refunded by the Organisers of the XIII Annual Conference of the Society held at Chennai. The total income during the year is Rs.37,494.60.

Now on the payment side, the total expenditure during this period was to the tune of Rs.13,143.00. This included Rs.2,215.00 on postage, Rs.1,737.00 on Printing & Stationery, Rs.800.00 for audit fees, Rs.221.00 for conveyance charges, Rs.5,000.00 to the Editor towards bulletin expenses, Conference expenses Rs.1,000.00, Rs.1,300.00 towards medal charges, Rs.778.00 towards reimbursement to Dr. B.L. Verma, and Rs.92.00 towards miscellaneous expenses. Deducting this total expenditure from the total income, we are left with a balance of Rs.24,351.60 .

Finally, I thank each and every Member of the ISMS for their suggestions and cooperation in carrying out my duties.

11-12-97
Jaipur.

P. Jayabal
Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 12 DECMBER, 1997 AT JAIPUR

The General Body (GB) meeting was chaired by the President Prof. P.P. Talwar. Prof. Talwar welcomed all the Members in the meeting. Since the quorum was not complete due to less number of members required for the meeting, it was adjourned for a short period and reconvened.

G97.01: The Members of the GB paid homage to Prof. P.V. Sukhatme, former President of the Society by observing two minute silence. Also, the GB approved the EC's decision to send a suitable condolence message to Mrs. Sukhatme.

G97.02: The minutes of the GB meeting held on 30-11-96 at the AFMC, Pune was confirmed.

G97.03: Dr. M. Kachirayan, General Secretary, presented his Annual Report 1997. The GB approved the same after lively discussion.

G97.04: The GB was informed that Prof. P.S.S. Sundar Rao could not deliver the first Prof. S.K. Bhattacharya Oration Award at the Society's XV Annual Conference at Jaipur. The GB decided that fresh nominations should be called for the next year's Oration Award and the decision on this year's Award is left to the Executive Council.

G97.05: The GB approved the EC's decision to print the updated version of the Society's Memorandum, Rules & Bye-laws.

G97.06: It was informed that the Society's XVI Conference (1998) will be held at the CMC, Vellore under the leadership of Prof. J. Richard. Also, the XVII Conference (1999) will be hosted by Dr. V.G. Kaliaperumal at NIMHANS, Bangalore. CJIL, Agra (Mr. Anil Kumar) will be considered as a standby for these two venues.

G97.07: Mr. P. Jayabal, Treasurer, presented his report and also the audited statement of accounts pertaining to the 2-month period from 1st Feb. to 31st March 1996 and the year ending 31st March 1997. His report was accepted unanimously after discussion.

G97.8: Also, Mr. Jayabal informed the GB that the Society's accounts were audited by M/s. Rao & Jayaraman and not by M/s Shiv, Ram & Raj who were approved by the last year's GB as the latter were preoccupied. It was suggested that appropriate letter from the approved Auditor should be secured and kept in the file.

G97.9: The GB decided that the Secretariat

should write to the Fellow requesting him to pay the FSMS fees due from him. If not received, the same may be written off by the Society.

G97.10: The Editor's report was not available for the GB's consideration. Members requested to circulate the ISMS Bulletin to the Libraries of all Medical Colleges, Medical Research Institutions, etc.

G97.11: Prof. Talwar said that as the Members are aware, this year's FSMS Award has been conferred on Prof. A. Indrayan and Dr. K. Visweswara Rao.

G97.12: To enable the FSMS awardees to be present to receive the Award personally, it was resolved that in future the FSMS Award for a particular year will be announced during that year's Conference but the scroll will be presented in the subsequent year like all other Awards of the Society. If the receipient is unable to present himself, the Award will not be handed over to his representative, and it will be sent to him by post.

G97.13: Prof. Talwar then announced the names of the awardees for the Society's Awards 1997 as approved by the EC.
1. Prof. B.G. Prasad Award - Dr. P.N. Anandalakshmi, New Delhi.
2. Prof. P.V. Sukhatme Award - Dr. D.K. Subbakrishna, Bangalore.
3. Smt. Suraj Kali Jain Award - No entries received.

G97.14: The GB ratified the recommendation of the EC nominating Prof. G.D. Shukla, Jhansi, Prof. J. Richard, Vellore, and Dr.S.S. Ganguly, Pune, as the Members of the Executive Council for the term 1998-2000.

