

## **Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting of IIS held at Jammu on 8.2.2011**

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) of the Society was held on 8.2.2011 at 1.00 PM at Jammu in “General Zorawar Singh Auditorium Complex” University of Jammu, Jammu.

The following decisions that had been approved by the Executive Committee (EC) at its meeting held earlier on 8.2.2011 at Jammu, were ratified by the AGBM.

1. Based on the results of elections conducted by Prof. HK Prasad as the Election Officer in the year 2012, the following members of Executive Committee were declared elected for the next 2-year term (2010-1012):

### **President**

Dr. Pawan Sharma

### **Vice President**

Dr. S.K. Arora

### **Secretary**

Dr. D.N. Rao

### **Joint Secretary**

Dr. Sangita Mukhopadhaya

### **Treasurer**

Dr. N. Das

### **Members**

Dr. B.D. Banerjee

Dr. V. Manivel

Dr. Anirban Basu

Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi Malhotra

Dr. D.K. Mitra

Ms. Teena Mohan

### **Past President**

Dr. Sita Naik

### **Special Invitee**

Dr. N.K. Mehra

2. The GBM put on record its appreciation for Prof. HK Prasad for conducting the IIS elections in 2010.

3. Dr. D.N. Rao presented the **Secretary's Report** and it was approved by the GBM. (The Report is attached as Annexure-1).

4. GBM thanked Dr. D.N. Rao for transferring Rs. 2.25 lakhs to IIS (savings from the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of IIS) organized by Dr. D.N. Rao.

5. Again the GBM appreciated the importance of CME programmes conducted under the auspices of IIS at various institutions in India. GBM recorded the need for holding more of such CME programmes at different places in India. It was suggested by GBM that IIS approaches various funding agencies like DST/DBT/ICMR with a request for providing annual funding support (amounting to Rs. 2.00 to Rs. 3.00 lakhs) for CME programmes of the Society at various places in the country.

6. Dr. D.K. Mitra informed the GBM that a company was willing to institute an award (amounting to Rs.1.00 lakh) to an eminent scientist based in India of age between 35-65 for his/her overall contribution in immunology research and education in India. The GBM approved the proposal in principle. It was decided that detailed modalities for the same should be worked out by the Executive Committee of the Society.

7. It was proposed and approved by the GBM that 10% the Registration Fee collected at the Annual Conference of the IIS should invariably be allocated/paid to the IIS funds. It may please be emphasized to the Organizer(s) of every IIS conference in future to kindly implement this clause in letter and spirit.

8. There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether to hold 38<sup>th</sup> IIS Conference during 2011 or not. Dr. N.K. Mehra briefed about the 5<sup>th</sup> FIMSA Conference to be held at New Delhi during March 14-17, 2012. He was of the opinion that IIS conference should be coupled with FIMSA conference so that the IIS bursary funds could be utilized for supporting the needy students to attend FIMSA Conference. Since the two meetings (IIS annual meeting, as proposed by Prof. BD Bannerjee of UCMS, Univ of Delhi, in Oct 2011, and FIMSA in March 2012) would be very close to each other, it would make difficult for IIS members to attend both the meetings.

Therefore it was proposed and decided by the GBM that the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of IIS will be confined to holding only the GBM in March 2012. It was suggested and approved by the GBM that the 38<sup>th</sup> annual GBM of IIS could be held one day before the 5<sup>th</sup> FIMSA meeting being organized from March 14-17, 2012, under the Chairmanship of Prof. NK Mehra. **It was re-emphasized that the 5<sup>th</sup> FIMSA conference should be organized under the aegis of IIS, and that 10% of the entire sum of Registration Fee collected for the 5<sup>th</sup> FIMSA conference should be paid to IIS after the conclusion of the 5<sup>th</sup> FIMSA conference.**

9. Dr. Usha (Professor of Immunopathology, Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU, Varansai) proposed to hold the next annual meeting of IIS in November 2012. The GBM welcomed the proposal and approved that IMMUNOCON-2012-39<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of IIS- be held at BHU, Varanasi. It was proposed that Dr. Usha be invited to EC meetings

in future for coordinating preparation/ organization of the meeting in 2012.

10. Dr. B.D. Banerjee, Professor of Biochemistry, UCMS, Delhi proposed to hold the 40th Annual Meeting of IIS in 2013 at Delhi. The proposal was welcomed and approved by the GBM.

11 The GBM made a strong appeal to the Orgnaizers of the IIS conferences that they must submit audited statement of accounts of the conference to the Secretary-IIS ASAP but not later than six months after the completion of the conference.

12. The GBM also deliberated upon the issue of raising additional funds for various activities of IIS. It was left to the EC to discuss this further in its next meeting.

13. The GBM thanked Dr. Mustaq Siddiqi for holding an excellent 37<sup>th</sup> IIS meeting at Jammu in spite of formidable circumstances.