

Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the NPL Former Scientists Forum, held on August 22, 2003, at 11.00 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room of the National Physical Laboratory

1. Attendance: The following attended the meeting:

1. Mrs. Santosh <u>Aggarwal</u>	LIFE MEMBER	25506656
2. Shri Gyanendra Kumar <u>Arora</u>	LIFE MEMBER	26230487; 26461334
3. Shri Bal Ram <u>Awasthy</u>	MEMBER	25128032
4. Dr. Om Parkash <u>Bahl</u>	LIFE MEMBER	95120-2588053; 9811251200 (Mobile)
5. Dr. (Mrs.) K Saraswathi <u>Balakrishnan</u>	LIFE MEMBER	25554698
6. Shri Ram Chand <u>Bhatheja</u>	MEMBER	27341558
7. Shri Kameshwer Nath <u>Bhatnagar</u>	MEMBER	25792881
8. Dr. Vishwa Nath <u>Bindal</u>	LIFE MEMBER	25192397; 25418018; 25458712
9. Shri Janki Nath <u>Chaudhary</u>	MEMBER (New)	95124-2327798
10. Dr. A F <u>Chhapgar</u>	SENIOR MEMBER	26852849
11. Shri Sarb Daman Kumar <u>Chopra</u>	MEMBER	25840728
12. Shri <u>Damodar Prasad</u>	MEMBER	22913238
13. Shri Kali Kirshan <u>Datta</u>	MEMBER	95129-2268255; 95129-2290020
14. Shri <u>Dewan Singh</u>	MEMBER	25421456
15. Shri Jagbir Singh <u>Dhama</u>	MEMBER (New)	22178083; 9810103946 (Mobile)
16. Mrs. Urmil <u>Dhawan</u>	MEMBER	25835802; 25834264
17. Shri <u>Didar Singh</u>	MEMBER	25116296
18. Shri Anand Krishna <u>Ghosh</u>	LIFE MEMBER (New)	28126877
19. Dr. Jitendra Kumar <u>Gupta</u>	MEMBER	25053847
20. Shri Abdul <u>Hamid</u>	MEMBER	9891187879 (Mobile)
21. Shri Gokul Singh <u>Hans</u>	MEMBER	25706840
22. Dr. Adeshwar Prasad <u>Jain</u>	LIFE MEMBER	26191367
23. Dr. Atma Ram <u>Jain</u>	MEMBER	95120-2545095
24. Shri Alok Kumar <u>Kanjilal</u>	MEMBER	25832288
25. Shri <u>Kewal Krishan</u>	MEMBER	25261285
26. Shri Dharam Chand <u>Khattar</u>	MEMBER	27101519; 25432307; 25415920
27. Dr. Mrs.) Namita <u>Kundu</u>	LIFE MEMBER	26221525; 26210109; 9811378183 (Mobile)
28. Shri Ram Krishan <u>Luthra</u>	MEMBER (New)	26436577; 26529718-20 (Off)
29. Dr. Kushal Kumar <u>Mahajan</u>	LIFE MEMBER (New)	25536334
30. Shri Girdhari Lal <u>Malhotra</u>	LIFE MEMBER	25523761
31. Dr. Padam Lal <u>Malhotra</u>	LIFE MEMBER	95120-2852442; 95120-2852545
32. Mrs. Raksha <u>Marwah</u>		25753211
33. Shri Harish Chand <u>Mathur</u>	MEMBER (new)	22717239; 35807572 (Mobile)
34. Shri Roshan Lal <u>Mendiratta</u>	LIFE MEMBER	95124-2365638
35. Shri Pramod Kumar <u>Mittal</u>	LIFE MEMBER	23231775; 23230745
36. Dr. Kailash Chandra <u>Nagpal</u>	LIFE MEMBER	26143790; 51661470 (Contact No.)
37. Shri S Nandan <u>Nangia</u>	MEMBER	25531789
38. Shri Mohinder <u>Nath</u>	MEMBER	25267504
39. Shri Raj Kumar <u>Navar</u>	MEMBER	25834172
40. Dr. Vinay Singh <u>Panwar</u>	LIFE MEMBER	25543467; 9810441333 & 9810545808 (Mobile)
41. Shri Seshadri <u>Parthasarathi</u>	MEMBER	25164876
42. Shri <u>Ram Narain</u>	LIFE MEMBER (New)	25845305; 25844940
43. Shri <u>Ram Prasad</u>	LIFE MEMBER (New)	22714920
44. Dr. Rakesh Chandra <u>Saksena</u>	MEMBER	25849073; 25849176; 9868410995 (Mobile)
45. Dr. Vemuri Durga Prasad <u>Sastri</u>	MEMBER (New)	25592711
46. Shri P C <u>Sharan</u>	MEMBER	25504561; 9810271810 (Mobile)
47. Shri Surrinder Kumar <u>Sharda</u>	MEMBER	27141302
48. Dr. Jai Krishan Narayan <u>Sharma</u>	LIFE MEMBER	25833058; 25832133
49. Shri Kailash Chand <u>Sharma</u>	LIFE MEMBER	27100356
50. Shri M M <u>Sharma</u>		25416804
51. Shri Ravi Shanker <u>Sharma</u>		25011367
52. Shri Devendra <u>Singh</u>	MEMBER	25552542
53. Dr. B N <u>Srivastava</u>	MEMBER	25459736
54. Shri Om Parkash <u>Tagra</u>	MEMBER	27024618
55. Dr. V S <u>Tomar</u>	MEMBER	95120-2533321
56. Dr. Jagdish Chander <u>Trehan</u>	MEMBER	27217705
57. Dr. G S <u>Uppal</u>		27313095
58. Dr. Satya Prakash <u>Varma</u>	MEMBER	25527699
59. Shri Avadh Raj Singh <u>Vashisht</u>	MEMBER	25881612
60. Dr. Ajit Ram <u>Verma</u>	PATRON	27023574
61. Dr. Rajinder Pal <u>Wadhwa</u>	LIFE MEMBER	26432917
62. Shri Ved Parkash <u>Wasan</u>	LIFE MEMBER	25120173; 25120459

