

XXIII Annual ISMS Conference, held at Belgaum on 19-22nd January 2006

**Minutes of the ISMS General Body Meeting, held on 20th January 2006
at JNMC, Belgaum at 6.00 p.m.**

The President, Dr. B.L. Verma chaired the Meeting, The General Secretary, Dr. P. Venkatesan and the Treasurer, Dr. V.S. Yadav assisted him in conducting its proceedings. Various items of the agenda, given below, which were discussed, in detail, in the First E C Meeting, were further discussed in the GB Meeting and decisions taken as under:

1. The General Body discussed elaborately and approved the minutes of the 22nd General Body Meeting held, at JIPMER, Pondicherry on 20th January 2005 with inclusion of one omission, viz. "Dr. R.N. Srivastava Award was awarded to Dr. M.V. Vijay Kumar, Department of Preventive & Social Medicine, JIPMER, Pondicherry".
2. The Secretary's Report was discussed and approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report was discussed and approved.
4. Recommendations of the FSMS Committee for conferment of FSMS to Dr. R.M. Pandey, AIIMS, New Delhi and Dr. P. Venkatesan, TRC, Chennai, were approved.
4. Recommendations of the Awards Committee for award of Professor. B.G. Prasad Award to Dr. V. Chandrasekaran, TRC, Chennai, were also approved.
5. The problems/difficulties in handing over and taking over charges from the outgoing office –bearers by the new office-bearers, were discussed and Executive Council's recommendations were approved. Accordingly, the list of missing files shall be handed over by the Secretary to the President for his further action. Similarly, Treasurer will write to Dr Uttam Singh, under intimation to the President & Secretary, for obtaining missing accounts for the period (1 January 2005 to 25 September 2005).

6.The General Body authorized the President to finalize the venue for the 24th ISMS Conference, to be held in 2006 after weighing all the options.

7.The General Body approved the need for changes in documentation of FSMS entries/nominations and also in its present criteria for award , as discussed by the Executive Council. It was decided that a proposal in this effect shall be prepared right in this year only. Dr Ajit Sahai, President- Elect was nominated to prepare a draft proposal for this purpose. This draft will then be finalized by the Council itself and will come in force from the year 2006 itself (without requiring any further approval of the next GB) .

8.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.

9. 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.

10.General Body approved the nomination of Dr. R.M. Pandey, AIIMS, New Delhi, as the new Editor of the ISMS Bulletin for a period of 5 years from 2006.

11.General Body approved various decisions taken the EC regarding involvement of ISMS in national issues and interaction with other academic associations and authorized the President to take necessary actions after finding out the necessary factual information from the concerned bodies.

12.General Body approved the plan of ISMS, as discussed in EC, for updating of the ISMS website.

13. General Body approved the recommendations of the EC to reconstitute the FSMS Award Committee by replacing all those FSMS Committee members who did not respond continuously for 3 years.

14. General Body approved the proposal to give an Award Certificate along with a Medal for FSMS and an Award Certificate and a Memento (in place of cash money) for the Oration.

15. General Body approved the proposal that Members who have already received specific ISMS Awards should not apply for the same Award, second time.

16. General Body agreed for celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Society properly, which falls in 2007 and authorized the President and General secretary to take necessary action.

17. The recommendation of the EC to hold 2 EC meetings during each Annual Conference, was approved by the GB.

18. To improve upon the financial position of the Society, it was agreed to draft a Project and submit the same to get funds from ICMR under its Task Force in Biostatistics. Dr K R Sundaram consented to prepare this Draft. His name was approved in the Meeting for this purpose. He was requested to prepare & finalize this draft on behalf of the Society soon.

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



(B.L. Verma)
President

(P. Venkatesan)
General Secretary

Dated: 10 March 2006

Place: Chennai (T.N.)