

INDIAN ACADEMY OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (IABS)

MINUTES OF THE 4th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 10.01.2015 at 6.30 PM

Venue: Auditorium, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Taranaka, Hyderabad.

Members Present:

1. Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi, President – in the chair
2. Prof. Hari S. Sharma, Founder President
3. Prof. Najmul Islam, Vice President
4. Prof. S.K. Verma, Vice-President
5. Prof. Vijay K. Kutala, Secretary – General
6. Dr. Ranjana Singh, Treasurer
7. Prof. Alpana Sharma, New Delhi
8. Prof. P.R. Padma, Coimbatore
9. Dr. Paolo Di Nardo, Italy
10. Prof. Subir Kumar Das, Kalyani
11. Prof. S. Mudassar, Srinagar
12. Dr. Sukhes Mukherjee, Vishakapatnam
13. Prof. Khursheed Alam, Aligarh
14. Dr. Brijesh Rathore, Lucknow
15. Dr. Shivani Pandey, Lucknow
16. Dr. Anu Chandra, Lucknow
17. Dr. Mohd. Kaleem Ahmad, Lucknow
18. Dr. Sandeep Tripathi, Jaipur
19. Dr. Sabhiya Majid, Srinagar
20. Dr. Aditi Gupta, New Delhi
21. Prof. Nibhriti Das, New Delhi
22. Dr. Afrozul Haq, UAE
23. Dr. Vishnu Kumar, Lucknow
24. Dr. Jyodeep Kaur, Chandigarh
25. Prof. Sadhna Sharma, Chandigarh
26. Prof. Manoj K. Rawat, Agra
27. Dr. Dushyant Singh Chauhan, Jaipur
28. Dr. Sudha Devi M., Coimbatore
29. Dr. K.K. Srivastava, New Delhi

30. Dr. Vijay Kumar,
31. Dr. Vivek Pratap Singh, Jaipur
32. Dr. Hari Om Sharma, Bhavnagar
33. Dr. Seema Bhargava, New Delhi
34. Dr. A.K. Behal

Minutes of the Meeting:

1. Prof. Vijay Kumar Kutala, the Secretary – General and Organizing Secretary welcomed the members and thanked them for attending the 4th Annual Meeting of the Academy at Hyderabad.
2. The President delivered his address after welcoming the Hon'ble members to the 4th annual general body meeting of IABS. He also thanked and complimented Prof. Vijay Kumar Kutala and his team for the highly successful organization of the 4th Annual Meeting of IABS at Hyderabad. The President profoundly thanked Prof. Hari Sharma for his continued help, support and guidance. He said that it is because of a team that the Academy has come to this stage. He also acknowledged the help, support and guidance rendered by Prof. Najmul Islam, Prof. S.K. Verma, Prof. Vijay Kumar Kutala, Prof. Subir Kumar Das, Prof. Hari Om Sharma, Prof. Alpana Sharma, Dr. Sukhes Mukherjee, Prof. P.R. Padma, Prof. Sushma C. Chapalkar and his departmental colleagues from KGMU, Lucknow, as also National and International Advisers Prof. K.K. Srivastava, Dr. Aforz-ul-Haq, Prof. Lindsay Brown and Dr. Elizebeth Dendil in managing the affairs of the Academy.
3. The minutes of the third annual general body meeting of the Academy, held on 14th December 2013 in the Conference Hall, Rajiv Gandhi Diabetes and Endocrinology Centre, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, U.P., were read, deliberated and unanimously approved.
4. Prof. Hari S. Sharma, Founder President, briefed the members about the affairs of the Academy and also about the organization of the meeting at Hyderabad. Thereafter, Prof. Mahdi informed the Hon'ble members about the process which was followed to make the selection of various Academy awards. He said that the applications were processed and put before the award committee comprising of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vishnu Sahai, ex-Chief Justice (Actg.), Allahabad High Court, Prof. U.N. Deweidi, former Vice Chancellor, Lucknow University, Prof. M.Y. Khan, Dean, Ambedkar Central University, Lucknow, Prof. M.C. Pant, Vice Chancellor, H.N.B. University of Health Sciences, Uttarakhand, Dehradun and Prof. S. Chooramani Gopal, former Vice Chancellor, King George's Medical University, Lucknow. He said that the recommendations of the awards committee were unanimously approved by the core committee comprising of Prof. H.S. Sharma, Prof. N. Islam and Prof. A.A. Mahdi and thereafter the names were announced.

Members expressed satisfaction at the very transparent and fool proof process which was followed for the selection of Academy awards. They appreciated that people of great integrity and eminence were chosen as members of the awards committee and they selected the best and most deserving candidates for various Academy awards. It was decided that henceforth the same process shall be followed.

