

42nd Annual Convention of IACR

Minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 14/01/2023 Saturday, 6:30 pm at Auditorium Khanolkar Shodhika, ACTREC.

Attendees.

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| 1. Dr. Sorab N. Dalal | President IACR |
| 2. Dr. Manoj Mahimkar | Secretary IACR |
| 3. Dr. Pritha Ray | Treasurer IACR |
| 4. Dr. Prasanna Venkatraman | |
| 5. Dr. Madhura Kulkarni | |
| 6. Dr. Sanjay Gupta | |
| 7. Dr. Kundan Sengupta | |
| 8. Dr. Shilpee Dutt | |
| 9. Dr. Saptak Banerjee | |
| 10. Dr. Ujjaini Dasgupta | |
| 11. Dr. Sharath Chandra Arandkar | |
| 12. Dr. Sib Sankar Roy | |
| 13. Dr. Avinash Bajaj | |
| 14. Dr. Jyoti Kode | |
| 15. Dr. Abhijeet De | |
| 16. Dr. Shamik Sen | |
| 17. Dr. Sanjeev Waghmare | |
| 18. Dr. Ashok Verma | |

1. Welcome and Remarks by the President.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the 41st AGM held at Amity University, Noida and matters arising from the same.

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

Dr Jyoti Kode proposed that the previous minutes be accepted, and it was seconded by Dr Sib Sankar Roy.

3. Secretary's Report.

The Secretary presented the Report and discussed the following points:

- To celebrate World Cancer Research Day (WCRD) on the 24th of September 2022, the Mumbai Chapter of the Indian Association for Cancer Research (IACR) and ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre jointly hosted a Webinar.
- The Secretary requested we should have outreach programs in local chapters to organize events including cancer awareness, health effects of tobacco in schools and colleges.

Jaju and Kamat awards:

- Excellent response this year for the Jaju and Kamat awards. Received 12 applications, of which 5 were selected by a committee

Essay Competition

- The response to the essay competition was good. Received 19 valid entries. However, the president mentioned that one of the issues that came across was a lot of plagiarism, the librarian had done a plagiarism check, and for some of them, it was very high. But still, 3 excellent essays were selected, and prizes will be given accordingly.
- The secretary also mentioned that these essays are generally printed in the IACR Newsletter, which will be out by the 31st of March, 2023;.

Members

- The president mentioned that in the past there were a total of 1312 new members, in 2022-2023 there is an addition of a few members i.e total of 38

Dr Jyoti Kode suggested an alert system for IACR for getting notifications, to which the president replied by saying that we do have a database, but it is not updated; however, the president also mentioned that everything is updated on the IACR website as well.

If there are any issues related to IACR updates or emails, please contact the IACR coordinator.

Dr Sharath C. Arandkar suggested that IACR should be active on Social Media platforms as well. Dr. Gupta recommended that we start a cell with Dr. Biswas, Dr. Arandkar and Dr. Waghmare as members of a committee that will oversee a YouTube channel and Twitter and Facebook accounts.

4. Presentation of Annual Statement of Accounts by the Treasurer.

5. Presentation of Budget Estimates for the year 2023-2024.

Treasurer Report

- Dr Pritha Ray presented the balance sheet which was received from Dr Hari and mentioned that there are some liabilities; however, the opening balance is around 37 lakhs
- Dr Pritha Ray stated that at this moment, with the fixed deposit the amount has been transferred to the Central bank of ACTREC-TMC which has to be audited for the next meeting and then the final amount will be presented.
- Dr Pritha Ray also mentioned that we also received the audited report from Dr Das
- Dr Pritha Ray stated that for the IACR Cancer awareness campaign, the proposed amount is 40,000 this year and for student travel grant which is for the post-doc below 40years, it was suggested to open it for students also.
- Dr Pritha Ray also mentioned that there are a couple of awards for posters, oral, Jaju & Kamat awards, Essay completion etc.
- Further Dr. Pritha Ray discussed regarding the Technology transfer award
- Dr Pritha Ray mentioned that the Seed money we asked is 50,000 for next year

Comments from Members

- Dr. Abhijit De asked whether the seed money will be returned in addition to the surplus, to which the president replied that ideally if you include more money, it should come back to IACR
- Dr Shilpee Dutt asked for some information regarding the Cancer awareness campaign on which Dr Manoj explained the Cancer awareness campaign
- Dr. Ujjaini Dasgupta also spoke regarding Cancer awareness campaign which they conducted at their university in Haryana where they included undergraduates and

graduate students had a pre-intervention questionnaire which included all the KAP (Knowledge Attitude practice) there were almost 250 students from different depts had an interventional programme with the student with NCI Jhajjar.

The president requested Dr Ujjaini Dasgupta to send a report of this campaign to Dr Shilpee Dutt so that it can be included in the Newsletter and also requested to include the Delhi chapter to start another chapter in Gurgaon, by which you can raise the money so that you can do a better programme on which Dr Ujjaini Dasgupta suggested that similar programmes can be done in our institutes and also mentioned they conducted the programme from the money which they got under SSR Budget and OSRP project. Dr Sorab Dalal suggested to Dr Ujjaini Dasgupta that in case any financial support or assistance is needed please contact Dr Pritha Ray and Dr Manoj Mahimkar

Dr Pritha ray requested Dr Ujjaini Dasgupta to send a short paragraph on the workshop so that IACR can support it monetarily.

