

**Indian Society for Medical Statistics**  
**Minutes of the Governing Council (GC) meeting held on December**  
**8, 2021**

The meeting was held with virtual platform on December 8, 2021 at 5.30 PM. The following was the agenda for the meeting.

**The Governing council meeting agenda - 2021**

**Date: December 8, 2021, Time: 5:30 PM to 7:00PM, Venue: Virtual Platform**

- 1. Welcome by President**
- 2. Silent prayer in respect of demised members - Prof.K.Ramachandran, Prof. VK Srivastava & Dr N S Murthy.**
- 3. Approval of minutes of the 2020 GC & GB meetings**
- 4. Report of General Secretary**
- 5. Report of Treasurer**
- 6. Report of Editor - Bulletin**
- 7. Report of Web co-ordinator**
- 8. FSMS committee report**
- 9. Search committee report**
- 10. Awards committee report**
- 11. Nominating committee report**
- 12. High power committee report**
- 13. Election of president elect - progress**
- 14. Arrangement for the 2021 annual conference**
- 15. Venue for the 2022 annual conference**
- 16. Thanking the retiring GC members**
- 17. Any other matter with the permission of the chair**
- 18. Vote of thanks by General Secretary**

President of the society Dr. L Jeyaseelan Chaired the meeting and General secretary presented the agenda. Then agenda items one by one were taken for discussion.

**1. Welcome by the President**

The President of ISMS Prof. Jeyaseelan welcomed all members of the Governing council for the meeting.

**2. Silent prayer in respect of demised society members -  
Prof. K. Ramachandran, Prof V K Srivastava, Dr.N.S Murthy.**

Members of the Governing council observed one minute silent prayer in respect of departed members of the society during the year.

**3. Approval of minutes of the 2020 GC & GB meetings**

General secretary presented minutes of 2020 General body and Governing council meeting. All members unanimously passed the minutes with some small correction in dates.

**4. Report of the General Secretary**

General Secretary presented report of activities carried out by the secretariat during 2021.

Secretariat maintained regular Communication with members regarding announcement, notifications of the society, various news items like conference, workshops, vacancies etc. which are relevant for the members, and other similar items to society members time to time.

Thirty eight new life members have been enrolled and ISMS membership certificate have been sent to all new members. Secretariat periodically updated new members e-mail ID's in the ISMS google group. Secretariat provided materials like draft Minutes of GC and GB, and copies of general communication for members etc to the web coordinator for updating and it has been regularly uploaded in the site.

High power committee and secretariat represented to the National Medical Commission regarding faculty position and qualification to the medical colleges/institutes. NMC partially modified the notification. High power committee continuously worked for presenting our case including ratifying the qualification in the appointment. Committee is further pursuing it with NMC. There will be a separate brief about it by Prof. B L Verma, The Chair of the committee.

Secretariat Prepared all mementos and certificate for 2019 and 2020 awards and planning to courier it after the meeting or as suggest by GC & GB.

Krishna Institute of Medical science (Deemed to be University) at Karad is expressed their willingness to host the 2022 conference, received official letter from Dr.Satish Kakade, Associate Professor at Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences which is supported by Officials of the University. Requested Dr.Kakade to make a presentation during the GB meeting regarding facilities and arrangements and then a decision will be taken.

The Governing council made following recommendations to the secretariat.

- a) Further improve communication with members
- b) Initiate Society's web updating process in coordination with new web coordinator.
- c) Revise membership list and update physical register of members, Fellows, and awardees.

With these recommendations Governing council approved the report.

### **5. Report of the Treasurer**

Treasurer Dr.Binukumar presented treasurer's report and audited statement. There were enquiry about donation connected with FSMS award. Treasurer informed the GB that now payments are regular and all awardees have been paid. There was a suggestion about separating income from donations for specific purposes. Only membership fees and general donations should be considered as income. Donations for specific purposes like awards or travel fellowship can not be considered as income. Further, the Treasurer clarified that for auditing purpose we have to follow as per income tax rule and all donations needs to be accounted for the same. Governing council approved the report.

### **6. Bulletin Editor's**

From the Editor's office, multiple announcement inviting materials for ISMS Bulletin was sent to all members of ISMS. The editor on behalf of editorial committee consisting of renowned persons in various fields of medical statistics and biostatistics requested for original/ review article, short communications and case reports, etc. This is to disseminate the research work and to expand understanding of fundamental principles of biostatistics and application in biomedical research to members' through publication.

The editorial office with a separate Gmail account (ISMS.editor@gmail.com ) was used to communicate with other members. During the period multiple email request

were sent to ISMS members to publish their work and disseminate the information of various academic activities.

Due to COVID pandemic and its severity during second wave, after the circulation of last ISMS Bulletin during Dec. 2020 we have not received any manuscript or material. Hence, after taking consent from the resource persons, we released of ISMSCON2020 pre-conference workshop materials in YOUTUBE channel of ISMS Editor during the month of August 2021. The contents are edited and available in 9 videos.

- (1) Sample size for Equivalence and Non inferiority Studies (Part 1 & Part2)
- (2) Non Inferiority Trials: Design and sample size (Part 1 & Part2)
- (3) Adaptive Designs In Bio-pharmaceutical Development (Part1 - Part5).

Until last month, the total viewership was about 250. Editor requested all member to subscribe the channel and get the benefit from this specialized resource materials. With the support of the member we try to bring the next issue of ISMS Bulletin as early as possible.

