chennai for the post of General Secretary for the years 2005-07. The only nomination of Dr. Virendra Singh Yadav from JALMA, Agra, for the post of Treasurer was also approved by GB. The GB requested Dr. P. Venkatesan, Chennai and Dr. V. S. Yadav to carry out the Secretariat's work in proper co-ordination, following systematic procedures, since they are from two different places this time.

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There were two nominations for one vacant post of EC Member, namely - Prof. B. Antonisamy, CMC, Vellore and Dr. R. J. Yadav, IRMS, New Delhi. The Nominating Committee felt that since Dr. Yadav had already been a member of the EC for a couple of years, Prof. Antonisamy's nomination should be accepted. The recommendation of the Nominating Committee for Prof. B. Antonisamy, Vellore, as EC Member for the years 2005-07 was accepted and approved by the GB.

Thus, following members were declared elected against different vacant positions of ISMS in the above GB Meeting:

S.no.	Name & Place	Position in ISMS on which elected	Tenure
1.	Prof. Ajit Sahai JIPMER, Pondicherry	President-Elect	2005 – 2006
2.	Dr. P. Venkatesan TRC, Chennai (T.N.)	General Secretary	2005 – 2007
3.	Dr. Virendra Singh Yadav JALMA, Agra (U.P.)	Treasurer	2005 – 2007
4.	Prof. B. Antonisamy CMC, Vellore (T.N.)	EC Member	2005 – 2007

8. **Creation of Statistical Unit in Medical Colleges:**

This item in the Agenda was sent by Dr. M. S. Kulkarni from Goa Medical College. An adhoc Sub-Committee had already been appointed under the chairmanship of Prof. K. R. Sundaram for this purpose. Prof. Sundaram told that he was preparing a detailed write-up on this matter based on the suggestions received from various members and also based on a Workshop held during the International Epidemiology Association's '8th South East Asia Conference', held at Jhansi in Dec. 2004. He informed the members that MCI would be approached in due course to do the needful for establishing proper infrastructure of biostatistics in each Medical College.

9. **Constitution of ISMS Committees:**

It was suggested that the various Committees of the Society may be reconstituted as follows:

1. **ISMS Nominating Committee**

- i) Prof. V.G. Kaliaperumal, Bangalore (Chairman)
- ii) Dr. C.M. Pandey, Lucknow
- iii) Dr. Amarjeet Singh, Chandigarh

2. **ISMS Awards Committee**

- i) Dr. D.K. Subbakrishna, Bangalore (Chairman)
- ii) Dr. Vidya Bhushan, Lucknow
- iii) Dr. S.N. Dwivedi, New Delhi
- iv) Dr. (Mrs.) M. Bhattacharya, New Delhi

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3. **ISMS Fellowship Committee-----No change**

4. **Adhoc Sub-Committee on Advancement of Medical Statistics**

- i) Prof. P.P. Talwar (Chairman)
- ii) Dr. R.M. Pandey (Convener)
- iii) Dr. Atul Juneja, New Delhi
- iv) Mr. M.S. Kulkarni, Goa

5. **Adhoc sub-Committee for Education & Training**

- i) Prof. K.R. Sundaram, New Delhi (Chairman)
- ii) Prof. Ajit Sahai, Pondicherry
- iii) Dr. R.N. Mishra, Varanasi
- iv) Dr. V. Sreenivas, New Delhi

6. **Adhoc Sub-Committee on Fund- Raising**

- i) Prof. Arvind Pandey, New Delhi (Chairman)
- ii) Dr. R.C. Sharma, Jodhpur
- iii) Dr. C. Chandrasekhar, UNICEF, New Delhi
- iv) Dr. G.D. Shukla, Jhansi

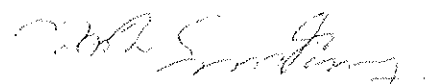
10. **Hosting of the next Annual Conference – 2005 of the Society:**

The proposal received from Jawahar Lal Nehru Medical College, Belgaum, Karnataka was considered for this purpose. A faculty member from this medical college, who attended the above Conference and so also the GB Meeting, explained the facilities available at Belgaum for conducting the above Annual Conference and re-confirmed their commitment to hold the event in the year 2005 at their place. Their gesture was appreciated by the members and the proposal was accepted by GB. Further, as standby option, Dr. D.C. Nath also offered to hold the Conference at Gauhati in the year 2005.

The President expressed profound thanks to all the members of the Society who contributed in various ways to the growth of the Society and he also requested the members to continue their efforts for taking the Society to further heights and glories.

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

Dated: 23 April 2005
Place: New Delhi



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