

INDIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL STATISTICS (ISMS)

Minutes of the Executive Council (EC) meeting held on 31st October 2014 at the Seminar hall, Dept of Statistics, Jammu University, Jammu at 6.15 pm

Members present:

1. Prof. D K Subbakrishna President
2. Prof A Indrayan Present Elect
3. Prof Ajith Sahay Editor
4. Prof R M Pandey
5. Dr R J Yadav
6. Dr L Satyanarayana
7. Prof K R Sundaram
8. Prof B L Verma
9. Dr Bansal Treasurer
10. Prof. J S Joorel Chairman Organising Committee
11. Prof. Anil C Mathew Gen Secretary

1.Regrets:

1. Prof V G Kaliaperumal
2. Prof T Krishnan

The president welcomed the members for the EC meeting and thanked the Jammu University authorities for hosting it.

2.Condolence:

As suggested by the President, the members mourned the death of two senior fellows of the society - Prof J S Rastogi and Prof Deokinandan by observing 2 minutes of silence praying for their souls to rest in peace.

3.Minutes of the EC Meeting held on 23rd October 2013 at Christian Medical College, Vellore

The minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 23rd October 2013 at CMC Vellore were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

4.Report of the General Secretary

The General Secretary presented his report and explained the various works carried out by the society. The major activities of the year highlighted were updating the mailing address, ISMS google group, finalizing the rules of several awards and getting a PAN Card for the society. The members appreciated the efforts of the General Secretary. **EC approved the google group and suggested** that list of emails of all members should be updated and included from time to time.

5.Report of the Treasurer

The President then requested the treasurer to present his report. The Treasurer reported that during the last one year, 26 new life members have been recruited/enrolled and every attempt is being made to enrol more members.. Members appreciated the Treasurer for obtaining the PAN Card of the society. **EC suggested** that during the ISMS conference, a membership drive could be undertaken by opening a desk in the registration counter. Prof.K R Sundaram requested for a break-up of

membership as medical and non medical. **EC approved the report and suggested** that this break up of membership is required and also the funding of various awards from their inception should be put in a flowchart to enable the currently available money for each award.

6. Report of the Editor

The President requested the Editor to present his report and the Editor elaborated on the various steps taken to bring out the bulletin regularly with increased information which will be of use to the members and requested the members to contribute scientific articles for the bulletin. The members appreciated the sincerity and regularity of the editor in bringing out the bulletin. **EC suggested** that further attempts to bring in a journal of the society should be suspended for a while and that we should consolidate on bringing out the bulletin. **EC agreed to** constitute an editorial board for the bulletin. Prof B L Verma suggested that an item under the heading of new publications should be included and extracts of their review from other journals could be reproduced which might help youngsters who may not have access to journals.

7. ISMS Seminars, Lecturers and Workshops

The President in his report, mentioned that he feels satisfied that the society has done some good work during the year in the form of workshops, seminars, lectures, refresher courses in various parts across the country even if not necessarily under the banner of ISMS as it was organised by ISMS active members and some even funded by Central funding agencies of the country. It may be interpreted as an ISMS activity. This activity has to expand in the coming years to create increased awareness about the field.

8. Recommendations of FSMS Committee

For the FSMS 2014 award, 3 nominations were received and the names of Prof. K Sreekumaran Nair and Prof K Thennarasu have been recommended by the FSMS committee.

9. Recommendations of Nominations Committee

The nominations committee recommended the name of Prof CM Pandey, SGPGI, Lucknow as President elect.

10. Recommendations of Award Committee

Smt Ramrati Lalima Sahai award 2014- Prof. K Srinivasan, Chennai

Prof. P V Sukhatme award 2014 – No nomination received

Prof. S K Bhattacharya award 2014 - Prof. Ajit Sahai, Puducherry

Smt. Suraj Kali Jain award 2014- No nomination received

Prof. B G Prasad award - Dr. Anil Kumar, JALMA Institute, Agra

Smt. Saroj Shukla award- No nomination received

Prof. A Indrayan travel award– Dr R K Gupta New Delhi, Dr Ram Kumar, Trissur

Prof. K R Sundaram Young research scholar award - Ms. Muthu Vijayalakshmi, NIT, Chennai

Prof. R N Srivastava award – 5 applicants will be competing for this on the 2nd day and the winner shall be awarded during the next conference. **EC approved these recommendations. EC suggested that** interest on fixed deposit for each award fund should be credited to that fund only after subtracting the costs of medals or the mementos.

