

Indian Immunology Society

Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting (GBM) held on 18.12.2007

The annual GBM of the Society was held at 03:15PM on 29.01.2007 at National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Pune, during the 34th Annual Meeting of the Society.

The Vice-President of the Society, Dr. Shubhada Chiplunkar was in the Chair. She opened the meeting by congratulating Dr. Ramesh Paranjape, Dr. Madhuri Thakar and their team on the grand success of the 34th Annual Meeting of the Society that they organized at NARI, Pune. She noted that the meeting was very well attended and efficiently organized, and she thanked the organizers for their hard work and excellent hospitality.

The General Body of the Society considered/debated/approved the following items:

1. The Minutes of the last GBM (held on 29.01.2007) were read out by Dr. Pawan Sharma, Secretary of the IIS; these were approved by Dr. K. B. Sainis and seconded by Dr. U Sengupta.
2. Dr. Pawan Sharma then presented the Secretary's report (copy attached). As part of this report the following decisions of the EC were ratified unanimously by the GBM:
 - i). Prof. H. Krishna Prasad will shoulder the responsibility of the Election-cum-Returning officer for conducting the Society's elections in the year 2008.
 - ii). The GBM reiterated that all bona fide members of the IIS remain eligible to vote. (The EC's decision that only those members who have attended at least one meeting in the last five years should be allowed to vote was rejected by the GBM).
 - iii). It was reiterated that potential contestants for the posts of the President and the Secretary of the Society must have attended at least three annual meetings in the last five years.
3. The GBM also approved that in addition to maintaining a Master List of Members of the Society, a list of Active Members of the IIS should be maintained specifically for the purpose of dues to be paid for affiliation to the IUIS. An active member was defined as the member who has attended at least one annual meeting of the Society in the previous five years.
4. The General Body of the society welcomed and approved the written proposal (vide a letter addressed to the President, IIS) made by Dr. B. Ravindran, Director, Institute of Life Sciences (ILS) that he and Prof. Rabi Nayak of National Institute

- of Science Education and Research (NISER)-Bhubaneswar would hold the next, *i.e.* 35th Annual Conference of the Society at Bhubaneswar, in December 2008.
5. Prof. Santosh K. Kar informed the House about his plans to organize a CME course/ Workshop at National Institute of Science Education & Research (NISER), Bhubaneswar, sometime in September 2008; that Medical Council of India would be approached to procure funding support for this event. It was once again emphasized that a core curriculum must be evolved ASAP for the Society's CME course, and that the "CME" should be re-named as "CME (Immunology)".
 6. Dr. Kalpana Pai (Reader, Dept of Zoology, University of Pune) informed the General Body that a CME would be organized at her place in 2010.
 7. Dr. Shubhada Chiplunkar and Dr. K. B. Sainis informed that the Bombay Immunology Group would organize a scientific workshop "for the students and by the students", at the Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research & Education in Cancer (ACTREC), Navi Mumbai at a convenient date in 2008.
 8. On behalf of the Panel of Judges (Dr. V. Ravi, Dr. Sujatha Narayanan, Dr. B. Ravindran), the Secretary announced the names of the winners of the GP Talwar Young Scientist Awards for 2008: (i). Mr. Nooruddin Khan of Centre For DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD) Hyderabad, and (ii). Mr. Vijay J. Upadhye, Jannalal Bajaj Tropical Disease Research Centre, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (MGIMS), Sevagram)
 9. Dr. P. Selvaraj of TRC and others suggested that for the Society's awards, especially for the GPT Young Scientist awards, only the work carried out entirely in India should be considered. The suggestion was accepted by the General Body. The Secretary reiterated that the age limit for the Young Scientist award was 35 years, and that at least four applicants per award need to be short listed for making presentation at the Annual meeting of the Society. Since this year, only seven applications were received for two awards, all seven were short listed for the presentation.
 10. Dr. Santosh K. Kar, the Treasurer of the Society, presented un-audited statement of accounts of the Society. In response to a query by Dr. DB Chandramouli, Dr. Kar promised to get the accounts audited as soon as possible and display the audited statement on the Society's website in January 2008; this would also facilitate in getting the income-tax exemption certificate for the Society.
 11. Dr. Kar also announced the proposal for instituting two more annual IIS awards; the announcement was greeted with loud applause. More details of these awards will become available later.
 12. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.