

Indian Society for Medical Statistics Governing council Meeting minutes- 2022

The governing council meeting was held at Hotel Sangam, Kolhapur, Karad, Maharashtra on November 23, 2022 with the following agenda.

The Governing Council meeting 2022 -Agenda

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
5. Report of Treasurer
6. Report of Editor - Bulletin
7. Report of Web Coordinator
8. FSMS committee report
9. Search committee report
10. Awards committee report
11. Nominating committee report
12. Constitution amendments proposed by Prof. P. Venkatesan
13. Arrangement for annual conference 2022
14. Venue for the 2023 annual conference
15. Thanking the retiring GC members
16. President elect and Governing council members – Election results
17. Any other matter with permission of the chair
18. Vote of thanks by General Secretary

The meeting started with a condolence prayer in respect of the demised member Prof.Saurabh Ghosh. Then President ISMS, Prof. Jeyaseelan welcomed GC members, Committee chairs and past presidents who were present at the venue 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 GC and GB reports. Followed by, General Secretary presented report of the

Society activities held during 2021-'22. The following is the summary of General Secretary's report and GC suggestions.

Secretariate regularly communicated 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 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 GS sought GC's approval for their formal admission. The present GC has approved these admissions. Secretariat has updated membership list and all attempts have been made to update e-mail IDs in google group. At present we have nearly 800 e-mail IDs in google group and nearly one thousand life members of the society. 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 resign from the nomination committee Chairmanship. The President in consultation with senior members of the society 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. 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. Council approved the General Secretary's report.

Treasurer presented report of financial matters. The treasurer explained the financial positions which is relatively comfortable and presented the audited report for the FY 2021-'22, which will be circulated to all members later through google group and will be uploaded in the ISMS official website.

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. GC suggested to explore the feasibility of uploading videos of various training sessions in the ISMS website. Editor thanked all members for their support during his 5 years tenure as Editor which is ending in December 2022.

The Web coordinator could not attend the meeting due to personal reasons. However, he sent the report to the General Secretary and General Secretary presented the report in the Governing council meeting. In nutshell the following is the report.

The website hosting and its domain name are registered through the professional agency '**Orbit Info Solutions**'. Secretariat communications are uploaded regularly in the website. Two activities initiated that helped to restructure the website are;

I . Domain and hosting renewal

It was noted that the payment for website domain renewal / hosting were missed for the period 2016 onwards. Renewal payments were made based on consolidated invoice received from the provider, and domains/hosting support issues were resolved with support from Dr Jeyaseelan, Dr Sreekumaran Nair & Dr Binukumar. The website

domain is reinstated and activated, and was communicated to the service provider to give timely intimations & invoices.

II . Website Content updation

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.

III . Summary & Next steps

Website updating activities were run smoothly through out 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.

President as the Chair of FSMS committee, presented this year FSMS award recommendation for Dr.M.Vishnu Vardhana Rao, Director, ICMR-National Institute of Medical Statistics, New Delhi. GC approved it.

The GC recommended Prof.P.Venkatesan as a member in the FSMS committee in place of Prof.K.R.Sundaram.

The Search Committee Chair Prof.B.L.Verma presented the following as the recommendations of the search committee.

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

After a brief discussion, these recommendations were approved.

Award committee Chair Prof.R.M.Pandey could not attend the meeting. However he communicated the following recommendations of the award committee to the secretariat and General Secretary presented the recommendations to GC.

ISMS AWARD FOR 2022

RECOMMENDED NAME

**FOR PROF B.G. PRASAD AWARD:
FOR PROF P.V. SUKHATME AWARD:
FOR SMT SURAJ KALI JAIN AWARD:
FOR PROF K.R. SUNDARAM AWARD:**

**Dr. JEETENDER YADAV
Dr. MAHASAMPATH GOWRI S
Dr.GAJENDRA K. VISHWAKARMA
Ms DEPTHY M S**

All these recommendations have been approved by the Governing council.

Nomination committee Chair Prof.P.Venkatesan presented eligible list of nominations and the committee recommendations for various vacant office bearers and GC members positions. 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. Antonysamy (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. Marimuthu (M.No.200319/LM)	
Dr. D.K. Yadav (M.No. 201807/LM)	
Editor	
Dr. Binu VS (M.No. 201502/LM)	

The next agenda item was a proposal by Prof.P.Venktesan 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 some one 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 through a notification on the formation of the following committee for Constitution amendments

1. Dr.BL.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.

Organising secretary of 2022 conference Dr.S.V.Kakade described about the arrangement for ISMSCON- 2022 conference and GC appreciated the arrangement and congratulated Dr.Kakade for planning it in a grand manner. Further GC discussed the invitation of Prof.K.K.Jose to organise the ISMS 2023 conference at Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. After discussion on the presentation of Dr.Jose and seeing the approval of the Vice Chancellor, MG University, the GC approved the proposal to host the ISMSCON-2023 at MG University, Kottayam under the leadership of Prof.K.K.Jose.

General Secretary informed GC about the past council election process and vote shared by each candidate in the election.

Prof. B L Verma proposed renaming of Prof.P. P. Talwar award to Prof. P.P Talwar lecture and GC approved it.

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 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

Governing council 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. GC meeting concluded with the Dinner hosted by conference Organising Secretariat. General Secretary proposed the vote of Thanks.

Prof.L Jeyaseelan
President, ISMS



Prof.N.Sreekumaran Nair
General secretary, ISMS

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