Dr. Vishwa Nath Bindal, President, chaired the meeting.

2. Introductory Remarks by the Chairman: Dr. Bindal welcomed the members to the meeting. He was especially thankful to Dr. A R Verma and Shri M M Sharma for attending the meeting, and noted that a number of new members had also come to attend the meeting of the Forum for the first time. He welcomed them for joining the Forum.

Dr. Bindal said that since Shri S C Tyagi, whose talk was the main attraction for this meeting had been held up somewhere, we may get started with the other items on the agenda, and requested Shri G K Arora to present the Secretary's Status Report.

3. Status Report by the Secretary: Shri Arora said that since the Status Report by the Secretary (Annexure I) had already been circulated, he would only bring forth its salient aspects.

3.1 BASE LIST, Membership & Attendance at the various meetings of the Forum:

Table presented at Sr. No. 1 of the report, presented the status of the Members/Prospective Members figuring on the BASE LIST as on 17th January, 7th March and 25th April – the dates on which the three earlier meetings of the Forum were held, - as also the status of the number of Life Members, Senior Members, Patrons and Other Members on these dates together with the status as it stood before today's meeting. In addition to the four Patrons, out of whom Dr. A R Verma – the eldest – who has graced this meeting with his presence, six Senior Members – which includes Dr. M R Verma (born 1909) being the eldest member, and 23 Life Members, the Forum now has another 62 other Members, bringing the total to 95. He requested more and more members to become Life Members by making the balance membership contribution due from them, as this would enable the Forum to plan various other activities with the funds that may be flowing in. The number of participants at the three Forum meetings held earlier had increased from 32 to 51 and then to 56.