G97.15: The EC's recommendation of a non-refundable seed-money of Rs.1000/- and a refundable seed-money of Rs.3,000/- for the organisers of the future conferences was discussed and modified as follows: a non-refundable seed-money of Rs.1000/- and on request of the Organising Secretary a loan not exceeding Rs.3000/- be given. The General Secretary will inform the Organising Secretary regarding the availability of such a loan.

G97.16: The GB ratified the decision of the EC nominating Dr. V.G. Kaliaperumal, Bangalore as a Member of the Fellowship Committee (1996-98) in the vacancy caused by the demise of Prof. P.V. Sukhatme.

G97.17: The GB welcomed the gesture of Prof. Talwar to donate a sum of Rs.10,000/- for an endowment to present a memento to the organising institutions of annual conferences, in future. The GB insisted that this should be awarded from this year (1997) onwards, which was agreed upon.

G97.18: The GB requested the Secretariat to supply copies of Brochure and other publicity materials of the Society to Members upon request.

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

FELLOWSHIP AND AWARDS OF THE ISMS FOR THE YEAR 1997

Fellowship of the Society (FSMS): This year's FSMS Award was bestowed on **Dr. A. Indrayan**, Professor & Head, Division of Biostatistics & Medical Informatics, University College of Medical Sciences, Delhi and on **Dr. K. Visweswara Rao**, Deputy Director (Sr. Grade), Department of Statistics, National Institute of Nutrition (ICMR), Hyderabad.

Prof. B.G. Prasad Award: This year, the paper entitled "Determinants of Maternal Mortality - A hospital based case-control study from India" published in the Journal of Nepal Medical Association, 1997, 35: 225-33 was selected for this Award. This award will be presented to **Dr. P.N. Anandalakshmy**, the

first author of the paper, during the ensuing ISMS Conference. Dr. Anandalakshmy is Additional Professor in Statistics & Demography, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

Prof. P.V. Sukhatme Award: This year, the paper entitled "Empirical Study on the performance of the Linear discriminant function" published in NIMHANS Journal, 1995, 13(1): 11-12 was selected for this Award. This award will be presented to **Dr. D.K. Subbakrishna**, the first author of the paper during the ensuing ISMS Conference. Dr. Subbakrishna is Additional Professor & Head, Department of Biostatistics, NIMHANS, Bangalore.

Smt. Suraj Kali Jain Award: No entries received.

Dr. R.N. Srivastava Award: Not awarded this year.

MEMBER NEWS

Dr. Padam Singh has been appointed to the post of Additional Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi.

Dr. Arvind Pandey has been appointed as the Professor of Mathematical Demography & Statistics, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai 400 088.

Dr. M.R. Soangra has taken over as Principal & Controller, Medical College & Associated Group of Hospitals, Kota 324 001, Rajasthan.

Dr. Madhulekha Bhattacharya has joined as the Professor in the Dept. of Community Health Administration at the National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Munirka, New Delhi 110 067.

Mr. Anil C. Mathew, Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, Department of Community Medicine, PSG Institute of Medical Sciences, Coimbatore was awarded Ph.D. degree in Biostatistics by the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore for his thesis entitled *Aptness and Applications of Weibull Law of Mortality for Infant and Childhood Ages*.

Dr. R.M. Pandey, Associate Professor, Dept. of Biostatistics, AIIMS, New Delhi attended the XIV International Clinical Epidemiology Net Work(INCLEN) Conference at Queratarо, Mexico during 21-26 February, 1998 and presented two papers: (i) Application of Artificial Neural Network to Predict Seropositivity Status in Suspected HIV/AIDS Cases, and (ii) Application of Artificial Neural Network to Predict Adherence to Treatment in Heroin Addicts. The latter paper was rated as No. 9 among 374 papers in the Conference.

Dr. V. Srinivas, Sr. Research Officer, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi participated in the II Asia-Pacific Congress of Epidemiology jointly with the VIII Scientific Meeting of Japan Epidemiological Association, Tokyo, Japan during 28-30 January, 1998.

Dr. Kameshwar Prasad, Additional Professor, Dept. of Neurology, All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS), New Delhi attended the II International Conference on the Scientific Basis of Health Services and V Annual International Cochrane Colloquium held in Amsterdam from 5-12 October, 1997. He presented a paper "Residual Confounding: A Criterion for Assessing Quality of Randomized Trials" which was rated among the top ten papers presented at the conference. He was a visiting faculty to the Cochrane Infectious Diseases Group at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine fo six weeks during 13th October, 1997 to 23rd November, 1997.