

2005

XXIII ISMS Conference held at Belgaum during 19-22nd January 2006

Minutes of the First Executive Council Meeting (Pre GBM) held on 19th January 2006 at 6.30 p.m. at Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Belgaum.

The Members present in the Meeting were:

Dr. B.L. Verma	- Chairman
Dr. P. Venkatesan	- General Secretary
Dr. Ajit Sahai	- President – Elect
Dr. V.S. Yadav	- Treasurer
Dr. K.R. Sundaram	- Member
Dr. K.K. Singh	- Member
Dr. B. Antonisamy	- Member
Dr. V.G. Kaliaperumal	- Chairman, Nominating Committee
Dr. D.K. Subbakrishna	- Chairman, Awards Committee
Dr. P.P. Talwar	- Past President, ISMS, as Special Invitee

1. The President, Dr. B.L. Verma, chaired the Meeting and conducted its proceedings. He welcomed all the members and special Invitees.

2. After lengthy discussions, the Minutes of the 22nd ISMS Conference, held at JIPMER, Pondicherry on 20th January, 2005 were unanimously adopted with inclusion of the one omission, viz. "Dr. R.N. Srivastava Award was awarded to Dr. M.V. Vijay Kumar, Department of Preventive & Social Medicine, JIPMER, Pondicherry".

3. The Secretary's Report was reviewed. The Executive Council discussed, in detail, about the problems in transferring the Secretariat and Accounts from the old Secretariat, SGPGI, Lucknow, to the new office bearers. After lengthy discussions, it was decided that the President of the Society, Dr. B.L. Verma along with Dr. P.P. Talwar, New Delhi would pursue the 'left-over' matters of this transfer business with Dr. C.M. Pandey & Dr Uttam Singh. Further, the non-inclusion of the names of some of the persons as members who have already paid the ISMS subscription to Dr. Ajit Sahai, was also discussed. It was resolved to prepare a list of all such members and cross check them with the receipt of payments in the bank account. For above applicants, whose membership amount has been already accounted, the General Secretary was authorized to admit them as members of the Society.

3.1 It was also resolved that Dr. Ajit Sahai will prepare a list of members from whom he has collected the membership fee with evidence and will give it to the Secretary with a copy to the President for further action.

3.2 Missing Files: The Executive Council noted in the light of Secretary's/Treasurer's clarifications that some of the important files were not transferred to the new Secretariat and it was resolved to make a list of the such missing files and give it to Dr. B.L. Verma for further action.

With this, the Secretary's Report was approved .

4.The Treasurer's Report was also reviewed. The Council was informed that the accounts of the Society were transferred only on 25th September 2005 to the Agra Branch of SBI. Thus, the ISMS a/c was continued to be operated by the outgoing Secretary and the Treasurer for the major period of the year 2005. However, the statement of income-expenditure was not available from the outgoing office –bearers for this period (1 January2005 –25 September 2005). It was resolved that Dr. V.S. Yadav will pursue this matter with the previous Treasurer, Dr. Uttam Singh, under intimation to President & General Secretary. With this, the Treasurer's Report was also approved.

5. FSMS & Awards: The Council approved the recommendation of the FSMS Committee for the conferment of FSMS on following members:

- (i) Dr. R.M. Pandey – AIIMS, New Delhi
- (ii) Dr. P.Venkatesan – Tuberculosis Research Centre, Chennai.

5.1 The Council also approved the recommendations of the Awards Committee for Professor B.G. Prasad Award to Dr. V. Chandrasekaran, Tuberculosis Research Centre, ICMR, Chennai.

6. The Council discussed elaborately about the venue for the 24th Annual Conference of ISMS and the various options available and authorized the President to fix the venue as soon as possible.

7. The Executive Council further discussed the following proposals on the routine matters of ISMS:

7.1 The Council discussed the changes needed in documentation of FSMS entries/ nominations, improvement required in the award criteria of FSMS and difficulties being faced due to non-response from some FSMS committee members. The EC nominated Dr. Ajit Sahai to prepare a proposal for this purpose within 3 months and submit the same for circulation to the EC members and special invitees for final decision.

