

INDIAN ACADEMY OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (IABS)

MINUTES OF THE 5th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 27.02.2016 at 6.00 PM

Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Members Present:

1. Prof. Najmul Islam, President – in the chair
2. Prof. Alpana Sharma, Secretary – General
3. Prof. Hari S. Sharma, Founder President
4. Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi, Lucknow
5. Dr. Arun Raizada, Gurgaon
6. Prof. Vijay K. Kutala, Hyderabad
7. Prof. Kalbe Jawad, Saifai
8. Dr. Mohd. Kaleem Ahmad, Lucknow
9. Dr. Vishnu Kumar, Lucknow
10. Prof. Savita Yadav, New Delhi
11. Dr. Medha R, Puducherry
12. Prof. S.K. Verma, Puducherry
13. Prof. Rajavashisth Tripathi
14. Prof. Seema Bhargava, New Delhi
15. Prof. Hari Om Sharma, Bhavnagar
16. Prof. P.R. Padma, Coimbatore
17. Dr. B.S. Shankarnarayana Rao, Bangalore
18. Dr. H.P. Gumshankara
19. Dr. Aditi Gupta, Gurgaon
20. Dr. Manu Rathee, Rohtak
21. Dr. Jigna Shah, Bhavnagar
22. Dr. Amit Srivastava, Gurgaon
23. Dr. Kamini Vinayak, Gurgaon
24. Dr. Tabrez Jafar, Lucknow
25. Dr. Syed Husain Mustafa Rizvi, Lucknow
26. Dr. Ranjana Singh, Treasurer
27. Prof. Anu Chandra, Lucknow
28. Dr. Shivani Pandey, Lucknow
29. Dr. Kalpana Singh, Lucknow
30. Prof. Khursheed Alam, Aligarh
31. Dr. Moinuddin, Aligarh
32. Prof. Subir Kumar Das, Kalyani
33. Dr. Sukhes Mukherjee, Saharanpur

Minutes of the Meeting:

1. Prof. Alpana Sharma, the Secretary – General welcomed the members and requested the President to call the meeting in order.
2. The President after calling meeting in order delivered his address. He welcomed the Hon'ble members and congratulated Dr. Arun Raizada and his team, including Dr. Aditi Gupta and Dr. Amit, for the successful organization of the 5th Annual Meeting of IABS. The President thanked Prof. K.K. Srivastava for guiding an excellent scientific program. He said that it is because of the team work that the Academy has come to this stage. He said that after the formation of the Academy at Lucknow, two successful meetings of the Academy

were organized at Aligarh and Hyderabad and now with this meeting in Delhi the Academy has finally come to a shape. He acknowledged the help, support and guidance rendered by all the members of the Academy. Prof. Islam also said that as proposed during Hyderabad meeting he will be depositing funds for enhancement of the corpus of Prof. Nurul Islam Award.

3. The minutes of the third annual general body meeting of the Academy, held on 10th January 2015 in the Auditorium of Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Taranaka, Hyderabad, were deliberated in detail and were unanimously approved.
4. Secretary in her report informed the members about the current status of life members. She said that as of 20th February 2016 there were 138 life members. She also stated that as decided last year three new awards viz **Shri Om Prakash Sharma Award** - for an outstanding young scientist (age below 45 years), **Mrs. Farha Deeba Haq Award** – for an outstanding young researcher in the field of Cancer Research (age below 45 years) and **Mrs. Abida Mahdi Award** - for an outstanding scientist doing work in the field of Neuroscience Research, have been established after the receipt of money from the donors and the endowment made and processed this year. She also updated the members about the process of selection of Academy awards. Prof. Sharma said that it was decided in the 3rd Annual General Body Meeting of the academy held on 14.12.2013 that 15% of the registration fees collected during the annual conferences shall be deposited in IABS Central Account, to be utilized by the central office for various expenditures. However, due to financial constraints in the organization of Hyderabad Conference the amount has not been received. It was unanimously resolved that in view of paucity funds for Hyderabad meeting this may be waived off. Moreover, Prof. Kutala informed that an amount of Rs. 20000/- (Twenty thousand) provided by the Academy as seed money will be returned back to the Academy soon, after adjustment of the accounts of Hyderabad meeting. Members welcomed the gesture of Dr. Kutala.

Secretary informed that as decided during 4th Annual Meeting of the academy, IABS has started awarding Fellowships. She said that this year to honor the founder members the first two fellowships have been awarded to Prof. Hari S. Sharma and Prof. A.A. Mahdi, in view of their outstanding contributions in the field of biomedical research. She said that from next year applications will be invited and processed by a committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Najmul Islam. The other members of the committee will be President, Prof. Hari S. Sharma, Prof. Abbas A. Mahdi and Secretary General. It was decided that the fellowships will be awarded only to the members of the Academy. The members also deliberated upon the Fellowship fee and after due deliberations it was resolved that every Fellow once elected shall have to deposit a sum of Rs. 10000.00 (Ten thousand) as Fellowship fee and the amount so deposited shall be kept as a separate Fellowship corpus of the Academy.

