

**29th Annual Conference of
Indian Society for Medical Statistics**

National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (NIRT), Chennai

General Body Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2011

The General Body (GB) meeting was held on 4th November 2011 at 6:00 pm at NIRT, Chennai. The President welcomed the members. The following items on the agenda were discussed and decisions were taken as under:

1. The minutes of the previous GB meeting which was held at NIHFWS, New Delhi in 2010 were placed and approved.
2. Dr R.J.Yadav, General Secretary, presented his report for the previous year. The report was approved. The GB echoed the suggestion of the Executive Committee that the General Secretary's report should contain a summary of the work and achievements of the reporting year.
3. The Treasurer's report upto (31.03.2011) was presented and was approved. The following comments and suggestions were received:
 - (a) In the Treasurer's report, an audited balance sheet (containing a complete list of assets and liabilities as of the last 31 March) should also be included.
 - (b) As soon as possible the General Secretary and Treasurer should visit Dr V.S. Yadav in Agra and the bank there and transfer the fixed deposits to New Delhi and get all accounts-related matters clarified, especially the amounts regarding Professor Ajit Sahai's grant.
 - (c) Since the grant of Rs. 7000 received from Professor Indrayan for this year was not spent due to lack of applications for the grant. The President should inform Professor Indrayan.
4. Dr Sreekumaran Nair orally presented the Editors report. The GB approved a sum of Rs. 5000 (Rupees Five Thousand only) per year to be given to the Editor to meet the ISMS Bulletin expenses. There was a discussion on improving the technical content of the Bulletin and it was suggested that members contribute short technical matters of interest to the Society.
5. The President presented the recommendations of the fellowship committee. The GB approved the award of FSMS to the following persons in 2012:
 - a. Dr. Rakesh Shukla, USA
 - b. Dr. L Satyanarayana, New Delhi
6. The General Secretary presented the recommendations of the Awards Committee, as
 - a. Prof. B.G. Prasad Award - None recommended;
 - b. Prof. P.V. Sukhatme award to Dr. K. K. Jose, Pala, Kerala.
7. The GB approved the name of Prof. V. K. Srivastava, Lucknow for the Prof. S.K. Bhattacharya Oration for the year 2012.
8. The GB approved the name of Dr.Saurabh Ghosh, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata for the Dr. R.N. Srivastava Award for the year 2012.

9. The GB suggested that year-wise of awards presented be prepared and kept constantly updated.
10. Venue for the 2012 ISMS Annual Conference: The GB approved the proposal of Dr R.Soni, Dayanand Medical College, Ludhiana for hosting 30th annual conference of ISMS in 2012.
11. Updating of the ISMS website was discussed and it was decided that Dr R J Yadav, current General Secretary, will take its control from Dr P Venkatesan, and will explore the possibility of hosting it like in the past years, by using ICMR facilities and will set the ISMS webpage right. Prof. Arvind Pandey, Director, NIMS, New Delhi, has assured extension of facilities from the Institute for this purpose.
12. The GB was informed that a report drafting rules for the “Indrayan Travel Grant” based on an offer from Professor Abhaya Indrayan to establish a travel grant for ISMS members based on a corpus of Rs 1,30,000/ donated by him was approved by the EC. The contents of the rules were read out and the GB approved the same.
13. The GB was informed that a report drafting rules for the “Smt. Ramrati Lalima Sahai Award” based on an offer from Professor Ajit Sahai to establish an award in memory of his mother to ISMS members for significant contributions to the Society, based on a corpus of Rs 50000/ (**subject to verification from records**) donated by him was approved by the EC. The contents of the rules were read out and the GB approved the same.
14. Dr S.N.Dwivedi informed that Dr Rakesh Shukla is willing to pay a sum of Rs 1,00,000/ to the Society to meet the travel expenses of young researchers/students for attending and presenting the paper in ISMS conferences. The GB suggested that the matter be taken up by the General Secretary with Dr Shukla.
15. Professor Ajit Sahai mentioned that the corpus of Rs 50000/- he had donated for the Smt. Ramrati Lalima Sahai Award which was approved by the GB in this meeting, has been with the Society for four years. Hence he suggested that the award be considered for the last four years by the President as per the criteria suggested in the approved rules. The GB authorized the President to deal with this matter after checking the status of the grant.
16. Professor Ajit Sahai suggested that the following committees constituted in 2008 **(a)** ISMS Silver Jubilee Committee; **(b)** ISMS Core Committee on Education, Training and Research; and **(c)** Committee on ISMS ‘Silver Jubilee’ year Bulletin, some of which have completed their work, be revived and their recommendations accepted. Those that have not completed their work be asked to complete them soon. The GB approved the suggestion.

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

R.J.Yadav
General Secretary
New Delhi

15 November 2011

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President
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