3.2 Highlights of the Meetings of the Management Committee held after the last meeting of the Forum on 25th April 2003:

- 3.2.1. Two meetings of the Management Committee had been held on 20th June and 22nd July 2003.
- 3.2.2. The highlights of the first of these two meetings held on 20. 06. 03 was the constitution of the following four Committees:
 1. Medical Facilities to Pensioners Committee (Chairman – Dr. O P Bahl).
 2. Committee to advise on Affiliation of the NPL-FSF with CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association (Chairman – Dr. J K N Sharma).
 3. Newsletter Committee (Chairman – Dr. K C Nagpal).
 4. Forum's First Foundation Day Celebration Committee (Chairman – Dr. J K N Sharma).
- 3.2.3. The "Newsletter Committee" had its first meeting on August 5, with the participation also of Dr. O P Bahl and Shri V P Wasan who had been inducted in as additional members of the Committee. A copy of the Minutes of that meeting, as approved by the Chairman of the Committee figures as Appendix I to the Status Report. Out of the three basic issues which required to be considered viz. (i) Contents, (ii) Format and (iii) Publication Cost, only the first issue could be considered at that meeting, with the identification of some of the possible items of information that could be published in the Newsletter. There may be some additions or deletions to these items. Voluntary association of two more Members with this Committee, as provided for in its constitution was welcome.
- 3.2.4. Of the other three Committees, a meeting of the "Medical Facilities to Pensioners Committee" had been fixed for today afternoon at 2.30 P.M. Dr. V N Bindal, President, had approved the association of Dr. A P Jain and Shri B S Gaira, as additional members of this Committee.
- 3.2.5. The Second meeting of the Management Committee, held on 22. 07. 03, was a special meeting of the Members of this Committee with Dr. Vikram Kumar, Director, NPL, at which he said that all possible cooperation from the Laboratory would be forthcoming. He made some specific observations on the suggestions that had been made to him, the highlights of which are presented in the Status Report under Para 2.2. It is heartening to learn that persons retiring from the Laboratory shall henceforth be getting their Identity Cards issued to them on the day of their retirement.
- 3.2.6. Dr. A R Verma, specially invited the attention of the house to the following portion of the Status Report:

"Dr. Vikram Kumar, at the very outset, observed that since a scientist remains a scientist all through. he never becomes 'Former'. As such, perhaps a better terminology could be thought of in the naming of the Forum."

Dr. Verma suggested that the term "Former" could perhaps be replaced by the term "Emeritus". It was decided to consider this suggestion at the next meeting of the Management Committee.

3.3 Bank Account

A Savings Fund Account No 47403 had been opened in the name of "NPL Former Scientists Forum", with the Syndicate Bank, National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi – 110 012.

3.4 Action on the Decisions Taken at the Last meeting of the Forum, held on 25. 04. 03

Copies of the Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Forum held on 25. 04. 03, as approved by the Chairman have been circulated at today's meeting. The Annexures I and II referred to in Item Nos. 4 and 7 respectively, have, however not been circulated, but those who are interested, could get their copies from the Secretary. Action on the various decisions taken at that meeting is covered elsewhere in the Status Report.

3.5 Yoga for Better Health

Copies of an article by Dr. C L Chopra on "Yoga for Better Health" have been circulated at today's meeting, after obtaining his permission. Information about the Yoga Centres run by Bharatiya Yog Sansthan in and around Delhi has also been procured from the President of the Sansthan, and this has also been furnished at the end of the article.

3.6. Social Activities

The names of the following Members/Prospective Members whose Birthdays fell between 25. 04. 03 (the date on which the last meeting of the Forum was held) and 22. 08. 03 (today's meeting) were read out by Shri Arora, wishing all of them a long, active, healthy and happy life:

