

Indian Academy of Biomedical Sciences Society

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The seventh Annual General Body Meeting of the *Indian Academy of Biomedical Sciences* was held on 21st April 2018 at 6.30 at Nageen Club, Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir) in which the following members were present:

1. Dr. Arun Raizada, , President – in the chair
2. Prof. Hari S. Sharma, Founder President
3. Prof. Hariom Sharma, Bhavnagar
4. Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi, Secretary – General, Lucknow
5. Dr. Syed Mudassar, Srinagar
6. Dr. A.S. Bhatia, Jammu
7. Dr. Thuppil Venkatesh, Bangalore
8. Prof. Khushtar A. Salman, Aligarh
9. Dr. Shyam Prakash, New Delhi
10. Dr. Shashikant Nikam, Belagavi (Belgaum)
11. Dr. Shivani Pandey, Lucknow
12. Dr. Ranjana Singh, Treasurer, Lucknow
13. Dr. M. Kaleem Ahmad, Lucknow
14. Prof. Vijay K. Kutala, Hyderabad
15. Prof. Khursheed Alam, Aligarh
16. Dr. B.S. Shankarnarayana Rao, Bangalore
17. Prof. Moinuddin, Aligarh
18. Dr. Sukhes Mukherjee, Bhopal
19. Dr. Hifzur R. Siddiqui, Aligarh
20. Dr. Wasil Hasan, Aligarh
21. Dr. Snehasikta Swarnakar, Kolkata
22. Dr. Israr Ahmad, Lucknow
23. Prof. S.M. Hadi, Aligarh
24. Dr. K.G. Raghu, Trivendaram
25. Dr. Harleen Kaur, Jammu
26. Dr. Aliya Shah, Srinagar
27. Prf. Afrozul Haq, New Delhi
28. Prof. Jyotdeep Kaur, Chandigarh
29. Prof. S.P. Saxena, Barabanki
30. Dr. Tariq Maqbool, Srinagar
31. Mr. Raza Abbas, Lucnow
32. Prof. Farzana Mahdi, Lucknow
33. Dr. Jigna Shah. Bhavnagar

1. The meeting was called in order and Dr. Arun Raizada welcomed the Hon'ble members to the 7th Annual General Body meeting. He said that the Academy has made commendable progress during last few years due to the concerted efforts of the members. He complimented Dr. Syed Mudassar for organizing an excellent meeting.

2. The minutes of the sixth Annual Meeting of the Academy held on 07.01.2017 at ISCON CLUB, The Fern Bhavnagar, Iscon Club and Resort, Opposite Victoria Forest, Bhavnagar, Gujarat were presented. Prof. Thuppil Venkatesh proposed that they may be accepted and confirmed, his proposal was seconded by Prof. A.S. Bhatia and Prof. S.P. Saxena. The minutes were thereafter unanimously approved and confirmed by the members.
3. Prof. Hari Sharma, the Founder President, in his remarks appreciated the progress made by the Academy and expressed satisfaction with regard to the growth achieved during last few years.
4. Secretary General in his report presented the following points:
 - a) Prof. Mahdi informed the Hon'ble Members that since the last Annual meeting held at Bhavnagar in January 2017, thirty six (36) new life members have joined the Academy. Now total life members are 214 (as of 16th April 2018).
 - b) He also informed the Hon'ble members that in the current year under report quite a large number of applications were received for various Academy Awards. He further stated that as usual the applications were initially screened by a committee and thereafter processed by the award committee and the recommendations of the awards committee were unanimously approved by the core committee. He informed the Hon'ble members that the recipients of the various Academy Awards for the year 2017 are as follows:
 - 1) Padma Shri Prof. Mahdi Hasan Award : Prof. Ravindra Kumar Garg (KGMU, Lucknow)
 - 2) Prof. Sohail Ahmad Award : Dr. Snehasikta Swarnkar (CSIR-IICB, Kolkata)
 - 3) Smt. Kusum Sharma Award : Dr. Yasmin Ahmad (DRDO, New Delhi)
 - 4) Shri. Om Prakash Sharma Award : Dr. Amit Mishra (IIT, Jodhpur)
 - 5) Mrs. Farha Deebea Haq Award : Dr. Hifzur Rahman Siddique (AMU, Aligarh)
 - 6) Mrs. Abida Mahdi Award: Dr. Kunzang Chosdol (AIIMS, New Delhi)

Members appreciated the efforts made by the Academy in appropriately recognizing the talent and approved the recommendations of the awards committee.