Bulletin editor thanked all editorial board members for accepting the task of reviewing the articles and requested all members to have active participation in bringing the ISMS Bulletin.

GC Members felt that the bulletin publication should be more regular and with more content with GB meeting minutes, secretariate write up, conference materials, photographs of ISMS events etc with some academic flavours. Further GC suggested the Editor to work out more effective mechanism.

## **7. Web-coordinator reports**

Prof.Jeyaseelan has been working as President and web coordinator during the period. Hence all communications to website have been routing through Dr.Jeyaseelan and updated in the website. Now Nominating committee recommended Dr.Prasanna Samuel, Head of the department of Biostatistics at CMC, Vellore as the web coordinator which has to be approved by GC and then GB. With GC and GB approval we will have a web coordinator and website can be improved.

The GC discussed regarding outdated materials still existing in the website and GC's suggested to update these materials in the ISMS website. It require dedicated manpower which require funding. Members felt financial support can be provided from the society. A committee with more young members may be formed to support web-coordinator. However members opined that all material uploaded in the website should have approval from the secretariat and it should flow through secretariat.

## **8. Recommendations of FSMS Committee**

The Chair of FSMS committee, President Dr.Jeyaseelan, presented his report in the GC. After discussion recommendations of the FSMS committee were approved by the GC.

The recommendations were

Prof.Saurabh Ghosh, ISI, Kolkota

Prof. P. Marimuthu, NIMHANS, Bangalore

## **9. Search Committee recommendations**

The Chair of search committee, Prof. B L Verma, presented his report in GC and recommendations. After discussion recommendations were approved by the GC.

Life time achievement award: Dr. Padam Singh, New Delhi

Prof. S K Bhattacharya Oration: Prof. C M Pandey, Lucknow

Smt. Ramrati Lalima Sahai award: Prof. P. Venkatesan, Chennai

## **10. Award committee recommendation**

The Chair of award committee, Prof. R.M. Pandey, presented his report and recommendations in GC. After discussion recommendations were approved by GC.

Prof. K R Sundaram Young researcher award: MS.Sukhanshi Khandpur

Department of Molecular Medicine and Biotechnology, SGPGIMS, Lucknow.

Prof. B G Prasad award: Dr.Prashant Ramdas Kokiwar  
Department of Community Medicine, Malla Reddy Institute of Medical Sciences,  
Hyderabad

Prof. P V Sukhatme award: Dr.Gajendra K Vishwakarma, IIT, Dhanbad

Further committee Chairs felt that there is a lack of objectivity in selection criteria for these awards. It is also difficult to check the submitted papers for the award have been already published or awarded. Hence Chairs suggested there should be a self attestation statement from the applicants in this regard. During 2020 GB meeting there was a suggestion for making this criteria and then President Dr.P.Venkatesan requested Chairs of award, search and nomination committees together form the criteria. However nothing materialised. Hence GC entrusted the present President to discuss the matter in GB formulate an objective criteria for the same.

## **11. Nominating committee report**

The Chair of Nominating committee, Prof. Ajit Sahai, presented his report in GC and recommendations.

Dr.Prasanna Samuel, Head Department of Biostatistics has been recommended for web coordinator which was approved by GC.

There were six applications for three post in the governing council. However the nominating committee fails to get a consensus among applicants and hence as per the decision of 2020 general body meeting, GC recommended to fill these posts through election. After a considerable debate regarding pros and cons of election, GC approved to initiate the election process for all positions.

## **12. High power committee report**

The chair of High power committee Prof. B. L Verma briefed the GC regarding its preparation of report and its continuous deliberation with National Medical Commission. Matters have been partially sorted out. However still there are issues to be resolved and committee in touch with NMC in this regard. GC appreciated the effort of committee.

### **13. Election of President elect**

President of the society briefed the GC about the status of president elect election. There were three candidate for one post of President elect and past President constituted an election committee to conduct election. Committee started work of election with input from secretariat. Unfortunately middle of the process one candidate expired which created a dilemma of going ahead with the election or not?. Many senior members suggested it would be wise to get opinion of GC and GB before taking a decision. Hence GC recommended to the present president to form an election committee at the earliest during GB meeting and conduct the election with two candidates.

### **14. Arrangements for the annual conference 2021**

General secretary of the society briefed about the arrangements made by the Organising Secretary, Dr.S.B.Singh for the conduct of 2021 annual conference.

### **15. Venue for the Annual conference 2022**

Dr.Satish Kakade, Associate Professor of Statistics from the Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences submitted a proposal to ISMS for hosting the annual conference with approval from his management. This was discussed in the GC and approved. Moreover, Dr.Kakade was asked to make a presentation in the GB about hosting the 2022 annual conference at Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad.

### **16. Thanking the retiring GC members**

The Governing council expressed their gratitude to three retiring members Dr. Kalaivani, Prof.S.K. Singh and Prof.D.P. Singh who are retiring from the governing council by December 31, 2021.

**17. Any other matter with the permission of the chair**

President brought up the issue of conducting quality continuing education programme by the society by getting eminent statisticians in the board. GC authorised the President and Secretariat to go ahead with a well structured programme.

**18. Vote of thanks by General Secretary**

General secretary proposed vote of thanks to all members.



Dr.N.Sreekumaran Nair,

General Secretary