

INDIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL STATISTICS

Minutes of the Council Meeting 2016, ISI, Kolkata

Minutes of the Executive Council (EC) meeting, held as a part of the 34th Annual Conference of ISMS, on 30th November 2016 at 6.30 pm in the Seminar Hall of the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.

Following members of the Council were present in the meeting:

1. Prof. C M Pandey (Chair)
2. Prof. Anil C Mathew
3. Prof. Ajit Sahai
4. Prof. B .Antonisamy
5. Prof. D K Subbakrishna
6. Prof. L Jeyaseelan
7. Dr. Venkat Putcha

Following special invitees also attended the meeting.

1. Prof. K R Sundaram (Past President)
2. Prof. B L Verma ((Past President)
3. Prof. Saurabh Ghosh (Org. Secretary - ISMS 2016)

Following 5 members of the Council could not attend the meeting.

1. Dr. L Satyanarayana
2. Dr. R J Yadav
3. Dr. Sharad K Mathur
4. Dr. A K Bansal
5. Dr Abha Aggarwal

The President welcomed the members for the EC meeting and thanked the ISI officials for hosting the 34th Annual Conference of the Society on 1-3 December 2016, in its premises. Agenda items of the meeting were placed before the Executive Council and after due deliberations, following decisions were taken in the meeting:

Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of the EC / GB 2015.

These were circulated to the EC Members. The comments on these minutes were obtained from them and appropriately incorporated in the documents. These minutes were then approved by the EC.

Item 2: Report of the General Secretary (GS)

The General Secretary presented his report and gave an account of various activities carried out by the Society during the year. He informed - the Constitution of the Society and some award rules have now been revised. More than 75 % of the addresses of members have been updated in the website and at also in the Google group. The total membership of the Society has now reached to 1,037 members. In general, members have started sharing the information about the Conferences, workshops, research publications and other scientific material through the Google

group. The hand written **Membership Register** has been updated. The EC approved the report presented by Prof Anil C.Mathew, General Secretary.

Item 3: Report of the Treasurer

Dr AK Bansal, Treasurer of the Society, could not attend the meeting. However, he had sent his report which was presented to the Council in his absence. The report was not signed by any Auditor / Chartered Accountant and was not containing the full information on income and expenditure made by the Society during the period of assessment. Thus, the Treasurer's report was found incomplete. It was decided that the complete report, duly audited by a Chartered Accountant, be submitted by the Treasurer by 15th December 2016.

Item 4: Report of the Editor

Editor's report was presented and approved. While discussing the editor's report, a point was raised about starting the Journal of the Society. This issue has been raised in previous EC meetings also. It was decided that Society should start working towards publishing a Journal as early as possible and a Committee - under the Chairmanship of Prof. Ajit Sahai – our Bulletin's Editor, should soon start working on it. Prof. Sahai was requested to co-opt four other members for this purpose. It was also agreed that Dr Venkat Putcha will prepare Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) in this effect in consultation with Prof Ajit Sahai and the latter will submit a feasibility report to the Society by the end of January 2017.

Item 5: Registration of the Society

The Council members were informed that application for registration of Society was submitted by Dr AK Bansal to the Office of the Registrar of Societies at Delhi in the year 2015, which is still pending due to lack of active pursuance. It was agreed that the Treasurer should hand over the related documents to the new General Secretary / President to expedite the matter. This should be taken up on priority by the Society.

Item 6: Report of the Web Co-ordinator

The Web Co-ordinator's report was presented and accepted by EC with appreciation to Prof B Antonisamy and his team. It was proposed that new features like Conference and election management etc should be added to our website and could be used whenever required. It was agreed that these new features should be added to ISMS Website. Dr. Venkat Putcha volunteered to prepare SOP for these changes also before 31st January 2017. The Web Co-ordinator agreed to extend all the support to him.

Item 7: Recommendations of the FSMS Committee

Two nominations for Fellowship were received. However, Prof. V K Tiwari of NIHF, New Delhi was elected by the Council as Fellow of Society for 2016.

Item 8: Recommendations of the Nomination Committee

Nominations, invited for the following vacant positions of the Society for the forthcoming term, were received as under:

President Elect: Three nominations (Prof. P Venkatesan, Prof SN Dwivedi and Prof VK Srivastava) were received. Despite best efforts, the Nominating Committee (NC) could not convince the contestants for a consensus. In such a situation, NC recommended for the election by ballot voting for this post. EC Members, while appreciating efforts made by the NC for a consensus candidate for this position, considered its recommendations. The view of Council however, was – our efforts for a consensus candidate should be continued till General Body takes place, failing which the issue shall be decided by ballot voting subject to the agreement by the General Body.