- 1919** Shri P V **Satagopan** [01. 07]
1920 Shri P **Suryanarayan** [15. 07]
1922 Dr. (Mrs.) S Z **Ali** [19. 08]
1925 Dr. Vishnu Ganesh **Bhide** [08. 08]
1926 Dr. Satya Ranjan **Das** [01. 06]; Shri Kuchibhatla Subrahmanya **Sarma** [05. 06] {SENIOR MEMBER}
1927 Shri P C **Sood** [30. 04]
1928 Shri **Ram Saran** [15. 06]; Shri N N **Kaul** [27. 06]; Shri Jai Narain **Ojha** [16. 07]; Shri Girja Shanker **Srivastava** [22. 08]
1929 Shri **Joginder Singh** [14. 06]
1930 Shri Janki Nath Chaudhary [12. 07] {MEMBER}
1931 Dr. Vemuri Durga Prasad **Sastri** [13. 06] {MEMBER}; Shri Dina Nath **Razdan** [13. 08]
Shri Chhail Behari Lal **Gautam** [26. 05] {MEMBER}; Shri P C **John** [08. 06]; Dr. Vilaschandra Vithaldas **Shah** [05. 07] {MEMBER};
Shri Girdhari Lal **Malhotra** [11. 07] {LIFE MEMBER}; Shri **Chhattar Singh** [16. 07]; Dr. B C Narasinga **Rao** [11. 08];
1932 Shri Piarey Lal **Sharma** [01. 07]; Shri Kailash Chand **Sharma** [06. 07] {LIFE MEMBER}
Shri Satish Chander **Gupta** [16. 05]; Shri Tilak Raj **Marwaha** [01. 06]; Shri **Kani Ram** [05. 06];
Dr. Mahidhara Nalini Mohan **Rao** [03. 07]; Shri Harish Chand **Mathur** [04. 07] {MEMBER}
1934 Shri Avadh Raj Singh **Vashisht** [01. 06] {MEMBER}; Shri R S **Khandekar** [01. 07]; Mrs. Shanta Bai **Mallela** [01. 07]

- 1935 Shri Om Prakash **Sharma** [01. 05]; Dr. S B S S **Sarma** [05. 05]; Shri S **Parthasarathi** [12. 05] {MEMBER}; Shri **Ram Narain** [15. 05] {LIFE MEMBER}; Dr. Shri Krishna **Joshi** [06. 06] {PATRON}; Dr. Pramod Kumar **Gupta** [02. 07] {MEMBER}; Dr. Madan Mohan **Bindal** [13. 07]; Shri Vishnu Dutt **Sharma** [08. 08]
- 1936 Erode Subramanian **Raja Gopal** [12. 05] {PATRON}; Shri S C **Verma** [30. 05]; Dr. R **Venkatachari** [06. 06]; Shri Narain Singh **Bangari** [01. 07]; Shri Ram Chand **Bhatheja** [10. 08] {MEMBER}; Shri Madhav Ram **Nagar** [16. 08]
- 1937 Shri Ved Prakash **Sachdeva** [17. 07]; Dr. (Mrs.) Namita **Kundu** [29. 07] {LIFE MEMBER}; Dr. Dinesh Chandra **Parashar** [08. 08]
- 1938 Shri Gurdial Singh Bhamra [10. 05]; Shri Bimalendu **Sircar** [26. 05]; Dr. Jagan Nath Bohra [08. 07]; Shri Mahesh Chand **Jusht** [10. 07] {MEMBER}; Shri Jagbir Singh Dhama [21. 08] {MEMBER}
- 1939 Mrs. Urmil **Dhawan** [25. 05] {MEMBER}; Shri Jagdish Prashad **Sharma** [16. 06]; Dr. P N **Puntambekar** [24. 07]; Dr. M S **Tyagi** [25. 07]; Dr. G D **Sootha** [12. 08]
- 1940 Shri H R Gupta [13. 05]; Dr. **Ved Singh** [15. 05]; Shri S Nandan **Nangia** [08. 07] {MEMBER}; Shri Anand Krishna **Ghosh** [18. 07] {LIFE MEMBER}; Shri Harinder Bir **Singh** [19. 07]; Shri Ramesh Chand **Sharma** [01. 08]; Shri Surinder Kumar **Kulshrestha** [10. 08]; Dr. Sharwan **Kumar** [17. 08] {MEMBER}
- 1941 **Shri H P Gupta** [01. 05]; Shri H S **Kalsi** [15. 06] {MEMBER}; Shri Gurmej **Ram** [20. 06]; Dr. B S **Mathur** [01. 07]; Dr. Mahesh Chandra **Sharma** [07. 07] {MEMBER}; Shri Yeruva Showri **Reddy** [12. 07]; Shri **Harbans Singh** [15. 07]; Dr. B S **Verma** [15. 07]; Dr. R G **Sharma** [09. 08] {LIFE MEMBER}; Mrs. Raksha **Marwah** [18. 08]
- 1942 Shri B S **Negi** [04. 07]; Shri Roshan Lal **Mendiratta** [15. 07] {LIFE MEMBER}; Dr. Atma Ram **Jain** [21. 07] {MEMBER}
- 1943 Shri Ravi Mohan **Khanna** [16. 07]; Shri **Gurdial Singh** [25. 07]

