

**Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Immunology Society held on  
14.03.2012 at AIIMS, New Delhi**

The Annual General Body Meeting (GBM) of IIS was held on 14.3.2012 in the Conference Hall of AIIMS at 3.30 PM during the inaugural day of FIMSA 2012. A total of 88 life members attended the GBM, chaired by Dr. Pawan Sharma, President of IIS. Dr. D.N. Rao, Secretary of IIS, circulated the minutes of the last Annual General Body Meeting of IIS held at Jammu on 8.2.2011, and the same were approved by the GBM without any amendment.

Dr. D.N. Rao presented the Secretary's report, and it was also approved by GBM. The Secretary report included details about CME programmes held at different places of India during the year, viz., Kolkata, Tezpur, Mysore and Hyderabad. Support received from ICMR in the form of Rs. 80,000/- to conduct the CME programme was gratefully acknowledged.

Dr. Pawan Sharma mentioned about the two regional Chapters of Indian Immunology Society (IIS), one at Mumbai that has been active for several years under the leadership of Dr. Shubhda Chiplunkar & another newly initiated one at Bhubaneswar at the initiative of Prof. Santosh Kar. There was a discussion in the GBM on this issue by different members, & finally it was decided to have four Regional Chapters, identify the Chapter Coordinator for each of these chapters & evolve a strategy as to what these Chapters would fulfill the objective/mandate of IIS.

Dr. Nibhriti Das, Treasurer of IIS, was requested to present the audited, annual statement of accounts of IIS of that year. This statement may be distributed to the members ASAP after the accounts are audited. It was also decided that the Treasurer should always present a formal report that should include the audited Annual Statement

There was a proposal to increase the Life Membership to Rs. 2,500/-, which was approved by the GBM. The new rate of Life Membership becomes effective from the new financial year (01-April-2012).

Several senior members raised the issue of getting Immunology Courses introduced in university teaching system. Prof. Mushtaq Siddiq and Prof. Sita Naik were entrusted to evolve Course contents of the proposed M.Sc. (Immunology) degree, which could then be taken to Universities/UGC for possible introduction into the teaching curriculum.

Dr. N.K. Mehra highlighted the efforts made to organize the 5<sup>th</sup> FIMSA conference at New Delhi, co-hosted by IIS. Dr. Mehra acknowledged the support extended by IIS in the form of providing Bursaries to as many as 44 participants. The GBM also requested Dr. Mehra to kindly pass on 10% of the Registration fee collected for FIMSA 2012 from the savings of FIMSA to IIS. Prof. Mehra was gently informed further that the more would always be welcome by the Society.

The GBM nominated Prof. Sunil K. Arora from PGIMER, Chandigarh to the FIMSA Council for the next 3-year term.

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of IIS (IMMUNOCON-2012) has been endorsed to Prof. (Dr.) Usha at IMS, BHU, Varanasi.

The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of IIS (IMMUNOCON-2013) was endorsed to Prof. (Dr.) B.D. Banerjee, UCMS, New Delhi.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference IIS (IMMUNOCON-2014) was endorsed to the MKU, Madurai.

An appeal was made to the members to come forward & organize CME programmes at different places in India, with a view to promote education of immunology.

Since the term of the incumbent Executive Committee was about to be completed, the GBM authorized the Executive Committee to appoint a Returning Officer at the earliest so as to initiate the process of elections in due course of time.