5. The audited balance sheets of the Academy and statement of accounts for the year 2013-2014 and financial report were presented before the Hon'ble members by the Treasurer, Dr. Ranjana Singh. Members unanimously approved the same. The President informed the members that the audit of accounts of the Academy is being taken care of by the CA Madhur Jain & Co. and that he has till date not taken any remuneration for the same. Members appreciated the services being provided by the CA Madur Jain & Co. and asked the President to issue a letter of appreciation to the CA but at the same time it must be ensured that henceforth the CA is given appropriate remuneration.

The Treasurer also informed that the IABS supported an International Meeting which was organized by the Department of Zoology, Lucknow University, Lucknow and the financial assistance of Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand only) for the same was provided by Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi.

6. Prof. Alpana Sharma informed the members that she and her family have decided to donate a sum of Rs.1.00 lakh to IABS to institute an award in the name and memory of her late father, Shri Om Prakash Sharma. Moreover Dr. Afrozul Haq also proposed to donate a sum of Rs. 1.00 lakh for instituting an award in the name of his late wife, Mrs. Farha Deebea Haq. Thereafter, Prof. Mahdi said that he will also donate a sum of Rs. 1,00,000/- (one lakh) for instituting an award in the name of his late mother, Mrs. Abida Mahdi, for recognizing a scientist of eminence doing research in the field of Neuroscience Research.

Members present welcomed the gesture of Prof. Sharma, Prof. Mahdi and Dr. Haq and it was unanimously resolved that the three awards shall be instituted by the Academy. It was also decided that the amount given by the donors shall be separately fixed deposited in the name of the Academy and the interest so obtained annually shall be utilized for conferring the awards. Members unanimously authorized the President to constitute a committee to formulate the guidelines for the new awards. It was also decided that from next year *Shri Om Prakash Sharma Award* shall be given to an outstanding young scientist (age below 45 years), *Mrs. Farha Deebea Haq Award* shall be given to an outstanding young researcher in the field of Cancer Research (age below 45 years) and *Mrs. Abida Mahdi Award* shall be given to an outstanding scientist doing work in the field of Neuroscience Research.

7. Prof. Najmul Islam informed the members that he had donated a sum of Rs.10,000/- to the Academy for instituting an award in the name of his late father, Prof. Nurul Islam last year. He said that now he will donate another sum of Rs. 90,000/- (Ninety Thousand) more towards the same endowment. Members unanimously welcomed the gesture of Prof. Islam authorized the President to forward this matter before the award committee to formulate the new guidelines.
8. President informed the members that in the meeting held on 14.12.2013b it was proposed that 15% of the registration fees collected during the annual conferences shall be deposited in IABS Account (Central) to be utilized by the central office for various expenditures. The proposal was unanimously approved but this year due to financial constraints in the organization of Hyderabad Conference it shall be left on the Organizing Secretary to decide on this matter. It was also decided that henceforth the registration charges shall be fixed by the Organizing Secretary in a way that money can be collected in separate heads and after the conference the same may be transferred in the IABS central account. Moreover, Prof. Mahdi also proposed that that the Academy shall continue to support the Organizers of the Annual Meetings by providing some

seed money. It was unanimously approved and the President was authorized to sanction money to the organizers of the Annual Meeting of the Academy accordingly.

9. Prof. Mahdi informed the Hon'ble Members that it was decided last year that the fee collected from the members shall be kept in as fixed deposit in the name of the Academy. He said that the money collected as membership fee which is still lying in the saving bank account may also be kept as a fixed deposit. The members unanimously authorized the President and the Treasurer to do the needful in this regard.
10. Dr. K.K. Srivastava in his address emphasized the need for more interactions between the clinicians and the basic scientists and said that this forum has provided an excellent opportunity for the same. He appreciated the activities of the Academy and complimented Dr. Kutala for excellent organization of the meeting at Hyderabad.
11. Prof. Mahdi informed the members that one of the objectives of the Academy, when it was formed, was to promote and recognize academic excellence by instituting fellowships to be given to persons of eminence. He said due to certain reasons it could not be started as yet. After detailed deliberations it was resolved that the fellowships will be given only in recognition of academic excellence. The President was authorized to constitute a committee to formulate the guidelines for awarding Academy fellowships from next year.
12. Dr. Aditi Gupta, from Medanta The Medicity Hospital, Gurgaon, made a power point presentation, on behalf of Dr. Arun Raizada, and proposed to organize the 5th Annual meeting of IABS at New Delhi in the month January/February, 2016. The members unanimously welcomed and accepted the proposal and thanked Dr. Raizada/Dr. Gupta for the offer.
13. Prof. Mahdi informed the members that Prof. Hari Om Sharma has volunteered to host 6th Annual meeting of IABS, in Bhavnagar in 2017. The members unanimously welcomed and accepted the proposal and thanked Prof. Sharma for his offer. President further said that Prof. Subir Kumar Das proposes to host the IABSCON – 2018 at Kalyani, West Bengal. Members welcomed the gesture of Prof. Sharma and Prof. Das and in principle the proposals were accepted and it was decided that the formalities will be done in due course.
14. Members also unanimously authorized the President to sanction money for the day to day expenditure of the Academy.
15. President informed the Hon'ble Members that the website of the Academy is being maintained by Mr. Shahab Rizvi who is doing a good job. He said that all details pertaining to Hyderabad meeting were uploaded on the website and whatever information Dr. Kutala used to provide was uploaded on the website promptly by the service provider. Members appreciated the information and updates being provided at website. Prof. Mahdi requested members to give their feedback so that website may be further improved.
16. Prof. Hari Sharma proposed that the annual membership fee shall be increased to Rs. 500/- per annum and the student membership shall be Rs. 300/- per month. Moreover, he also proposed that foreign members may also be allowed to join the Academy and for that life membership fee shall be US\$ 300.00 (or an equivalent amount in Indian currency). He said that similarly membership fee for the members who are more

