

**MEETING OF NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2003 AT 11 A.M.
IN THE TEC CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NATIONAL PHYSICAL LABORATORY**

POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. **Membership:** All retired Scientific and Technical Officers of National Physical Laboratory, and all Scientific and Technical Officers, above the age of 60 years, who had earlier been associated with the Laboratory.
2. **Patrons:** All the Former Directors of National Physical Laboratory.
3. **Honorary Members:** All Members above the age of 80 years.
4. **Membership Fee:** To begin with, a contribution of Rs.100/= may be made by each member, to make it possible to give an effective start to the activities of the Forum. The Patrons and the Honorary Members may be exempted from making this contribution.
5. **Social Activities:** To have one meeting of the Forum per month for wishing a healthy and fruitful life to those members whose Birthday falls during the period since the last meeting. In order to minimize the expenditure, the date time and venue for the next meeting may be decided in advance at each meeting.
6. **Formation of the Ad-hoc Committee:** Members present at the meeting may suggest the constitution of the Ad-hoc Committee, and also give their suggestions to this Committee for working out the details. It may be desirable to have one person who may serve as the Convenor of both the Ad-hoc Committee, as also of the Forum. The Ad-hoc Committee may also have a Chairman, and about 10-12 Coordinators as its members. These may be appointed by the members present at this meeting. To handle the financial matters, a Treasurer may also be appointed.
7. **Co-coordinated Decentralization:** For the present Shri G K Arora, has been assigned the responsibility to organize the compilation of a list of Members. A list of about 180 prospective members of the Forum has been compiled by him, with the active cooperation of a number of scientists. For organizing this meeting, the following have served as Coordinators:
 - (i) Dr. J K N Sharma
 - (ii) Dr. V N Bindal
 - (iii) Dr. A P Jain
 - (iv) Dr. O P Bahl
 - (v) Dr. B N Srivastava
 - (vi) Dr. K C Nagpal
 - (vii) Dr. P C Jain
 - (viii) Dr. J C Trehan
 - (ix) Dr. V S Panwar
 - (x) Mrs. Santosh Aggarwal
 - (xi) Shri Shiv Nath
 - (xii) Shri G K Arora

It is suggested that the Coordinators that may be appointed by the Forum, may not only help in collecting the missing information about the members assigned to them, but also in further additions to the list of members of the Forum. They may also serve as Promoters of the Forum and interact between the Ad hoc Committee, and the members under their charge.

In addition to the list already compiled, another list of about 75 retired Scientists and Technical Officers has been compiled for consideration for addition to the Membership List.

For the present, information about the Official Date of Birth, the Residential Address, the Residential Phone Number / Mobile Phone Number, and the e-mail address has been collected. What further information need to be compiled about the members may be discussed, and the Modus Operandi for collecting that information may be decided, so that the compiled information could be published and made available to all the members of the Forum. Till such time that such a publication is brought out, all this information may be centralized, to be used appropriately as and when required.

8. **Participation in the Laboratory Activities:** It is felt that the retired scientists are often forgotten whenever some activities in which they would have liked to participate are organized e. g. Open Days, Science Day, CSIR Foundation Day, Bhatnagar Awards, and various Symposia, Seminars, Conferences, Lectures etc. The Forum

may invite Director, NPL or request him to send his Representative to attend its Meetings and also inform the members about the forthcoming functions, so that a list of the members could be made available to the person organizing any such function, for him to decide whom all to invite.

9. **Mailing List for Laboratory/CSIR publications:** The List of Members of the Forum could also be provided to the Editors of various publications of CSIR and NPL, which may be mailed to them free of cost, to keep them informed about the various activities, and for making their own contributions to those publications, if found relevant. In this context, it is a pleasure to inform that Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta, Chairman of *SAMEEKSHA* has already got the approval of Director, NPL for putting the Members of this Forum, on the Mailing List for that publication.
10. **Other Issues of Common Interest:** One of the major issues of relevance to a large number of Members of the Forum relates to the Medical Problems. For lack of appropriate and timely information, a number of scientists are faced with a variety of problems. This could be one of the issues to be considered, and suggestions made to the appropriate authorities for consideration. Another issue, which has already been pretty well taken care of but some problems may still be persisting, relates to Pension. There could be some other general issues also, for which members of the Forum may give their views and suggestions.
11. **Yearly Get-Together:** Director, NPL, on his own, had invited the Members of the NPL Former Scientists Forum at tea on January 3, 2003, at 4.30 P.M. to wish a Happy New Year, to which the present staff of the Laboratory had also been invited. The Forum may like to formally thank him for this invitation. However, irrespective of whether this practice will continue or not in the coming years, the Forum may decide to have this as an annual event, to which, Director, NPL may be invited. In addition, the possibility of organizing one picnic per year for the members of the Forum and its family members could also be thought of.
12. **A Place in NPL for use by the Members of the Forum:** The last meeting of the retired NPL scientists was held in the Conference Room of the Laboratory on December 19, 2002. Director, NPL had also attended this meeting. At this meeting, he had made an offer of providing a Room in the Laboratory premises for use by the Members of the Forum, so that they feel quite at home when ever they come to the Laboratory. He said that he would also look into the possibility of providing Internet facility for the use of the members of the Forum. The Chairman of the Ad-hoc Committee, that the Members may appoint at this meeting, may formally thank Director, NPL for this offer, and request him to provide these facilities at the earliest.