

Indian Society for Medical Statistics

General Body (GB) Meeting minutes- 2022

The general Body meeting was held at Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad, Maharashtra on November 24, 2022 with the following agenda.

The General Body meeting agenda - 2022

Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad, Maharashtra

Date: November 24, 2022, Time: 5:30PM to 7:00 PM

1. Silent prayer in respect of demised GC Member -
Prof. Saurabh Ghosh.
2. Welcome by President
3. Approval of minutes of the 2021 GC & GB meetings
4. Report of General Secretary with GC recommendations
5. Report of Treasurer
6. Report of Bulletin Editor
7. Report of Web Co-ordinator
8. Report of FSMS committee, Search committee Awards committee and
Nominating committee with GC recommendations
9. Constitution amendments proposal with GC recommendations
10. Constitution of various committees by President
11. Venue for the 2023 annual conference
12. Thanking the retiring Office bearers and GC members
13. Any other matter with permission of the chair
14. Vote of thanks by General Secretary

The General Body meeting started with a condolence prayer in respect of the demised member Prof.Saurabh Ghosh. Then President ISMS, Prof. L.Jeyaseelan welcomed all members, and requested General Secretary of the society to take up agenda items one by one.

Members after some discussion and clarifications, unanimously approved minutes of the 2021 Governing council (GC) and General body (GB) reports. Followed by, General Secretary presented report of the Society activities held during 2021-'22.

General Secretary reported that, regular communications of various news items like Minutes of the meeting, Election results, ISMS bulletin, notifications of conferences and workshops, vacancies etc. which were relevant for the members, and other similar items to society members were carried out through google group. General secretary informed that the Awards, Certificates and Mementos of 2019 and 2020 awardees which were supposed to be awarded during 2020 and 2021 annual conferences respectively have been prepared and couriered to the recipients with a covering letter. All recipients have been acknowledged the receipt of it. Thirty four, 34, new life members have been enrolled during 2022 and been provisionally admitted and the GB held on 23-12-'22 has approved their admission. Secretariat has updated membership list and all attempts have been made to update e-mail IDs in google group. Secretariat closely worked with Web coordinator, formed a sub-committee of members to update the ISMS website. The committee had many meetings during the year, sent many requests to members regarding additional materials and they are on the job of modernizing the website.

Secretariat closely worked with conference secretariat of ISMSCON-2022 in organizing the annual conference in terms of finalising scientific programmes, Inaugural function and other meetings during the conference.

Secretariat further supported the formation of election committee, communicating to the members of the committee and conduct of President elect and GC members elections. Prof.S.N Dwivedi has been elected as President elect., and Dr.K.T. Harichandrakumar, Dr.S.B.Tripathi and Prof. Saurabh Ghosh have been elected to the Governing Council.

Prof. Ajit Sahai expressed his decision to the President to resign from the nomination committee Chairmanship. The President in consultation with senior members of the society accepted his request and appointed Prof.P.Venkatesan as the Nomination committee Interim Chair.

Further, General Secretary reported that Prof. K.K Jose of School of Mathematical Sciences, MG University, Kottayam, Kerala has agreed to organise the 2023 annual National conference which has been approved by the GC.

General Secretary's report concluded with a thanking message to President, Treasurer, all past presidents and GC members whom he worked with during his tenure as General secretary for supporting the smooth functioning of his two tenures as General Secretary which is going to end in December 2022.

GB approved the General Secretary's report.

Treasurer Dr. B. Binukumar presented report of financial matters. The treasurer explained the financial positions and presented the audited report for the FY 2021-'22, which has been suggested to circulate through Google group. Report will be circulated to all members later through google group and will be uploaded in the ISMS official website. GB approved the report.

The Bulletin Editor Prof.K.Thennarasu presented the editorial activities carried out during the year. He mentioned about the publication of various issues of the bulletin and difficulty in getting articles from members. However within this constraint he was able to publish several issues. GB approved the report.

The Web coordinator, Dr. Prasanna Samuel, could not attend the meeting due to personal reasons. However, he has sent the report to the General Secretary and Prof. Sreekumaran Nair presented the report in the GB meeting. Website domain and hosting renewal has been done and website content updation also initiated.

