

General Body Meeting

General Body Meeting of IIS took place at MKU on 13.12.2014 at 6.00 PM in the Main Lecture Hall (Preview Theatre) of the University. A total of 30 Life Members of IIS attended the meeting. Following decisions were taken:

1. Dr. Pawan Sharma, the outgoing President and the Election Officer for the IIS Elections-2014, formally announced Results of the Election held earlier during the year. He offered heartiest welcome to the newly elected Executive Committee for the term 2014-2016.

Following is the composition of new Executive Committee after filling up of the vacant posts as per Constitution of the Society. (*These were proposed and seconded by the members of the Society at the GBM).

President – Dr. D.N. Rao

Vice President (North) – Dr. Satya N. Das

(South) – Dr. Shripad A. Patil

(East) – Dr. Shashi Baruah*

(West) – Dr. Savita Kulkarni*

Secretary – Dr. Nibhriti Das

Joint Secretary – Dr. K. Balakrishnan

Treasurer – Dr. Alpana Sharam

Executive – Dr. Ramendra Pati Pandey,

Dr. Kaustuv Nayak,

Dr. P. Aparanjita*,

Dr. Arindam Bhattacharya*

Dr. Dil Afroz*

Dr. Sarat Dalai*

Dr. Vandana Pradhan*

Dr. S.B. Anand*

Ex-officio –Dr. Pawan Sharma (immediate past President)

Prof. D. N. Rao, the new President of IIS, then presided over the remaining proceedings of the GBM.

2. The GBM offered thanks and a word of appreciation to Dr. Pawan Sharma for conducting the Elections of IIS-2014 by E-voting. It was mentioned that e-voting also helped in substantial saving in the election expenditure.

3. The GBM congratulated Dr. Rajni Rani on winning the IIS Senior Scientist Oration Award – she was selected out of six distinguished applicants.

4. The GBM appreciated that IIS had sanctioned 16 Bursaries (Travel 3T AC train fare + Registration) for IMMUNOCON-2014.
5. The GBM noted that out of the eight contestants for the “G.P. Talwar Young Scientist award” these three were adjudged as worthy of being awarded: (1) Dr. N. Mahalakshmi, Anna University, Chennai (2) Ms. Ayantika Talkudar, AIIMS, New Delhi (3) Mr. Rushikesh Sudam Patil, ACTREC, Mumbai
6. The GBM was informed that EC took a strong view of the fact that organizers of some of the past national conference(s) or CME courses had not submitted the audited statement of accounts; This creates hurdles for getting funding support for future meetings/conferences. Therefore the GBM urged that the organizing secretary should submit a full audited statement of accounts/utilization certificate within two months of the date of completion of conference. This was approved by GBM.
7. The GBM acknowledged the excellent arrangements Dr. Balakrishnan and his team had made in successfully hosting the Immunocon-2014 (41st Annual Meeting of IIS). The GBM congratulated Dr. Balakrishnan and his team for efficient and smooth conduct of the IMMUNOCON-2014.
8. GBM was informed that five CME courses were successfully arranged during the year 2014. GBM appreciated the efforts of the organizers:
 - a) Dr. Subit Kumar Das, Kolkata
 - b) Dr. Sarat Dalai, Nirma University, Ahmedabad
 - c) Dr. Vijayalakshmi Nag, AIIMS, Jodhpur
 - d) Dr. Sadhana Sharma, Miranda House, Delhi
 - e) Dr. Kolli Suryakiran , Rangaraya Government Medical College, Kakinada
9. GBM was also informed that the following five have applied for organizing CME courses as shown. It was decided that the new EC would decide on these applications ASAP. The GBM endorsed this decision.
 - a) Dr. Awasthi – Dehradun Institute of Biomedical Sciences – April 2015.
 - b) Dr. Subrahmanian, Department of Zoology, Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore –September 2015.
 - c) Dr. Karuna – AIIMS, Bhopal, 25-26th September, 2015.
 - d) Dr. Surabhi Bhattacharya – Tripura University, April, 2015.
 - e) Narayana Medical College plus Vikram Simhapuri University, Nellore – September/ October 2015.

10. The GBM was informed that international Day of Immunology (DoI) was celebrated at four places. GBM congratulated the organizers:

- a) Dr. Alpana Sharma, AIIMS, New Delhi
- b) Dr. Awasthi – Dehradun
- c) Dr. Taruna Madan – Mumbai
- d) Dr. Chitra Mondal – Kolkata

11. It was announced that 42nd Annual Conference of IIS (IMMUNOCON-2015) will be held at RMRIMS, Patna- 2015. Dr. Subhankar K. Singh of RMRIMS- Patna) gave a brief review of the same and requested the members to attend the same with full attendance.

It was also decided that 43rd Annual Conference of IIS (IMMUNOCON-2016) would be held at Tejpur University, Assam – 2016. Dr. Sashi Baruah gave a brief review of the same and requested the members to attend the same with full attendance.

12. The GBM was apprised of the discussions that EC had been holding with Dr. Vana of “ology” group of journals, regarding their possible collaboration with IIS to start a new journal, “ Journal of Immunology & Informatics”. Its modalities and operational rules and by-laws were discussed. Few doubts and concerns raised by EC were also presented to GBM. The GBM approved this collaboration in principle and authorized the EC to take appropriate necessary steps to launch the official journal of IIS with an appropriate title. It was decided that before taking the final decision, EC would share the relevant information with the general membership of the Society by e-mail, with the objective of seeking approval or suggestions etc.

13. It was proposed that Retired IIS members and Senior IIS Executives/Retired Executive should be provided Registration waiver and local hospitality by the respective organizers of the IMMUNOCONS. This was approved by GBM.

14. It was pointed out that the quality and the intrinsic merit of Plenary Lectures, oral and poster presentations and invited talks at the meeting were of high standard.

15. There was a discussion to start M.Sc. course in Immunology. It was decided to constitute an IIS Sub-Committee for Academic Affairs for this purpose.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.