- c) Prof. Mahdi pointed out that the audited statement of accounts of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Academy held at Bhavnagar has as yet not been provided. Responding to it Prof. Hari Om Sharma said the same has been sent to the Auditor. Prof. Mahdi said that he will confirm from the Auditor.
- d) Secretary informed that as decided last year the fee collected from the members has been kept as fixed deposit in the name of the Academy and the exact amount the Treasurer will be informing in her report. He further took the opinion of the Hon'ble members with regard to keeping some money as RBI Bonds. Members unanimously authorised the Secretary General and Treasurer to take this matter with the CA and do the needful in Academy interest.
- e) Secretary General informed the members that this year out of total six applications/recommendations received for IABS Fellowships, only one was awarded Fellowship, namely to Prof. Vijay Kumar Kutala. Members accepted the recommendations of the Fellowship committee and congratulated Dr. Kutala.

- f) Secretary General pointed out the problems with regard to the maintenance of Academy website. Members recommended that a good professional may be hired to revamp the website, they unanimously authorized the Secretary General to do the needful.
- g) Secretary General informed that no progress has been made regarding Newsletter of the Academy. He informed that he has requested Dr. Tabrez Jafar to look into it. Members unanimously accepted the proposal and it was decided that E-Newsletter shall be published biannually. Secretary informed that soon after Srinagar meeting the first newsletter will be released.
- h) Secretary General informed the Hon'ble Members that after last year Annual Conference at Bhavnagar four events under the aegis of the Academy were organized, they were as under:
 - a) M.L.N. Medical College, Allahabad, on 26th February 2017.
 - b) J.I.P.M.E.R., Pondicherry on 4th March 2017.
 - c) Symbiosis International (Deemed University) on 17th February, 2018.
 - d) Era University, Lucknow on 24th March 2018.

Members appreciated the progress and complimented the organizers, namely Prof. Beenu, Prof. Medha R., Prof. Vinay Kumar Rale and Prof. Seema Bhargava for organizing the meetings.

5. Treasurer presented the financial statement and balance sheets of the Academy for the year 2016-2017. It was unanimously approved by the members.
6. Secretary General informed the Hon'ble Members that one written proposal from Prof. Najmul Islam has been received to hold the Eight Annual Meeting of the Academy in the year 2019 at the Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. This was supported by Prof. Moinuddin and Prof. Khursheed Alam who were present in the meeting. Prof. Mahdi further informed the Hon'ble members that Dr. K.G. Raghu, a Life Member of the Academy has also proposed to hold the meeting at CSIR – National Institute of Interdisciplinary Science & Technology (NIIST), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Dr. Raghu informed the Hon'ble Members that he has as yet not brought the formal proposal but he will send the same within a week to the Office. Thereafter, it was unanimously decided that the next meeting will be organized at Thiruvananthapuram, provided formal proposal comes otherwise it will be held at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, as proposed by Prof. Najmul Islam.
7. Prof Hari Sharma proposed the following as office bears of the Academy for the year 2018-2019. He further stated that it will be better if the Organizing Secretary be elected as President – Elect for the subsequent years, instead of being the Senior Vice President. The proposal was unanimously approved by the members and the members unanimously elected the following new office bearers of the Academy for the year 2018-2019.

President	: Prof. Hari Om Sharma, Bhavnagar
President – Elect	: Prof. Syed Mudassar, Srinagar

Vice President(s)	:	Dr. Amarjit Singh Bhatia, Jammu To be nominated latter
Secretary General	:	Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi, Lucknow
Treasurer	:	Dr. Ranjana Singh, Lucknow
Organizing Secretary, IABSCON 2018	:	To be nominated latter
Chairperson Awards/Fellowship Committee Members:	:	Prof. Hari S. Sharma, Netherlands Prof. Najmul Islam, Aligarh Prof. Vijay Kumar Kutala, Hyderabad
Chairperson Corporate Wing Members:	:	Dr. Arun Raizada, Lucknow Dr. Shyam Singh, New Delhi Dr. Aditi Gupta, Gurgaon
Chairperson Publications Committee Members:	:	Prof. Khursheed Alam, Aligarh Dr. Aaliya Shah, Srinagar Dr. Tabrez Jafar, Lucknow
North Zone Secretary Members:	:	Prof. Seema Bhargava, New Delhi Prof. Ramesh Chandra, New Delhi Prof. Manu Rathee, Rohtak Prof. Eliza Chakraborty, Meerut
Central Zone Secretary Members:	:	Prof. Moinuddin, Aligarh Dr. Beenu, Allahabad Dr. Sukhes Mukherjee, Bhopal Prof. Haider Abbas, Lucknow
East Zone Secretary Members:	:	Prof. Subir K. Das, Kalyani Dr. Sikta Swarnkar, Kolkata Prof. Sadhna Sharma, Patna Prof. Kailash Bhattacharya, Gwahati
South Zone Secretary Members:	:	Dr. Mehda Rajappa, Puducheri Prof. K.G. Raghu, Thiruvananthapuram Dr. Guru Prakash, Kerala Dr. B.S.S. Rao, Bengaluru
West Zone Secretary Members:	:	Prof. Jigna Shah, Bhavnagar Dr. Sandeep Tripathi, Jaipur Prof. Vinay Rale, Pune Dr. Tejas Shah, Baroda Dr. Biui Tiwale, Kolapur

8. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

- a) Prof. Mahdi moved a resolution complimenting Prof. Mudassar and her team including Dr. Aaliya for organizing an excellent academic feast at Srinagar in the form of 7th Annual Conference of IABS. Members gave standing ovation to the

organizing team and appreciated the efforts made by the Organizing Committee in holding the meeting at Srinagar.

- b) Prof. Mahdi proposed that as now the Academy has some yearly surplus funds therefore from next year onwards the Academy will provide seed money to the tune of Rs. 25,000/- (Twenty five thousand only) towards the organization of the Annual Conference of the Academy and Rs. 10,000/- (Ten thousand only) to two institutions for organizing a Seminar/Mini Symposia. This money will be given on first come first serve basis. Members welcomed the proposal and unanimously approved the same.
- c) Prof. Mahdi informed the Hon'ble members that since last year some awardees are not turning up to attend the Conferences and to receive the award in person. He further stated that we finalize the awards absolutely on merit and after tough competition. After detailed deliberations the members unanimously decided that those who have as yet not received the awards in person may be given a chance to present their work in one of the forthcoming Mini Symposia which the Academy will be organizing, thereafter if they do not report then the award may be stand withdrawn. Moreover, it was also decided that from next year it will be mentioned in the advertisement itself that if the recipient of any Academy award does not report in person to receive the award, without sufficient reason to the satisfaction of a committee comprising of President, President – Elect, Secretary General, Founder President and Organizing Secretary of the Conference, then the award shall stand withdrawn and no award for that year will be given to anyone.
- d) Prof. Mahdi informed the Hon'ble members that Prof. Thuppil Venkatesh has proposed to start a "Life Time Achievement Award" and for that he has handed over a Cheque of Rs. 50,000/- (Fifty thousand only) already and will be transferring Rs. One lac more (One Lac) more to make a corpus of Rs. 1,50,000/- (One lac fifty thousand) towards the award. The members welcomed the proposal, thanked Prof. Venkatesh and unanimously approved the proposal authorizing the President and Secretary General to frame the guidelines for the award in consultation with Prof. Venkatesh.
- e) Prof. Venkatesh suggested that IABS shall explore approaching SARC headquarters at Kathmandu, Nepal, so that people from SARC nations may also be attracted towards the Academy activities. Members welcomed the proposal and authorized the Secretary General to look in to the matter and do the needful.

- f) Prof. Venkatesh also suggested that we may approach the Association of Healthcare Providers (India) through its Director General, Dr. Girdhar Gyani, who happens to be one of our National Advisers, and organize our meetings in association with AHPI and in that way we may attract more clinicians and that is what one of the objectives of our Academy is. Members welcomed the suggestion and authorized the President, Secretary General and Prof. Venkatesh to do the needful in this regard.
- g) Prof. Hari Om Sharma proposed that a provision shall be made to attract young students as Life Members of the Academy. Responding to this Prof. Hari S. Sharma proposed that a new category of Associate Life Member may be introduced for the youngsters. It was proposed that students may join the Academy as a Associate Life Member and be given all privileges of Life Members barring voting rights in the General Body meetings and that they cannot hold any post in the Academy. He further proposed that students may join the academy by paying half fee towards Life membership (i.e. Rs. 3000.00, three thousand only) and subsequently they can join as full Life Member by paying rest of the fee, as applicable at that point of time. Members unanimously approved the proposal.
- h) At the end of the meeting the outgoing President, Dr. Arun Raizada handed over the charge to the incoming President Prof. Hari Om Sharma. Members put on record the contributions made by Dr. Raizada. Thereafter, Prof. Hari Om Sharma thanked the members for electing him as President and said that he will try to work to the best of his ability for further upliftment of the Academy by taking all members along. He said that he will need help, guidance and support from all the members to achieve the objectives.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi
Secretary – General
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