



INDIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL STATISTICS (ISMS)

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Minutes of the General Body (GB) meeting, held as a part of the 34th Annual National Conference of ISMS, on 1ST December 2016 at 6.30 pm in the Seminar Hall of the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.

Members present-41

Welcome by the President

The President welcomed all the members of the society present in GB meeting and also extended sincere thanks to ISI for hosting the 34th Annual Conference of the Society during 1-3 December 2016, in its premises.

Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the GB 2015.

The minutes of the GB meeting held on 14th October 2015 at KLE University, Belagavi were presented after incorporating the comments received from various members. These minutes were confirmed by the GB.

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 that 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 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 GB 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 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 to be submitted by the Treasurer by 15th December 2016.

Item 4: Report of the Editor

Editor's report was presented and approved by G B. 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 (He suggested the names of Dr Venkat Putcha, Dr V K Srivastava, Dr C M Pandey and Dr B L Verma). 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 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 GB 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. The GB approved the report.

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.The GB approved the same .

Item 8: Recommendations of the Nomination Committee

President Elect: Three nominations (Prof. P Venkatesan, Prof SN Dwivedi and Prof VK Srivastava) were received. The GB decided to go

for an election as recommended by the EC and the nomination committee. The president of the society is requested to initiate further steps.

General Secretary: For the post of General Secretary, two nominations were received. Prof. N Sreekumaran Nair, Professor and Head, Department of Statistics, Manipal University, was recommended as General Secretary of the Society for 2017-2019 term. The GB approved the same.

Treasurer : Only one nomination was received for the post of Treasurer. Dr. Binukumar B, Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, NIMHANS Bangalore, was recommended as Treasurer of the Society for 2017-2019 term. The GB approved the same.

Council Members: Three nominations were received for the post of Executive Council and the name of Prof VK Tiwari, Professor and HOD, Department of Planning and Evaluation, NIHF New Delhi, was recommended for 2017-2019 term. The GB approved it.

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	Dr Smita Asthana , Noida
5.Smt. Saroj Shukla Young Researcher Award	Ms. Devika S, Vellore

The GB approved above recommendations.

Prof. K R Sundaram Kochi, was recommended by EC for Smt. Ramrati Lalima Sahai Award 2016 and was approved by the GB.

There were two nominations received for Prof. Indrayan Travel grant. However, since both of them could not attend the conference (Dr. R J Yadav and Dr.Abha Aggarwal) it was decided not to give this award in

this year. The GB approved these recommendations. In the open competition for Prof. R N Srivastawa award, Dr. Akanksha Kashikar, Pune University was selected for this award.

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 web page for attention and comments of members. GB 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. GB approved it.

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

The GB approved these recommendations.

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 GB 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 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. The President concluded the GB meeting with vote of thanks to all GB members present therein.

Dr. C M Pandey
President

Dr. Anil C Mathew
General Secretary