General Secretary: For the post of General Secretary, two nominations were received. **Prof. N Sreekumaran Nair, Manipal**, was recommended as General Secretary of the Society for 2017-2019 term.

Treasurer: Only one nomination was received for the post of Treasurer. **Dr. Binukumar B, Bangalore**, was recommended as Treasurer of the Society for 2017-2019 term.

Council Members: Three nominations were received for the post of Executive Council and the name of **Prof VK Tiwari, New Delhi**, was recommended for 2017-2019 term. The EC approved these three recommendations as such.

Item 9: Recommendations of Awards Committee.

Among the nominations received for different awards, the Chair of the Awards Committee recommended the following names for respective awards of ISMS 2016

Award's Name	Recipient Recommended
1.Prof. S K Bhattacharya Oration	Prof. D K Subbakrishna, Bangalore
2.Prof. P V Sukhatme Award	Dr. Tulsi Adhikari, New Delhi
3.Prof. K R Sundaram Young Research Scholar Award	Mr. V Sarvana Kumar, Puducherry
4.Prof. B G Prasad Award	Ms. Smitha Asthma, Noida
5.Smt. Saroj Shukla Young Researcher Award	Ms. Devika S, Vellore

The EC approved above recommendations.

EC decided Prof.K R Sundaram for Smt.Ramrati Lalima Sahai Award 2016 These awards will be presented to winners during next Annual Conference of ISMS. There were two nominations received for Prof. Indrayan Travel grant.EC approved it however, since both of them could not attend the conference (Dr. R J Yadav and Dr. Abha Aggarwal) it is decided not to give this award in this year.

Item 10: Report of Constitution and Awards Committee

The Constitution and Awards Committee made sincere efforts to bring out the revised Constitution and the Award Rules. The revised drafts were already placed on Society's webpage for attention and comments of members. EC has noted this effort with appreciation and approved these revised drafts. Once these rules are approved by the GB, the printing of "Constitution and Award Rules" will be undertaken by the Secretariat under the supervision of the Chairman of this Committee (Prof BL Verma).

Item 11: Biostatistics Education Committee

Due to the resignation of Prof. A Indrayan as President – ISMS, in early 2016, there has been a discontinuity in the work of this Committee. Now EC has made Prof. C M Pandey as Chairperson of this Committee to revive its on-going activities. Members also requested Prof. C M Pandey to organize a National Consultation meeting, involving key stake holders to revisit the bio-statistical component at the Medical Council of India level with the view to strengthen bio-statistical faculty & facilities in medical colleges of the country and so also, to expedite approval of ISMS recommendations by MCI, already submitted to them by the Society in the year 2015..

Item 12: Constitution of Various Committees

The following committees were re-constituted by the EC for the forthcoming term:

A. FSMS Committee

1. President (Chair)
2. Dr V G Kaliaperumal
3. Dr. K R Sundaram
4. Dr. A Indrayan
5. Dr. Arvind Pandey
6. Dr. B L Verma
7. Dr. T Krishnan
8. Dr. S N Dwivedi
9. Dr. Ajit Sahai
10. Dr.D K Subbakrishna

B. Nominating committee

1. Dr. B L Verma (Chair)
2. Dr. D K Subbakrishna
3. Dr. Ajit Sahai

C. Awards committee

1. Dr. Arvind Pandey (Chair)
2. Dr. P Venkatesan
3. Dr. Anil C Mathew
4. Dr. L Jeyaseelan
5. Dr. R K Soni

D. Search committee

1. Dr. B L Verma (Chair)
2. Dr. V K Srivastava
3. Dr. N K Tyagi
4. Dr. B Antonisamy
5. Dr. S N Dwivedi

Item 13: Venue for Next ISMS Conference 2017

In absence of any formal Conference proposal for 2017, Prof. C M Pandey, SGPGI, Lucknow, offered to organize 35th Annual ISMS Conference 2017 at Lucknow. The EC approved this proposal.

Item 14: Any Other Item with Permission of the Chair

President proposed a vote of thanks to the Host Institute of the Conference - ISI Kolkata. The EC also placed on record and extended its sincere thanks to its outgoing members for their valuable contributions and hard work for the Society, namely - Prof Anil Mathew, for his untiring efforts and immense contributions as General Secretary; Dr AK Bansal, for his hard work as Treasurer; Dr. D K Subbakrishna, Dr. L Satyanarayana, Dr. R J Yadav and Dr. Sharad Mathur for their continued support as EC members.

President closed the EC meeting with a vote of thanks to all EC members present therein.

Dr. C M Pandey
President

Dr. Anil C Mathew
General Secretary