Prof. Sharma also informed that the website of the Academy is being maintained by Mr. Shahab Rizvi who is doing a good job. Dr. Moin suggested that website shall have the list of life members. After detailed deliberations it was decided that the list of members shall be displayed only after the number of members cross more than 200.

Secretary also informed about the increment in annual membership fee to Rs. 500/- per annum (from Rs. 300/-) and the student membership shall to Rs. 300/- per month (from Rs. 250/-). Moreover, she said that as decided last year now membership fee for the members who are more than 60 years has been reduced to Rs. 3000/- (Three thousand) from Rs. 6000/-.

Prof. Sharma informed that in the last meeting of the Academy held at Hyderabad it was decided that the Indian Society for Lead Awareness and Research (InSLAR) will hold its Annual Meetings jointly with IABS Annual meetings. However, she said that as no concrete proposal came from that side so this stands dropped.

Prof. Sharma pointed out that no progress has also been made regarding biannual Newsletter of the Academy. Prof. Mahdi said that Prof. Basudev Bhattacharya has shown interest in starting the Journal/Newsletter of the Academy; therefore, he proposed that Prof. Bhattacharya be given the opportunity to look into the feasibility of starting Academy Newsletter/Journal. After detailed deliberations it was unanimously approved that Prof. Bhattacharya may be appointed Charman of Publication Committee to look into all these matters in consultation with the core committee of the Academy.

5. The audited balance sheets of the Academy and statement of accounts for the year 2014-2015 and financial report were presented before the Hon'ble members by the Treasurer, Dr. Ranjana Singh. Members unanimously approved the same. Members appreciated the services being provided by the CA Madur Jain & Co.
6. Prof. Hari S. Sharma, Founder President, complimented Dr. Arun Raizada and his team for the superb organization of the Delhi meeting. He briefed the members about the affairs of the Academy and also about the organization of the Delhi meeting. He said that efforts shall be made by all members to increase the number of life members and to encourage both the clinicians and the basic scientists to come forward and join the Academy so that the objectives with which the academy was formed may be fully achieved. He said that he will also make efforts to bring people from abroad to join the Academy as associate members.

Prof. Hari Sharma said that there is a need of involving corporate world with IABS and he said that who can be better person than Dr. Arun Raizada to look after this department. He proposed that Dr. Arun Raizada may be made Chairman of the corporate wing of IABS. The proposal was unanimously approved. Dr. Raizada while accepting the proposal said that he will make efforts to incorporate some corporate members of IABS.

7. Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi thanked profoundly Dr. Arun Raizada, Dr. K.K. Srivastava, Prof. L.M. Srivastava, Dr. Aditi, Dr. Shikha, Dr. Kamini, Dr. Amit and all members of the organizing committee for the excellent arrangements of the 5th Annual Meeting of the Academy at Delhi. He said the meeting has been successful only because of the untiring efforts of the organizing team under the leadership of Dr. Raizada. He said that the Delhi meeting will prove a major milestone in the success story of IABS. He further said that IABS has been successful only because of the team work. However, Prof. Mahdi expressed his anguish over below expected participation of students in the Delhi meeting. He said that in spite of best of the efforts of the organizers, students have not attended the meeting in the numbers in which they were expected. Members deliberated upon the reasons for the low student turn out. Prof. Mahdi proposed that from next year the Academy may provide financial support, as bursary for the students willing to participate in the Academy Annual Meetings. He said eight or ten bursaries may be funded by the Academy to support student participation, depending on availability of funds. Moreover, the organizers may also make efforts towards this end. He further said that a catchy theme of the meeting must be advertised properly so that students in particular and researchers in general may get attracted towards to meeting.

Prof. Mahdi said that as decided last year the fee collected from the members has been kept as fixed deposit in the name of the Academy. He said that the money 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.

Prof. Mahdi also proposed that a core committee comprising of President, Secretary General and two founder members, namely Prof. Hari S. Sharma and Prof. Abbas A. Mahdi shall be authorized to take urgent decisions for managing the affairs of the Academy. The proposal was unanimously approved by the members.

8. Prof. Alpana Sharma informed the members that Prof. K.K. Srivastava and Prof. L.M. Srivastava have proposed to donate a sum of Rs.1.00 lakh to IABS to institute an award in their name for awarding young researchers presenting their work at the time of the Academy meetings. Members present welcomed the gesture and it was unanimously resolved that the award 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.
9. Prof. Hari Om Sharma, Government Medical College, Bhavnagar, proposed to organize the 6th Annual meeting of IABS at Bhavnagar in the month January, 2017. He made a power point presentation of the facilities available at Bhavnagar for organizing the meeting. The members unanimously welcomed and approved the proposal and thanked Prof. Sharma for the offer.