It was recommended to update the website content reflect to current details related to a) Membership, b) Fellowship & Award rules, c) and other contents/ events that improve its usability. Toward this end, a committee to discuss content areas for addition in the website and their implementation was formed with the help of Dr. Sreekumaran Nair. The team had periodic meeting on Zoom to discuss areas of updating and its plan for implementation.

Team Members:

Dr Prasanna Samuel (Coordinator)	Dept of Biostatistics, CMC, Vellore
Dr Prathyusha	Dept of Biostatistics, NIMHANS, Bangalore
Dr Anup Kumar	Dept of Biostatistics, SGPIMS, Lucknow
Dr Kamal Kishore	Dept of Biostatistics, PGIMER, Chandigarh
Ms Rekha Richard	Dept of Biostatistics, CMC, Vellore
Dr Binukumar B	Dept of Biostatistics, NIMHANS, Bangalore
Dr N.Sreekumaran Nair	Dept of Biostatistics, JIPMER, Puducherry

Members reported on the progress of undertaken tasks.

- A google survey form was designed and sent to members. Responses were tabulated on the google sheet. As of October 2022, the member updation survey resulted in ~ 70 responses (As of October, 2022).
- All proposed changes in design of website- such as revision of menu options, removal of duplication of documents, transfer of content in PDF to HTML and other related cosmetic changes were implemented.
- A request was sent to all office bearers to relay key messages that can be displayed in the home page of the website.

In summary, Website updating activities were run smoothly throughout the year. In the coming year, team will explore additional ways to reach-out to non-responders from email survey and finalize the updated list. The homepage with inclusion of key messages and visual aids will be redesigned. And methods to collate educational learning resources, events such as workshop and career notifications for display in the website are planned to be explored.

Chairs of Various committees presented their recommendations on awards and Nominations to the GC and summary of these GC recommendation were presented to GB by General secretary.

FSMS award recommendation- Dr.M.Vishnu Vardhana Rao, Director, ICMR-National Institute of Medical Statistics, New Delhi .

Further, Prof.P.Venkatesan as a member in the FSMS committee in place of Prof.K.R.Sundaram.

Search committee recommendations with GC approval

S. no.	Name of the Award	Member Recommended for the Award	Status of Nominee's Consent	Year when the award is to be formally presented
1.	Lifetime Achievement Award	Professor A Indrayan	Received	2023
2.	Professor S K Bhattacharya Oration	Professor P Venkatesan	Received	2023
3.	Smt. Ramrati Lalima Sahai Award	Professor B Antonisamy	Received	2023
4.	Professor P P Talwar Lecture: i) for 2021 ii) for 2022	1. Professor P S S Sundar Rao 2. Dr Padam Singh	Received Received	2022 2022
5.	Professor A Indrayan Travel Grant : i) for 2020 ii) for 2021 iii) for 2022	i) Professor S S Ganguly ii) Dr Anil Kumar iii) Dr Atul Juneja	Received Received Received	2022 2022 2022

Award committee recommendations with GC approval

ISMS AWARD FOR 2022	RECOMMENDED NAME
PROF B.G. PRASAD AWARD:	Dr. JEETENDER YADAV
PROF P.V. SUKHATME AWARD:	Dr. MAHASAMPATH GOWRI S
SMT SURAJ KALI JAIN AWARD:	Dr.GAJENDRA K. VISHWAKARMA
PROF K.R. SUNDARAM AWARD	Ms DEEPTHY M S

General Secretary informed the GB that, Nomination committee Chair Prof.P.Venkatesan presented eligible list of nominations and the committee recommendations for various vacant office bearers and GC members positions to GC meeting. GC discussed the matter and after a long deliberation **GC recommended election for all positions wherever there was more than one eligible nomination for a post.** Dr.Binu V S, Associate Professor, NIMHANS nomination for the Editor post has been approved by GC since there was only one nomination.