7.2 The Council also reviewed eligibility criteria for FSMS nominations and consideration of such nominations from the current office bearers. After lengthy discussions, it was resolved that except the President who is the Chair of the FSMS Committee, all others can be nominated for FSMS.

7.3 Similarly, while reviewing entries/eligibility criteria for election of office bearers and entries for different ISMS Awards, it was resolved that Nominating Committee Members(current) will not be eligible for election to Society's any position/post unless they have already resigned from the Committee's membership. It was also decided that no Awards Committee member can apply/ be nominated for any of the ISMS Awards till he/she continues as its member.

7.4 Executive Committee's nomination in respect of Dr. R.M. Pandey of AIIMS, New Delhi, as a new Editor from 2006 for a period of 5 years was approved by EC.

7.5 The Council noted that an advance of Rs. 5000/- was given to Dr. N.K. Tyagi, former Editor, for publishing the Bulletin by the ISMS Secretariat. As no issue was published by him, the Committee asked the General Secretary to write a letter to Dr. Tyagi, requesting him to return the above amount immediately to the Treasurer, Dr V.S. Yadav.

7.6 The EC discussed about the need to enroll new members and resolved that ISMS Secretariat should start a campaign for this and also requested all ISMS members to help increasing ISMS membership.

7.7 The Committee reviewed the finance position of ISMS and resolved to increase the financial status by enrolling more members and generating additional funds by submitting a proposal in form of a project to the ICMR to

be able to get some funds, earmarked for Task Force for Biostatistics in ICMR. Dr. K.R.Sundaram consented to help the Society in preparing the Draft of the Project .He was authorized by EC to prepare a draft - proposal for the Project on behalf of ISMS . Dr. K.K Singh, ICMR, New Delhi, was requested to help us in getting funds from ICMR for the above Project.

8. Discussions on new proposals suggested by the President:

8.1 The EC discussed a new proposal of having 2 EC meetings during the Annual Conferences of ISMS: one before the General Body Meeting (Pre GBM) and the other EC meeting after the General Body Meeting (Post GBM). The proposal was adopted unanimously.

8.2 The EC discussed about the ISMS joining the Indian Confederation of Health Care Accreditation, (Head Quarters at New Delhi).EC authorized the President to take necessary action/final decision in this regard after ascertaining necessary facts.

8.3 The Council considered a proposal for sponsorship by ISMS to the Cochin Conference of the International Indian Statistical Association, to be held on 2-5 January 2007 and authorized the President to take a final decision for the sponsorship, if there are no much financial implications on the part of ISMS for this purpose.

8.4 The Council considered the involvement of ISMS in some national issues as desired by some of the senior ISMS Fellows. After lengthy discussions, the Council resolved to work for this. Dr. P.P. Talwar and Dr. K.K. Singh were requested to suggest ways and means by which ISMS can be actively involved in national issues. President was authorized to pursue this matter.

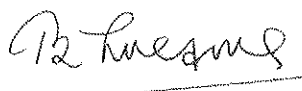
8.5 The Council considered the proposal for providing financial support to some unsupported Executive Council members and retired ISMS members for attending its Annual Conferences. It was resolved to request

the Organizing Secretaries of the Annual Conferences to support them as far as possible.

8.6 The Council discussed elaborately on the updating of ISMS website and the expenses involved in this regard. After lengthy discussions, the EC unanimously resolved to close the ISMS website available at ICMR web page and update/strengthen the present web page of ISMS (www.isms.india.org) after getting the latest information from the Secretariat, Editor and members from time to time. The Council authorized the President to contact the web designer and take necessary action to update the web page .

8.7 The time frame for various Society's routine works was also discussed and authorized the President and Secretary to make a necessary proposal for action and implementation of the above decisions.

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



(Babu. L. Verma)
President

(P. Venkatesan)
General Secretary

Dated: 10 March 2006
Place : Chennai (T.N.)