

Minutes of the General Body (GB) meeting held on 12th November 2010, 6 PM in the Auditorium of National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi during the 28th Annual Conference of ISMS

The President welcomed the members and appraised them about the various activities and developments in the Society during the last one year. The agenda items were placed before the GB and after deliberations the following resolutions were made:

1. Confirmation of GB 2009 Minutes: The Minutes of GB 2009 held at IMS, BHU and was placed. It was informed that there were some points raised by Prof. Ajit Shai particularly about the list of names who became member during the ISMS Conference in Pondicherry. General Secretary was asked to check the list and correct for the discrepancy. The GB confirmed the minutes.
2. General Secretary's Report: The GS report for the year 2010 was presented and the same was accepted.
3. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report for the year 2010 was presented and accepted. It was suggested by EC that the balance sheet duly signed by the auditor to be put on the Society's website. It was also recommended that the outgoing Treasurer would prepare the report up to 31st March 2011 and hand over to incoming treasurer.
4. Editor's Report: The Editor's report could not be presented as Dr Sreekumaran Nair could not attend the meeting. It was resolved by saying that that a report may be obtained from the editor and put on the society's website.
5. Awards:
 - (a) FSMS Award: The President presented the recommendations of the Committee for FSMS Award for 2010 which was approved by the EC. The following members were elected the fellow of the society for 2010:
 - Prof. Deoki Nandan, NIHFW, New Delhi,
 - Prof. D.C. Nath, Gauhati University, Assam.In addition, the EC considered and unanimously approved the idea of awarding FSMS to Prof. G.D. Shukla, the founder-Treasurer of the Society.

The above was concurred by the GB.

(b) Other Awards: The General Secretary presented the recommendation of the Award Committee for various awards and the same was approved by EC as under:

- Prof. P. V. Sukhatme Award - Dr. R. Rama, Chennai,
- Dr. B.G. Prasad Award - Dr. Abha Agarwal, New Delhi,
- Smt. Suajkali Jain Award - Dr. Ponnuraja, Chennai.

The above was concurred by the GB.

(c) Prof. Bhattacharya Oration: There was no nomination received for Prof. Bhattacharya Oration, the EC deliberated and approved the name of Prof. K.R. Sundaram, AIMS, Kochi for the same for the year 2011.

The above was concurred by the GB.

6. Recommendation of the Nomination Committee:

The GB approved the recommendation of the Nomination Committee for the various vacancies as under:

- President Elect - Prof. DK Subbakrishna, NIMHANS, Bangalore,
- General Secretary - Dr. R.J. Yadav, NIMS, New Delhi,
- Treasurer - Mr. S.K. Mathur, NIMS, New Delhi,
- EC Members- Prof V.K. Srivastava (full term), Dr. Ravanan (for 2 year as replacement of Dr. R.J. Yadav).

7. Constitution of Committees:

a. Nomination Committee: The GB approved the EC recommendation to continue the existing nomination committee with Prof. VG Kaliaperumal, Chairman, Prof. K.R. Sundaram and Prof. B.L. Verma, Members, to continue for one more term of 3 years.

b. Award Committee: The GB approved the EC recommendation for the reconstitution of the Award Committee with the following members:

- Prof. P.P. Talwar, Chairman
- Prof. R.M. Pandey, Member
- Prof. C.M. Pandey, Member
- Prof. Thennarasu, Member
- Dr. P. Venkatesan, Member

8. Venue of 2011 Annual Conference of ISMS:

The GB approved the proposal for hosting the next 2011 Annual Conference of ISMS at TRC, ICMR, Chennai with Dr. P. Venkatesan as the Organizing Secretary who will communicate the date of the conference.

It also noted the proposal of Prof. R.K. Sony, Dayanand Medical College, Ludhiana for organizing the ISMS Annual Conference and approved the recommendation of keeping the proposal in waiting to discuss in the next EC meeting along with other proposals including CMC, Vellore.

9. The proposal of starting ISMS journal was discussed at length. A number of issues including money and adequate number of quality articles were discussed. There was unanimous suggestion that we should improve the quality of ISMS bulletin and demonstrate publication of quality articles. At the outset, however, Prof. Deoki Nandan, Director, NIHFW, suggested deploying Prof. V.K. Tiwari to explore ways of improving the quality of ISMS bulletin and bringing out ISMS journal as an indexed e-journal. He further suggested that the journal should contain articles on scientific writings of Biostatistics. It was suggested that a group consisting of Prof. V.K. Tiwari, Prof. V.K. Srivastava and Dr. R.J. Yadav to explore such possibility.
10. The GB approved the proposal of starting the "Indrayan Travel Award for Senior Members to attend the ISMS Annual Conference." It was suggested to write a letter to Prof. Indrayan informing the above approval and ask to pay the amount to ISMS before the guidelines of the award is framed.
11. In respect of the awards instituted by Prof. Sahai, it was decided to form an independent committee that would identify broad areas that could be considered for initiating award. Prof. Sahai suggested that Ex-office bearers including Presidents, General Secretaries, Treasurers and those who contributed to the growth of ISMS could be considered as candidates for the awards. A committee consisting of Prof. T. Krishnan, Prof. K.R. Sundaram and Prof. B.L. Verma, was constituted to frame guidelines for the institution of the award. The GB approved the above.
12. The GB placed on record the valuable services rendered by the outgoing office bearers, namely, Prof. Arvind Pandey, President; Dr. P. Venkatesan, General Secretary; Dr. V. Selvaraj, Treasurer; and members Prof. Ajit Sahai, Prof. C.M. Pandey, Dr. K.G. Selvaraj, and Dr. V.S. Yadav.
13. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Dr. Arvind Pandey
President

Dr.P. Venkatesan
General Secretary