

Indian Immunology Society

1. The annual GBM of the society was held on 13.12.2008 at 6.00 PM at Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneshwar.

2. The General Body welcomed the following New Executive Council Members:

Dr. Sita Naik, President
Dr. Pawan Sharma, Vice President
Dr. D.N. Rao, Secretary
Dr. Sunil Arora, Joint Secretary
Dr. N. Das, Treasurer

Executive Members

Dr. V.L. Malhotra
Dr. Shripad A. Patil
Dr. Om Prakash
Dr. Vinod Singh
Dr. V. Manivel
Dr. S. Sinha
Dr. Kanury Rao, Past President
Dr. N.K. Mehra, Special Invitee

The following members attended the GBM

Dr. Sita Naik, Dr. Pawan Sharma, Dr. D.N. Rao, Dr. Shripad A. Patil, Dr. V. Manivel,
Dr. Kanury Rao, Dr. N.K. Mehra

3. The new executive of the Society chaired by Dr. Sita Naik, President and General Secretary, Dr. D.N. Rao congratulated the out going executive for their contribution during their tenure. The new executive congratulated Dr. B. Ravindran and Dr. S. Devadas and their team for the grand success of 35th Indian Immunology Society held at ILS, Bhubaneshwar from 12th – 15th December, 2008. Dr. Sita Naik thanked the organizers for organizing an excellent scientific session and good hospitality and the hard work done during the conference.

4. The general body of the Society considered, debated, and approved the following items.

- (1) The minutes of the last GBM (18.12.2007) were read out by Dr. D.N. Rao, Secretary of the IIS. These were confirmed unanimously following a proposal to the effect by Dr. Pawan Sharma and seconded by Dr. N.K. Mehra.
- (2) The general body welcomed and approved that Dr. Sripad A. Patil from NIMHANS, Bangalore should organize the next 36th IIS, Conference at Bangalore in 2009. The dates of the conference should be provided by Dr. Sripad

- A. Patil at the earliest to IIS. Further for 37th IIS conference during the year 2010, three places viz Kolkata, Srinagar and Siliguri were considered by GBM. These three places will be further discussed during the next Executive Meeting to short list the probable place.
- (3) Dr. N.K. Mehra sent a written proposal to the Secretary of IIS, that he is willing to hold next FIMSA meeting at New Delhi during the end of year 2011 or early 2012. This was unanimously approved by the GBM.
 - (4) Some Fixed Assets of the Society to the tune of Rs. 52,000/- (old type writer, photocopier, furniture) which have become outdated, unserviceable and completely unfit for any use should be written off and condemned. This was put forward before the GBM and the GBM approved the condemnation. This proposal was put forward by Dr. N.K. Mehra and seconded by Dr. Pawan Sharma.
5. There was a discussion by various members of the GBM that attendance by students should increase more for better relationship and exchange of scientific information between them. Dr. N.K. Mehra pointed out that more number of travel fellowship should be given by IIS to needy students who do not have any financial assistance. Dr. Krishna Prasad, Dr. Gobardhan Das and Dr. I. Nath suggested that IIS should tie up with other allied and like-minded societies in different disciplines so that new invited speakers and more students can participate in forthcoming IIS conferences. Dr. Santosh Kar and Dr. Nayak had suggested that local chapters at other regional places should start one or two day satellite meetings in basic and applied immunology, with lectures by eminent teachers of their region to strengthen the subject among the students and researchers. Dr. Sita Naik and other executive members promised that IIS will help financially to hold such meetings. Further finances can be raised by the organizers from MCI, CSIR, ICMR & other financial bodies. This was approved by the GBM.
6. Dr. Kanury Rao applauded the continued success of Winter Schools in Immunology every year. The School organizes lectures delivered by eminent speakers specialized in Immunology, both from India & abroad. The GBM suggested that this event should continue and more students should get opportunity to attend the same.
7. Those who want life membership certificate may request the IIS Secretary for possible help. This was agreed by the IIS executive.
8. IIS should pay the expenses for the Newsletter publication.
9. The student Editor of the Newsletter should be in touch with Dr. N. Das as advisor for the Newsletter publication.

The GBM accepted the balance sheet of accounts 2007-2008.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.