

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of IACR

Minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 20/01/2024 Saturday, 6:30 pm at CV Raman Auditorium, IISER Pune.

### Attendees:-

| Sr.No | Names                              |
|-------|------------------------------------|
| 1     | Sorab N. Dalal President IACR      |
| 2     | Sagar Sengupta Vice-President IACR |
| 3     | Manoj Mahimkar Secretary IACR      |
| 4     | Pritha Ray Treasurer IACR          |
| 5     | Anasuya Roy Chowdhary              |
| 6     | Radhika Nair                       |
| 7     | Nagaraj Balasubramanian            |
| 8     | Rushra Ateed                       |
| 9     | Anindya Dutta                      |
| 10    | Snehasikta Swarakan                |
| 11    | Bushra K Khan                      |
| 12    | Nazia Chaudhary                    |
| 13    | Kartike Desai                      |
| 14    | Pankaj Kumar Giri                  |
| 15    | Shashi Kiran                       |
| 16    | Sankhadeep Dutta                   |
| 17    | Sutapa Mukherjee                   |
| 18    | Dona Sinha                         |
| 19    | Biswarup Basu                      |
| 20    | Sachin Kumar                       |
| 21    | Uttam Pal                          |
| 22    | Kumarswamy . H.M                   |
| 23    | G.Gopal                            |
| 24    | Prasanna Venkatraman               |
| 25    | Mayurika Lahiri                    |

### **1. Welcome and Remarks by the President.**

Dr Sorab Dalal, President of IACR, welcomed all the members and started the meeting proceedings as per the agenda circulated.

### **2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 42<sup>nd</sup> GBM held at ACTREC, TMC and matters arising from the same.**

The minutes of the last meeting were discussed and approved by the members.

### **3. Secretary Report for the year 2023-2024**

The secretary presented the report for the year 2023-2024, stating the activities being done, including the Mumbai chapter in which the lecture series has been arranged at St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, on the occasion of World Cancer Day, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2024, West Bengal Zone also initiated chapter this year at CNCI Kolkata which was a One-day Symposium.

Further, the secretary stated that for this year's essay competition, the response was poor; a total of 11 essays were received, out of which 8 were valid entries.

The IACR Newsletter for 2023 has been published in September 2023. There is an increase in the no of IACR members from 2022-2024, life members have increased by 72, student members by 6, annual members by 4, and overseas members by 1, a total of 83.

### **4. Jaju Kamat Award discussion on relaxation of age for women by five years:**

Since the above point was discussed in the EC meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024, the President mentioned that for women, we should increase the age criteria to 45 as it is done for multiple positions and awards in INDIA and might help in getting the awards next year.

The vote was taken from all members and approved. The resolution was proposed by Dr.Sagar Sengupta and Second from Dr.Kartiki Desai.

The president also stated that from next year, once the meeting is posted on the website, we can send an email to all IACR Members saying that if you would like to apply for the award or know anybody eligible, please apply or encourage them to apply. We will put the link on the website. Dr. Sagar Sengupta also agreed and stated that we should send a mail to all IACR members to nominate colleagues by sending the nomination form.

### **5. Presentation of Annual statement of Accounts by the treasurer and presentation of Budget Estimates for the next financial year 2024-2025**

The treasurer presented the 2022-2023 accounts and budget details and stated that for Society statements that we have funds and liability total of 65,09,754, of which we received 39,45,563 from last year's balance sheet. For property and assets, we have around 42,86,273 as an FD. For the conference account, we received 38,97,148 by registration and sponsorship and transferred 2,46,215 to the IACR society account. Since this conference account was of ACTREC, it was been audited by the Institute's auditor.

The Proposed budget for 2023-24 includes student travel grants (around 25,000 for postdocs below 40 years) and technology transfer awards.

The treasurer also raised a point discussed in the EC meeting that since there is GR by Govt which states that if a person is working in a Government Institute, we cannot give a cash component on, which the president replied that we can use the cash component for the award and provide them with a plaque and a certificate.

The president suggested that outreach programs should be conducted by IACR local chapters, and support for these meetings will be provided by the IACR office.

Dr.Nagraj Balsubraniam stated that we can post all IACR awards on the India Biosciences website to receive applications.

The budget was proposed by Dr.Sagar Sengupta and seconded by Shankhdeep Dutta.

## 6. Election for the Next EC committee.

The President stated that we would need to have an election for a new EC committee for which our new ACTREC faculty, Dr Sunil Shetty and Dr Subir Biswas, have volunteered to be the returning officers. We shall ask them to send out a nomination request to all IACR members. This year's office bearers, i.e. treasurer, secretary, and president, will have to be from the north zone. The vice president can be from anywhere.

We also need nominations for 3 EC members from the east zone and ensure the email goes out by the end of March 2024

## 7. The IACR Newsletter for 2024 will be announced.

The president asked to send the meeting report, award abstracts, and articles of general interest and send them to the IACR office.

## 8. The next 44<sup>th</sup> IACR Annual Conference meeting will be held at Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI) Kolkata

The president stated that the next IACR 2025 Meeting will be held at CNCI, Kolkata. For the 2025 IACR meeting, please get in touch with the IACR office.

## 9. Having a career workshop as a permanent feature of the IACR meetings.

Dr Sorab Dalal mentioned that recently he had an informal meeting with former Incharge of India Biosciences Dr Smita Jain in which it was discussed that as every society has a meeting which is being attended by a lot of students so, why don't you tie up with societies like IACR, Cell Biology, SBC, and have workshops before or after the meeting which can encourage the students. All members approved it.

## 10. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair:

None

**Vote of thanks: The President concluded the Meeting with a Vote of thanks to all the members**

Dr. Sorab N. Dalal  
President IACR

Dr. Manoj Mahimkar  
Secretary IACR

Dr. Pritha Ray  
Treasurer IACR

