

## XXV Annual Conference of ISMS at Manipal during 30 Nov-2nd Dec 2007

### Minutes of the ISMS General Body Meeting, held on 30th November 2007 at Manipal Medical College, Manipal at 6.00 p.m.

The President – Prof. Ajith Sahai chaired the meeting. The President- Elect – Prof. Arvind Pandey, General Secretary - Dr. P. Venkatesan and Treasurer - Dr. V.S. Yadav were also on the dais. All items of agenda, discussed in EC-I Meeting, held a day before, were discussed in detail in the General Body Meeting (GBM) again. The main discussions of the GBM and the decisions taken therein, are given as under

1. The General Body discussed elaborately and approved the minutes of the 24th General Body Meeting, held at PSG Medical College, Coimbatore, on 1 December 2006.
2. The Secretary's report was presented and approved.
3. As the Treasurer's current report for 2006-2007 was approved, pending approval of the previous two years. Dr. C.M. Pandey was asked to submit the 2004-2005 audited report in the next meeting
4. The Editors report was not presented as Dr. R.M. Pandey submitted his resignation. .
5. Recommendations of the Fellowship Committee to confer FSMS to Dr. L. Jayaseelan Vellore and Dr. R.J. Yadav, New Delhi were approved.
6. Recommendation of the Nominating Committee to elect Dr. P. Venkatesan as General Secretary, Dr. V. Selvaraj, as Treasurer and Dr. K.G. Selvaraj, Vellore, as EC members were also approved. The co-option of Dr. C.M. Pandey as EC member in the place in the ex-officio vacancy of Dr. P. Venkatesan, Elected as General Secretary for one more term was also approved.
7. Recommendations of the Awards Committee to the following awards were approved. (i) Prof. B.G. Prasad Award-Dr. Vanamail, (ii) Prof. P.V. Sukhame Award-Grace Maria Antony, (iii) Smt Surajkali Jain Award-Dr. Saurah Ghosh
8. Nomination Committee: The GB approved the constitution of the new Nomination Committee with Prof. V.G. Kaliaperumal as Chairman and Prof. K.R. Sundaran and Prof. B.L. Verma as members.
9. Awards Committee: The GB approved the constitution of new Awards Committee with Prof. D.K. Subbakrishna as Chairman and Dr. S.N. Dwedi, Dr. Lakshmi Narayanan, Dr. Antonysami and Dr. Ajit Mukerjee as members.
10. The GB authorized the President and the General Secretary to fix the venue for the 26th ISMS Conference
11. The GB approved the plan for restructuring / updating ISMS website as early as possible. It authorized Dr P. Venkatesan, General Secretary to take necessary action in this regard. The required budget for this purpose shall be made available from the Society fund.
12. The '2006 New Fellowship Criteria' was discussed elaborately. Further suggestions from some members regarding the New Criteria were also given a consideration. It was resolved to streamline soon with help of a committee the responsibilities and functions in details and also the facilities to be provided to these offices of Regional functionaries. That experimentation of the regional setups must be reviewed after a year.
13. On the front of Organisational critical review and restructuring and Academic strengthening, in alignment with his address to the delegates in the inaugural function, the President was keen on setting up a few Committees. The GB endorsed the idea and fully authorised the President to go ahead with his plans in coordination with the General Secretary
14. On the Proposal of Prof Ajit Sahai for nomination of regional secretaries and regional coordinators under five zones (North, South, East, West and North-East) was approved. The President and the Secretary were authorized to identify the ISMS members you could volunteer to serve as Regional Coordinators/Secretaries and assign the responsibilities particularly for organizing Training Programmes/Orientation Courses on biostatistics.
15. The General Body put on record the excellent services, rendered by Office bears Dr. P. Venkatesan General Secretary, Dr. V.S. Yadav Treasurer and Dr. R. Antonysami and Dr.

Oration Award in 2008. In case Prof. K. Ramachandran is not available Dr. K. Visveswara Rao may be invited

17. GB appreciated the gesture of Prof Ajith Sahai for his donation of Rs.50,000/- to ISMS for instituting an award.
18. GB also appreciated the donations made by members during the meeting to enhance the financial position of the society.
19. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

**Prof. Ajit Sahai**  
**President**



**Dr. P. Venkatesan**  
**General Secretary**