There were also discussions regarding the possibility of hosting the 7th and 8th Annual Meeting of the Academy at Kalyani by Prof. Subir Kumar Das and at Coimbatore by Prof. Padma, respectively. In principle the proposals were accepted and it was decided that the feasibilities shall be looked into and formalities will be done in due course.

10. Prof. Mahdi informed the Hon'ble members regarding the difficulty in opening of the bank account by the organizers of the IABS conference due to a provision in the rules and regulations of the Academy under which all the members of the Executive are supposed to sign on the letter for opening of the Conference Bank Account. He proposed that the rules may be amended and only the President may be authorized to sign the letter to the bank for opening of the account. The members unanimously approved the proposal that henceforth the President is authorized to permit the opening of the new account for the Annual conference of the Academy and that only the President will sign the letter authorizing the concerned bank for opening of the Conference Bank Account.

Members also unanimously authorized the President to sanction money for the day to day expenditure of the Academy.

11. **Election of the office bearers:**

The members of the Academy unanimously elected the following new officer bearers for the year 2016:

President:	Prof. Vijay Kumar Kutala, Hyderabad
Vice-Presidents:	Dr. Arun Raizada, New Delhi Prof. S.K.Verma, Pondicherry
Secretary – General :	Prof. Alpana Sharma, New Delhi

Secretary (Head Qrs): Dr. Shivani Pandey, Lucknow

Treasurer: Dr. Ranjana Singh, Lucknow

Chairman, Awards Committee:

Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi, Lucknow

Chairman, Fellowship Committee

Prof. Najml Islam, Aligarh

Chairman, Corporate Wing

Dr. Arun Raizada, New Delhi

Chairman, Publication Committee

Prof. Basudev Bhattacharya, Tripura

Zonal Secretaries:

North Zone: Dr. Harsh Vardhan Singh, New Delhi

Central Zone: Dr. Sanjeev Singh, Gwalior

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. Prof. Seema Bhargava, New Delhi
3. Prof. S. Asha Devi, Bangalore
4. Prof. Savita Yadav, New Delhi
5. Prof. N.S. Verma, Lucknow
6. Prof. Sabhiya Majid, Srinagar
7. Prof. Sadhna Sharma, Chandigarh
8. Dr. B.S. Shankarnarayana Rao, Bangalore
9. Dr. Manoj Rawat, Agra
10. Dr. Sukesh Mukherjee, Saharanpur
11. Dr. Moinuddin, Aligarh
12. Dr. Aditi Gupta, Gurgaon
13. Prof. Anu Chandra, Lucknow
14. Prof. Manu Rathee, Rohtak
15. Prof. Haider Abbas, Lucknow

International Advisers:

1. Dr. Afroz-ul-Haq, UAE
2. Dr. Lindsey Brown, Australia
3. Dr. Cris Mulder, The Netherlands
4. Prof. Tariq M. Haqqi, USA
5. Dr. Pawan Singhal, Canata
6. Dr. Wolter J. Mooi, The Netherlands
7. Prof. Ashok K. Sharma, U.K.

National Advisers:

1. Dr. Gridhar Gyani, New Delhi
2. Prof. Saroj Chooramani Gopal, Varanasi
3. Prof. K.K. Srivastava, New Delhi

4. Prof. T. Venkatesh, Bangalore
5. Prof. L.M. Srivastava, New Delhi
6. Prof. Jayshree Bhattacharjee, New Delhi

12. Prof. Vijay Kumar Kutala thanked the members for electing him as President of the Academy. He welcomed the newly elected office bearers and said that they all shall collectively and actively promote the Academy with much more vigor. He thanked Dr. Arun Raizada and his team for the wonderful organization of the Delhi meeting of the Academy and hoped that the next meeting being organized under the leadership of Prof. Hari Om Sharma will be even more successful.
13. A point was raised by some members regarding the provision of token seed money for organizing zonal meetings under the banner of IABS. After detailed deliberations it was decided that subject to availability of funds, some grant may be provided to zonal secretaries, on first come first serve basis, for organizing meetings in different parts of the country so as to achieve the objectives of the Academy in propagating Biomedical Research. Moreover, Prof. Alpana Sharma pointed out about the provision of Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi, in providing financial assistance for holding such meetings. Prof. Mahdi requested Prof. Sharma to collect the necessary details so that IABS may be able to get some funds from ICMR in this regard.
14. Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi informed the Hon'ble members about the sad demise of Dr. Ramesh Chander, ex-Deputy Director, CDRI, Lucknow, who was a Life Member of the academy. Members mourned the sad demise of the departed soul by standing in silence for few minutes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Prof. Alpana Sharma
Secretary – General, IABS

Prof. Vijay K. Kutala
President, IABS