NOTE: *The name of Shri Janki Nath Chaudhary [17. 07. 1930], whose Date of Birth was not known earlier, has been added to the above list as a new Member. In addition, the Membership Status of Dr. V D P Sastri, Shri Ram Narain, Shri J S Dhama and Shri A K Ghosh, whose names already figured in the list, and who also joined as new Members of the Forum, has also been indicated.*

4. Talk by Shri S C Tyagi on “Medical Facilities for CGHS Beneficiaries”: Before inviting Shri Tyagi to present his talk, Dr. Bindal introduced him to the participants, saying that it was so nice of him to have so readily agreed to give this talk before the Forum. He will be talking on a subject which is going to be of benefit to all of us, and it is hoped that he shall also be able to provide answers to a number of questions that the participants may like to pose to him for seeking clarifications. He also said that if time permits, he would also request Shri M M Sharma to give an idea to the members of the Forum about another scheme, which the CSIR is planning to introduce viz. “Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules”, referred to as AMA System. For this a Committee has been constituted by Director General CSIR to take a holistic view and make recommendations as to what medical facilities should be provided to Delhi-based CSIR employees who are covered under CGHS at present.

Shri Tyagi said that he was glad to be here to present this talk in the presence of Dr. A R Verma, and so many other senior scientists of NPL. He said that he proposed using some viewgraphs prepared in Hindi, to illustrate his talk. A copy of the translated version of these viewgraphs into English is given at **Annexure II**.

There was an overwhelming response from the participants, seeking clarifications on various issues, some of which Shri Tyagi answered on the spot. Dr. Bindal suggested that since a number of questions by the participants might have remained unanswered, the same may be passed on to Dr. O P Bahl, Chairman of the “Medical Facilities to Pensioners Committee”, and efforts will be made to find answers to them also.

Shri Arora drew the attention of the House to the draft letter addressed to Shri Sudhir Kumar, Joint Secretary (Admn.), CSIR, on the subject of “Government of India’s Liberalised Policy towards Pensioners in respect of Health Care”, copies of which had been circulated to the participants at the last meeting of the Forum held on 25. 04. 03, along with the suggestion that Members may send that letter to Shri Sudhir Kumar individually, giving the relevant particulars about them in the blanks that had been left unfilled. He himself had sent the letter to Shri Sudhir Kumar, and perhaps some other Members of the Forum might have also done so, but so far no response had been received to that letter. The contents of the letter were read out for the benefit of the Forum. Shri Tyagi said that he would look into the matter.

5. Vote of Thanks to Shri Tyagi: Dr. O P Bahl proposed a vote of tanks to Shri Tyagi for his very illuminating talk which clarified a number of doubts that the participants had, and also expressed the hope that he will extend cooperation in furnishing clarification to some other unanswered questions which he might be receiving from the Members of the Forum.

6. Next Meeting of the Forum: Since the First Foundation Day of the Forum will be falling on January 17, 2004, it was considered desirable to have at least one more meeting of the Forum, before that date. It was, however, not possible to decide upon the date for the next meeting of the Forum. Instead, it was decided to have the next meeting of the Management Committee on Friday, September 19, 2003, at 10. 00 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room, when the issue of convening the next meeting of the Forum could also be considered.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

NOTE: *Annexures I and II mentioned in Paras 3 and 4 above have not been circulated. While Annexure I had already been circulated at the time of the meeting (on 22. 08. 03), the authentication of the translated version of the viewgraphs used by Shri S C Tyagi, to whom it had been sent by the Secretary, is awaited. The same shall be brought to the notice of the Members as and when it is available.*