The details of eligible nominations were

President-Elect	
Dr. N.Sreekumaran Nair (M.No. 930053/LM)	
Dr. B. Antonysamay (M.No. 920033/LM)	
General Secretary	
Dr. C.B. Tripathi (M.No. 200104/LM)	
Dr. B. Binukumar (M.No 201005/LM)	
Treasurer	
Dr.C. Ponnuraja (M.No. 200453/LM)	
Dr S.B. Singh (M.No. 200818)	
GC Member	
Dr. Tulsi Adhikari (M.No. 980033/LM)	
Dr. Hariom Pachori (M.No. 200907/LM)	
Dr. Prabhakar Mishra (M.No. 201504/LM)	
Dr. P. Marimuthu (M.No.200319/LM)	
Dr. D.K. Yadav (M.No. 201807/LM)	

Editor	
Dr. Binu VS (M.No. 201502/LM)	

President made a separate notification of election committee to conduct independent election of these office bearers and GB requested to complete the formalities before December 31, 2022.

The next agenda item was a proposal by Prof.P.Venkatesan to amend the ISMS constitution in items like membership eligibility, application for award eligibility, etc. At present the criteria is very broad which allowed any one to apply for a membership. Similarly someone can take a membership during the current year and apply for an award immediately. This opportunity has been found to be misused many times. GC deliberated this issue and requested the President to form a committee to work on the constitution amendment. Later, President informed members that through a notification on the formation of the following committee for constitution amendments

1. Dr.B.L.Verma (Co-ordinator), Jhansi
2. Dr.P.Venkatesan, SRMC, Chennai
3. Dr.C.M.Pandey, Lucknow
4. Dr.Ajit Sahai, Lucknow
5. Dr.N.Sreekumaran Nair, JIPMER, Puducherry

The committee will be submitting their report to the President and secretariat. GB approved these recommendations.

Further discussed the invitation of Prof.K.K.Jose to organise the ISMS 2023 conference at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam and its approval by GC. After a brief discussion the GB approved the proposal to host the ISMSCON-2023 at MG University, Kottayam under the leadership of Prof.K.K.Jose.

GC also decided to rename Prof.P. P. Talwar award to Prof. P.P Talwar lecture and GB approved the decision.

Committees for 2023-2025 (three years):

FSMS Committee:

New FSMS committee with inclusion of Prof.P.Venkatesan is,

1. ISMS President (Chair)
2. Prof. P.Venkatesan
3. Prof. C.M. Pandey
4. Prof. Ajit Sahai
5. Prof.V.G.Kaliaperumal
6. Prof. D.K. Subbakrishna
7. Prof. B. L. Verma
8. Dr. Padam Singh
9. Prof. P. P.Talwar
- 10.Prof. K.Srinivasan

Various ISMS committees have to be reconstituted after every three year period. President in his capacity has to make these nominations. Thus President, Prof.L.Jeyaseelan reconstituted the following committees.

1.Nominating committee:

Prof. P.Venkatesan, (Chair)

Prof. D.K. Subbakrishna

Prof. Ajit Sahai

2. Award Committee:

Prof. R M Pandey (Chair)

Dr. R.K.Soni

Prof. P.Marimuthu

Prof. Aleyamma Mathew

Dr.Satish Kakade

3. Search Committee:

Prof. B L Verma, Chair

Prof. B. A.Gangaboraiah

Prof. K. Thennarasu

Dr. Anil Kumar

Prof. Anil C Mathew

Usually GB meeting happens in the second day of the conference and Prof.RN Srivastava award presentation gets completed then and results will gets declared in GB. However this year GB meeting happened in the first day of conference and hence we could not declare the result in GB. We declared it on valedictory.

This year winner of Prof.RN.Srivastava award is Mr.Sachit Ganapathy.

On behalf of General Body, Prof.P.Venkatesan thanked all retiring office bearers namely Prof.L.Jeyaseelan, President, Prof.N.Sreekumaran Nair, General Secretary, Dr.Binukumar B, Treasurer, Prof.K.Thennarasu, Bulletin Editor and GC member Prof. Asha Kamath for their active contribution to the development of the Society.

General Secretary proposed the vote of Thanks.



Prof.L Jeyaseelan
President, ISMS
31-12-2022

Prof.N.Sreekumaran Nair
General Secretary, ISMS