Further, Dr Jyoti Kode mentioned that from our ACTREC on “No Tobacco day,” Dr Prasanna Venkartram had conducted a similar programme for students at CKT College on which Dr Sorab Dalal replied to share the record with Dr Shilpee Dutt. Dr Sorab Dalal also stated that IACR will support this.

Dr Sorab Dalal further mentioned that someone needs to propose the budget for the next year. Dr. Avinash Bajaj proposed and Dr. Shilpee Dutt seconded the motion, which was then adopted by the general body.

6. Appointment of the Auditor for the year 2023-2024 including the registration for GST.

Dr Manoj Mahimkar discussed the auditor Mr Ankit Jain and tentatively proposed a budget of 20,000 on which Dr Sorab Dalal mentioned that the auditor will also help us in getting the GST No. and also file GST returns as discussed in the EC meeting.

7. Organization of the 43rd Annual Convention of IACR 2024.

- The president mentioned that the IACR 2024 will be held in IISer Pune and that since CNCI have its 75th anniversary in the year 2025, hence they requested the IACR conference to be held in CNCI in 2025.

8. Change of rules for IACR student awards and student membership.

- The President discussed student awards and mentioned that right now there is 30 year age limit but there are several PhD students who have age over 30, who have submitted their theses hence there is a need to get rid of the age limit subject to the student should not have submitted his thesis and the abstract should be submitted by the 31st of December of the year before the conference, as discussed in the EC meeting.
- Dr Dalal further ask someone to propose and someone to accept, so Dr, Abhijeet De proposed and Dr Shamik Sen & Dr Ashok Verma accepted.
Dr. Dalal mentioned that for the student, we have decided to have the travel awards of a maximum of 4 awards. IACR will pay round trip AC 3 tier fare at actuals. For the technology transfer award, the same rule will be applied.

For the IACR postdoc travel awards Dr Dalal suggested that IACR will support one person upon receiving the application. The changes will be updated on the IACR website.

- Dr. Dalal stated that the purpose of the Technology transfer award was to support travel for a student and mentioned that as Dr Sanjay Gupta suggested that if somebody has transferred any technology in a year the person can be invited to the next IACR conference, where he can make a presentation on his topic and we will give the award. Dr Abhijit De asked about the guidelines for the award Dr Sanjay Gupta suggested that for every student we need to have a statement from them and a certificate from the mentor stating that the student does not have travel support from a grant or the institute.
Proposed by Dr Ashok Verma Second – Dr Sanjeev Waghmare
- Dr. Dalal stated that right now students have to become a member every year and they are not allowed to become life members, we would like to open life membership to students, who will need to be introduced by their mentor who should be a member. The President replied saying that for faculty a recommender from another IACR member is required. If that is not feasible, the person can send in a CV, which the president, secretary, and treasurer will review and approve.
Proposed by Dr Ashok Varma Second – Dr Kundan Sengupta

9. Any other matter with permission of the Chair.

Dr Sharath Chandra mentioned said that the student fees are the same as the others whether we can lessen the fees for the student on which Dr Sorab Dalal replied saying that for life membership the amount is the same for all e.g students, post-doc, and faculty, but in case of student membership, it is already less.

Dr Avinash Bajaj requested that as there is an accommodation facility for the students and speakers can have the accommodation facility for faculty as well, to which Dr Sorab Dalal replied saying that already this conference was oversubscribed hence we decided on student accommodation and for faculty and others we had shared the hotel links on the IACR website.

Dr. Dalal mentioned that since it was been proposed in the last EC meeting that we would try not to have more than 3 speakers repeat in every meeting excluding orations As far as possible we will not repeat anybody more than 3, except if any is some important topic to be discussed

The president also emphasized to organizers that student posters, student talks and IACR award sessions, IACR posters oration have to be standalone sessions and they cannot be parallel sessions, there should be some flexibility given to the organizers

Proposed by Dr Avinash Bajaj and accepted

Dr Sib Sankar Roy asked about what drives we are talking about for the new membership.to which Dr Sorab Dalal replied that we have urged every chapter to conduct the membership drive and we have to request every clinician in Tata Memorial Hospital and Tata Memorial Centre ACTREC and ask them to be a member of IACR as already we have some members.

Dr. Dalal further mentioned for this meeting we are handing out in addition to the 2 IACR oral awards, we are handing out 2 conference awards and in addition to the 2 poster awards we are handing out another 13 poster awards.

Dr Prasanna Venkatraman proposed that can we institute an award in memory of our colleague Dr Rajiv Kalaria TMC it will be a permanent IACR award for student oral post doc & student oral presentations, on which members agreed

Dr Sanjeev Waghmare suggested for having satellite meetings on which Dr Sorab Dalal replied saying that we can have a satellite meeting organized by the local chapter.

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