11. Venue for the 33rd Annual conference

The venue for the next conference was discussed. There was 1 proposal from Dr Anil Kumar, Jalma Institute of Leprosy , Agra and an oral request from SRM Medical College, Chennai. Dr Anil Kumar was asked to back up his claim with a supporting letter from the institutes' Director. For the 2016 conference, there was a letter from Prof. Saurabh Ghosh of Indian Statistical Institute , Calcutta. As a policy, **EC suggested** that the society takes decisions about the next year's conference only in that year.

12. Membership fee

The membership fee structure was discussed in detail and **it was decided to change** the structure as below

Category	India	Foreign
Student (annual)	Rs.200	US \$ 20
Annual membership	Rs. 500	US \$ 50
Life membership	Rs.3000	US \$ 200
Institutional membership(annual) *	Rs.10,000	US\$ 1000

*Institutional head can nominate three members for conferences on par with ISMS life members..All membership fee is for a calendar year ie.that shall begin from the month of January for the year of start. SAARC members have to pay in equivalent amount in Indian rupees at the same rate as for India. **Prof. Ajit Sahai has agreed that he will try to make three institutions** to join the society through institutional memberships.

13. Annual expenses of the Secretariat

In order to meet the routine expenses of the secretariat. **EC decided** that a sum of Rs 15,000 be released **as advance** to the General Secretary, Rs. 5000 each to the Treasurer and the Editor. This will be received on 1 January every year and accounts submitted during the EC that year.

14. Donations from FSMS members

It was also decided that all FSMS awardees shall pay Rs 10,000/ to the society from the year 2015 as Fellowship fee by June 30th of the following year. This condition will be included and displayed in the Societies website after the ratification by the GB. Without this, no fellowship award be made henceforth.

15. Constitution and award review sub committee

In order to review the existing ISMS Constitution, rules of the society, rules of the awards and to give recommendations wherever changes are needed, **a subcommittee was formed** with the President as chairman, Prof.B L Verma and the General Secretary as members. They were **also permitted** to coopt other members.

16. Registration

The Societies registration with Registrar of cooperative societies has to be renewed. In order to complete the formalities, Prof, A. Indrayan and Dr A K ,Bansal **were requested** to kindly look into the same.

17. MCI issues

It was also **decided by the EC** to form a committee with Prof. A Indrayan as Chairman, with Dr. B L Verma, Dr. Ajit Sahai and Dr. K R John as members to act at the earliest to get into the long pending issues of MCI recognition on physical infrastructure and manpower to be settled for all the UG as well as PG Medical colleges in the country. They were **also permitted** to coopt other members.

18. ISMS Web coordinator

The members appreciated the efforts of Dr. Antonisami, ISMS Web coordinator in providing stability and respectability to the ISMS web site. The **EC also decided** that ISMS Web-coordinator as an important official position and should be an ex-officio member of ISMS EC.

19. ISMS Awards and Conference certificates

It was **decided by the EC** that ISMS conference certificates should be signed only by the President, General Secretary and Organizing Secretary OR Organizing Chairman. ISMS awards certificates should be signed by the President and the General Secretary. ISMS Life member certificates should be signed by the President, Treasurer and the General Secretary.

20. Thanks for the out going members

The EC placed on record the excellent services of Prof. T Krishnan as Editor, EC member and President of the Society. The EC feels that he should continue to guide the society. Finally all recommendations, requests and suggestions **were approved by the EC**.

21. Vote of thanks

The General Secretary made vote of thanks to all the members for their valuable suggestions.

Actions arising from the minutes

Minute point	Action	By whom?	When?
4.	Updating the address at ISMS google group	Dr. Anil C Mathew	Immediate
5.	Break up of membership as medical and non medical	Dr. A K Bansal	Immediate
5	Funding of various awards from their inception to put in a flowchart	Dr. A K Bansal	Immediate
6.	Editorial board for the ISMS Bulletin	Dr. Ajit Sahai	2015
12.	Revised membership form	Dr. Anil C Mathew	January 2015
12.	To enrol minimum three institutions to the Society through institutional membership	Dr. Ajit Sahai	2015
13.	Amount to be released for the annual expenses of the Secretariat	Dr. A K Bansal	January 2015
15.	Preparing the revised constitution/revised rules for the awards	Dr. A Indrayan Dr. B L Verma Dr. Anil C Mathew	June 2015
16.	Registration of the Society	Dr. A Indrayan Dr. A K Bansal	2015
17.	MCI recognition on physical infrastructure and manpower	Dr. A Indrayan Dr. B L Verma Dr. Ajit Sahai Dr. K R John	2015

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