than 60 years shall be reduced to Rs. 3000/- (Three thousand) instead of Rs. 6000/-. After detailed deliberations the proposal were unanimously accepted. Prof. Mahdi said that for accepting foreign members he will take legal opinion and thereafter it shall be implemented.

17. Prof. Mahdi informed the Hon'ble Members that the Indian Society for Lead Awareness and Research (InSLAR) in its recent meeting held at Jodhpur had proposed to hold its Annual Meetings jointly with IABS Annual meetings. Members welcomed the proposal and it was decided that the Presidents of two Societies shall decide about the various modalities regarding joint organization of the annual meeting in consultation with the Organizing Secretary of the next meeting.
18. There was also a suggestion to start a journal of the Academy. After detailed deliberations it was decided that till the feasibilities and formalities for starting the journal are carried out a biannual Newsletter of the Academy may be started and the same may be uploaded on the website.

19. Election of the office bearers:

The members of the Academy unanimously elected the following new officer bearers for the year 2015:

- President: Prof. Najmul Islam, Aligarh
- Vice-President: Prof. Vijay Kumar Kutala, Hyderabad
Prof. S.K.Verma, Pondicherry
- Secretary – General : Prof. Alpana Sharma, New Delhi
- Secretary (Head Qrs): Dr. Shivani Pandey, Lucknow
- Treasurer: Dr. Ranjana Singh, Lucknow

Zonal Secretaries:

- North Zone: Prof. Nibhriti Das, New Delhi
Central Zone: Dr. Sandeep Tripathi, Jaipur
South Zone: Dr. P.R. Padma, Coimbatore
East Zone : Prof. Subir K. Das, Kalyani
West Zone: Prof. Hari Om Sharma, Bhavnagar

Executive Committee members:

1. Prof. Khursheed Alam, Aligarh
2. Dr. Seema Bhargava, New Delhi
3. Dr. Asha Devi, Bangalore
4. Dr. Savita Yadav, New Delhi
5. Dr. Sushama R. Chaphalkar, Baramati
6. Prof. N.S. Verma, Lucknow
7. Dr. Snehasikta Swarnakar, Kolkata
8. Prof. Sabhiya Majid, Srinagar

9. Prof. Sadhna Sharma, Chandigarh
10. Dr. Manoj Rawat, Agra
11. Dr. Brijesh Rathore, Lucknow
12. Dr. Sukesh Mukherjee, Vishakhapatnam
13. Dr. Harsh Vardhan Singh, New Delhi
14. Dr. Moinuddin, Aligarh

The following were also chosen as:

National Advisers:

1. Dr. V.M. Katoch, New Delhi
2. Dr. T. Venkatesh, Bangalore
3. Dr. K.K. Srivastava, New Delhi

International Advisers:

1. Dr. Afroz-ul-Haque, Abu Dhabi
2. Dr. Lindsey Brown, Australia
3. Dr. Dinender Singh, USA
4. Dr. Pawan Singhal, Canata
5. Dr. Wolter J. Mooi, The Netherlands

Prof. Vijay Kumar Kutala proposed that in view of the tremendous services being provided by Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi he shall be requested to continue to guide the Academy as President Emeritus of the Academy. Moreover, Prof. Najmul Islam proposed that Prof. Mahdi shall also be the Chairman of the Awards Committee. The members present unanimously welcomed and approved both the proposals and requested Prof. Mahdi to accept the same. Prof. Mahdi accepted the request and said that he will continue to work earnestly to promote the Academy.

It was also proposed by Prof. Islam that the Headquarter of the Academy shall remain at Lucknow. The proposal was unanimously approved.

20. Prof. Najmul Islam thanked the members for electing him the President of the Academy. He welcomed the newly elected office bearers and said that they all shall collectively and actively promote the Academy and organize meetings under the banner of the Academy.

Prof. Alpana Sharma
Secretary – General, IABS

Prof. Najmul Islam
President, IABS