

INDIAN ACADEMY OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES (IABS)

MINUTES OF THE 3rd ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 14.12.2013 at 6.00 PM

Venue: Conference Hall, Rajiv Gandhi Diabetes and Endocrinology Centre, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, U.P.

Members Present:

1. Prof. Hari S. Sharma, President – in the chair
2. Prof. S.K. Verma, Vice-President
3. Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi, Secretary – General
4. Prof. Najmul Islam, Joint Secretary
5. Prof. Vijay K. Kutala, Joint Secretary
6. Dr. Ranjana Singh, Treasurer
7. Dr. Arun Raizada, Member
8. Prof. Subir Kumar Das, Member
9. Dr. Sukesh Mukherjee, Member
10. Prof. Ashok Kumar, Member
11. Prof. Khursheed Alam, Member
12. Prof. Alpana Sharma, Member
13. Dr. Brijesh Rathore, Member
14. Dr. T. Venkatesh, Member
15. Dr. Shivani Pandey, Member
16. Dr. Kalpana Singh, Member
17. Dr. Anu Chandra, Member
18. Dr. Mohd. Kaleem Ahmad, Member

Minutes of the Meeting:

1. Prof. Hari S. Sharma, welcomed the Hon'ble members of IABS to the general body meeting.
2. The minutes of the last annual meeting of the Academy, held in the Board Room of the Vice Chancellor Office, King George's Medical University, Lucknow on 29th January 2013, were confirmed.
3. Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi, Secretary – General, briefed the members about the First and Second Annual Conferences of the Academy held at Lucknow. Thereafter, Prof. Mahdi on behalf of the Academy thanked Prof. Najmul Islam and Prof. Khursheed Alam and their team for the highly successful organization of the 3rd Annual Conference of IABS at Aligarh. All members thanked for the hospitality and complimented Prof. Islam for successfully organizing this annual event.

4. The audited balance sheets of the Academy and statement of accounts for the years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 were presented before the Hon'ble members. Members unanimously approved the same.
5. Prof. Mahdi informed the members that the Academy has got the Income Tax Exemption under 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Members thanked Prof. Mahdi for his efforts for getting the tax exemption for IABS.
6. Prof. Mahdi informed the members that he and his family have decided to donate a sum of Rs.1.0 lakh to IABS to institute an award in the name of his late father, Padma Shri Prof. Mahdi Hasan. Prof. Mahdi also informed that Prof. Shad Bano Ahmad (from Canada) has told him that she wanted to donate a sum of Rs. 1.0 lakh (Rs.10,000/- every month for 10 months) for instituting an award in the name of her late husband, Prof. Sohail Ahmad, former Chairman, Department of Microbiology, J.N. Medical College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh.

Members present welcomed the gesture of Prof. Mahdi and Prof. Ahmad and it was unanimously resolved that both the awards shall be instituted by the Academy. It was also decided that the amount given by the donors shall be separately fixed deposited in the name of the Academy and the interest so obtained annually shall be utilized for conferring the awards. Members unanimously authorized the President to constitute a committee to formulate the guidelines for both the awards. It was also decided that from next year *Padma Shri Prof. Mahdi Hasan Award* shall be given to an eminent scientist for Clinical Research and *Prof. Sohail Ahmad Award* shall be given to an outstanding researcher in the field of Basic Medical Research.

7. Prof. Najmul Islam informed the members that he has donated a sum of Rs.10,000/- to the Academy for instituting an award in the name of his late father, Prof. Noorul Islam. Members unanimously approved the award. It was decided that as in case of other awards the amount given by Prof. Islam shall be kept in a separate fixed deposit in the name of the Academy. The interest obtained annually will be utilized for conferring the award. Members unanimously authorized the President to forward this matter also before the award committee to formulate the guidelines. It was also resolved that from next year *Prof. Noorul Islam Young Researcher Award* will be given on competitive basis in the form of a certificate.
8. Prof. Mahdi proposed that from next year onwards 15% of the registration fees collected during the annual conferences shall be deposited in IABS Account (Central) to be utilized by the central office for various expenditures. The proposal was unanimously approved and it was decided that the registration charges shall be accordingly fixed by the Organizing Secretary. Moreover, Prof. Mahdi also proposed that that the Academy shall support the Organizers of the Annual Meetings by providing some seed money. It was unanimously approved and the President was authorized to sanction money to the organizers of the Annual Meeting of the Academy.
9. Prof. Mahdi proposed that the fee collected from the members which is being deposited in the saving bank account shall be kept in a separate fixed deposit in the name of the Academy. The members unanimously authorized the President and the Treasurer to do the needful in this regard.
10. Prof. Mahdi informed the members that one of the objectives of the Academy, when it was formed, was to promote and recognize academic excellence by instituting fellowships to be given to persons of eminence.

