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Minutes of the 30th Meeting of the General Body of the Indian Cryogenics Council (ICC) held at the Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), Kolkata During NSCS-26 on Feb. 22, 2017

The General Body (GB) of the ICC met on the evening of February, 22, 2017 at Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre (VECC), Kolkata . This coincided with the 26th National Symposium on Cryogenics and Superconductivity (NSCS-26).

The Meeting was chaired by Dr. T S Datta, President ICC and was attended by members and NSCS- 26 delegates as invitees.

Dr. Soumen Kar , Secretary (Administration) initiated the proceedings by welcoming the members of ICC and the participants of Twenty Sixth National Symposium on Cryogenics and Superconductivity. He placed before the house the minutes of the previous GB held on December 8, 2014 at University of Hyderabad. The same was confirmed unanimously by the GB. He then invited Dr T S Datta, President (ICC) to address the GB. Mr Anjan Dutta Gupta, Secretary (Technical) and Dr Uttam Bhunia (Joint Treasurer) was also on the Dias. Dr. Datta made a detailed presentation and dwelled on a number of items related to the activities of the ICC since the last GB meeting held in Dec. 2014

He told the GB that the number of Life members has increased by 33 and corporate membership by one since January 2015. GB approved the list of new members.

The closing balance as on 31.03.2016 was Rs. 1,00,19,456/-. The twin conference ICEC/ICMC added 61 lakh to the coffers of the ICC. GB expressed its appreciation and congratulated Dr. Datta , Dr Soumen Kar and his organization team to achieve this feat. GB approved the audited statements of for last 2 years, that is, till 31 March 2016. GB also suggested that ICC should put one crore in Bank Fixed Deposit (FD) to earn more interest and the interest may be utilized for Awards and Chair professor etc . He also gave the break-up of the expenditure incurred during the year on ICC. About Rs. 3.25 lakh were spent on the journal publication and other secretarial expenditure. GB also appreciated the service rendered by Ms Tania Gupta (Secretarial Assistant) during ICEC Conference and for journal Publication.

He informed the members about the publications of Indian Journal of Cryogenics, Volume 41 (2016) from the papers submitted at NSC 25. He also informed the members that the publication of Vol 42(2017) is under process which will have remaining papers from NSC-25 and expected to be out by May, 2017. He informed the august audience that the journal has started publishing one review article written by experts on invitation and the same is printed in colour in hard copy.

Dr. Datta gave the highlights of the ICEC/ICMC conference. The total income from registration and exhibition was Rs. 1.62 Crore and the expenditure Rs. 1.01 Crore leaving a healthy surplus of over Rs. 61 lakh which went to ICC account. It was informed that a total of 339 papers were presented at the conference and a total of 224 manuscripts received. 155 papers were accepted for publication by IOP Conference Series (Material Science &

Engineering). Dr. Datta announced the GB that the Proceedings of the ICEC/ICMC is ready and expected to be out by March 1, 2017.

GB was also informed about the Life Time Achievement Awards (2017) presented to three distinguished Scientists, Prof. ESR Gopal, Prof. Sunil. Sarangi and Prof. Subhash. Jacob during the inaugural session of NSCS-26. The new Leadership Awards were instituted from this year (2017), and this year it was given to three distinguished scientists, Dr. Amit Roy, Dr R K Bhandari and Prof Y. C Saxena.

It was also decided at the GB that a committee will be constituted to look in to the issue of institute more awards like Young Scientist Award/ Group Achievement Award and Prof. A Bose Chair.

In addition to the existing number (34) of ICC Fellows (as on 2014), two more Fellows were elected this year (2017) raising the strength of Fellows to 36. The inducted Fellows are Prof R K Sahoo (NIT, Rourkela) and Dr V Narayanan, LPSC/ ISRO. ICC Fellowship Certificates (2014) were presented to those who were present in the GB Meeting by Dr R K Bhandari, Ex President of ICC. Others not presented will receive their certificates by post.

GB approved the EC nomination of Dr R S Meena (NPL) as Treasurer(ICC) in place of Dr Anurag Gupta (NPL). Dr. Anurag Gupta did not attend any activity of the ICC and remained unresponsive.

GB also approved the continuation of Service by Ms. Tania Gupta as Secretarial Assistant, M/s New Printer as Printer for journal Publication and M/s Garg Agarwal & Associates as Auditor

It was the turn of the North Zone to organize next National Symposium on Cryogenics & Superconductivity (NSCS 28) but considering the hosting of mega event(ICEC 26- ICMC 2016) by North Zone in 2016, it was decided that next NSCS will be held in West Zone. Prof M. D Atrey agreed to take the responsibility for hosting this event at IIT(Mumbai) in December 2018. GB Approved it.

On behalf of ICC Dr. Datta proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Amitav Roy, Director VECC and his colleagues for having organized a very successful National Symposium on Cryogenics and Superconductivity (NSCS- 26).

GB meeting came to an end and the members ICC and others in attendance thanked the chair.