The person so conferred with Academy's fellowship may use the words FIABS after his/her name. It was resolved that the fellowships will be given only in recognition of academic excellence. The President was authorized to constitute a committee to formulate the guidelines for awarding Academy fellowships from next year.

11. In order to promote main objectives the IABS at the national level, Prof. Sharma proposed to create zonal offices and their secretaries, which after discussion, members approved the motion.

12. **Election of the office bearers:**

The members of the Academy unanimously elected the following new officer bearers for the year 2014:

- President: Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi, Lucknow
- Vice-President: Prof. Najmul Islam, Aligarh
Prof. S.K.Verma, Pondicherry
- Secretary – General : Prof. Vijay Kumar Kutala, Hyderabad
- Secretary (Head Qrs): Dr. Shivani Pandey, Lucknow
- Treasurer: Dr. Ranjana Singh, Lucknow

Zonal Secretaries:

- Central Zone: Prof. Ashok Kumar, Satna
- North Zone: Dr. Arun Raizada, New Delhi
- South Zone: Dr. S. Padma, Coimbatore
- East Zone : Prof. Subir K. Das, Kalyani
- West Zone: Prof. Hari Om Sharma, Bhavnagar

Executive Committee members:

1. Prof. Khursheed Alam, Aligarh
2. Dr. Alpana Sharma, New Delhi
3. Dr. Sushama R. Chaphalkar, Baramati
4. Prof. N.S. Verma, Lucknow
5. Dr. Snehasikta Swarnakar, Kolkata
6. Dr. Vinay Kumar Khanna, Lucknow
7. Dr. Manoj Rawat, Agra
8. Dr. Brijesh Rathore, Lucknow
9. Dr. Sukesh Mukherjee, Srinagar
10. Dr. Harsh Vardhan Singh, New Delhi

The newly elected President was authorized to co-opt three more members to the Executive Committee.

The following were also chosen as:

National Advisers:

1. Dr. V.M. Katoch, New Delhi
2. Dr. T. Venkatesh, Bangalore
3. Dr. K.K. Srivastava, New Delhi

International Advisers:

1. Dr. Afroze-ul-Haque, Abu Dhabi
2. Dr. Lindsey Brown, Australia
3. Dr. Dinender Singh, USA
4. Dr. Pawan Singhal, Canata
5. Dr. Wolter J. Mooi, The Netherlands

The members present requested Prof. Hari S. Sharma, Agra/Netherlands, to continue to guide the Academy as Founder President and the member of nucleus board. Prof. Sharma accepted the request and said that he will do everything possible to further promote the Academy.

Members thereafter unanimously approved the amendment in the constitution of the Academy for the creation of Zonal Secretaries and Secretary (Head Quarter) positions in place of the Joint Secretary post. The President was authorized to make necessary amendments in the Bye Laws of the Academy and get the same registered with the concerned Registrar of Societies.

13. Dr. Vijay Kumar Kutala, proposed to organize the 4th Annual meeting of IABS in Hyderabad in the month December/January, 2014/2015. The members unanimously welcomed and accepted the proposal and thanked Dr. Kutala for his offer.
14. Dr. Arun Raizada, New Delhi, volunteered to host 5th Annual meeting of IABS, in New Delhi in 2015/2016. The members unanimously welcomed and accepted the proposal and thanked Dr. Raizada for his offer.
15. Prof. Mahdi proposed that now onwards whosoever organizes the Annual Meeting of the Academy shall be chosen as one of the Vice – President of the Academy for the next year and thereafter shall be chosen as President of the Academy for the following year. Members unanimously approved this proposal.
16. Prof. Mahdi informed the members that the website of the Academy is being maintained and the accounts of the Academy are being audited by CA Madhur Jain & Co. Members authorized the President, Secretary (HQ) and the Treasurer to make the necessary payments.
17. Members also unanimously authorized the President to sanction money for the day to day expenditure of the Academy.
18. Dr. T. Venkatesh, advised the newly elected President and Secretary – General to contact the WHO for global acceptance of IABS and to contact Dr. Cash, Indian Institute of Public Health, Government of India, who is very

keen to recognize the society's/academy's working in the areas of public health. Members authorized the President to act accordingly.

19. Prof. Mahdi thanked all the members for reposing faith in him by electing him as the President of the Academy. He welcomed the newly elected office bearers and appealed all those present to actively promote the Academy by increasing the number of members and by organizing meetings under the banner of the Academy. Prof. Mahdi requested all for help, guidance, valuable suggestions and support in taking the Academy to newer heights.

Prof. Vijay Kumar Kutala
Secretary – General, IABS

Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi
President, IABS