

**Minutes of the
Fifth Meeting of the NPL Former Scientists Forum, held on Tuesday, November 25, 2003,
at 10.00 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room of the National Physical Laboratory,
also constituting the First General Body Meeting of the Forum**

Attendance: The following attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name & Date of Birth	Membership Status	Residential / Contact Phone Number
1	Shri Gyanendra Kumar Arora [04. 04. 35]	LIFE MEMBER [003]	26230487; 26461334; 9891025362 (Mobile)
2	Shri Bal Ram Awasthy [05. 10. 38]	MEMBER [037]	25128032
3	Dr. Om Parkash Bahl [05. 10. 39]	LIFE MEMBER [009]	95120-2588053; 9811251200 (Mobile)
4	Dr. Raghunath Bhattacharyya [16. 09. 3]		25751439
5	Shri Ram Chand Bhatheja [10. 08. 36]	MEMBER [039]	27341558
6	Shri Kameshwer Nath Bhatnagar [20. 02. 34]	MEMBER [019]	25792881
7	Dr. Subhas Chandra [06. 01. 40]	MEMBER [016]	27478324
8	Shri Janki Nath Chaudhary [12. 07. 30]	LIFE MEMBER [092]	95124-2327798
9	Shri Ramesh Chandra Dhawan [02.12. 32]	MEMBER [013]	25253655; 25287763
10	Mrs. Urmil Dhawan [25. 05. 39]	LIFE MEMBER [020]	25835802; 25834264
11	Shri Didar Singh [10. 01. 40]	MEMBER [041]	25116296
12	Shri Chhail Behari Lal Gautam [26. 05. 31]	MEMBER [068]	22575273
13	Dr. Jitendra Kumar Gupta [20. 01. 41]	MEMBER [043]	25053847
14	Dr. Satya Vir Gupta [08. 01. 33]	MEMBER [034]	27949372
15	Shri Abdul Hamid [05. 01. 39]	MEMBER [073]	9891187879 (Mobile)
16	Dr. Adeshwar Prasad Jain [21. 10. 34]	LIFE MEMBER [002]	26191367; 26165790 (Contact)
17	Shri Alok Kumar Kanjilal [10. 01. 41]	MEMBER [075]	25832288
18	Shri Niranjan Nath Kaul [27. 06. 28]	LIFE MEMBER (New)[105]	27471160
19	Shri Kewal Krishan [15. 09. 41]	MEMBER [095]	25261285
20	Shri Dharam Chand Khattar [08. 09. 37]	MEMBER [076]	27101519; 25432307, 25415920
21	Shri Faqir Chand Khullar [15. 09. 43]	LIFE MEMBER (New) [104]	25263150
22	Shri Surinder Mohan Khullar [01. 01. 39]	MEMBER [050]	29812175
23	Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu [29. 07. 37]	LIFE MEMBER [014]	26221525 ; 26210109; 9811378183 (Mobile)
24	Dr. Krishan Dev Kundra [12. 01. 34]	LIFE MEMBER [023]	26966280
25	Dr. Padam Lal Malhotra [01. 10. 38]	LIFE MEMBER [084]	95120-2852442; 95120-2852545
26	Mrs. Santosh Manrai [17. 02. 39]	MEMBER [054]	25038522
27	Mrs. Raksha Marwah [18. 08. 41]	LIFE MEMBER [103]	25753211
28	Shri Harish Chand Mathur [04. 07. 33]	MEMBER [091]	22717239; 35807572 (Mobile)
29	Shri Roshan Lal Mendiratta [15. 07. 42]	LIFE MEMBER [083]	95124-2365638
30	Shri Pramod Kumar Mittal [17. 09. 40]	LIFE MEMBER [055]	23231775; 23230745
31	Dr. Kailash Chandra Nagpal [01. 01. 32]	LIFE MEMBER [005]	26143790; 51661470 (Contact)
32	Shri Mohinder Nath [23. 03. 31]	MEMBER [077]	25267504
33	Shri Jai Narain Ojha [16. 07. 28]	LIFE MEMBER [101]	95124-2311575
34	Dr. Vinay Singh Panwar [15. 01. 40]	LIFE MEMBER [007]	25543467; 9810441333 (Mobile);
35	Dr. Man Mohan Pradhan [10. 02. 38]	LIFE MEMBER [026]	25143933
36	Shri Ram Narain [15. 05. 35]	LIFE MEMBER [098]	25845305; 25844940
37	Dr. Rakesh Chandra Saksena [30. 12. 41]	MEMBER [028]	25869954; 25869953; 9868410995 (Mobile)
38	Shri Kuchibhatla Subrahmanya Sarma [05. 06. 26]	SENIOR MEMBER [090]	USA – 408-223-9069; 408-274-3286
39	Shri P C Sharan [06. 01. 43]	MEMBER [058]	25504561; 9810271810 (Mobile)
40	Shri Kailash Chand Sharma [06. 07. 32]	LIFE MEMBER [080]	27100356
41	Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma [07. 07. 41]	MEMBER [059]	25528140
42	Shri Shiv Nath [14. 04. 25]	SENIOR MEMBER [006]	26144227
43	Shri Devendra Singh [28. 11. 37]	MEMBER [018]	25552542
44	Shri Om Parkash Tagra [01. 03. 37]	MEMBER [060]	27024618
45	Shri Avadh Raj Singh Vashisht [01. 06. 34]	MEMBER [082]	25881612
46	Dr. Ajit Ram Verma [20. 09. 21]	PATRON	27023574

AGENDA ITEMS

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the President:** Dr. O P Bahl, Vice President, informed that since Dr. V N Bindal was suddenly indisposed, he was unable to attend the meeting and had advised him in the morning to act on his behalf.

Dr. Bahl welcomed the members to the meeting. He said that as per the decision taken by the Management Committee at its last meeting held on October 31, it had been decided to have this meeting of the Forum as the First Annual General Body Meeting, and the Agenda for the meeting, which had already been mailed to all the Members, had been drawn as per the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Forum at its meeting held on April 25, 2003. As the quorum was complete, he took great pleasure in starting with the meeting.

Dr. Bahl mentioned briefly about the action that had been taken so far in promoting the cause of the Forum. In particular, he mentioned about the medical facilities available to the CSIR pensioners, and the problems that were being faced presently. A talk on this subject had also been delivered by Shri S C Tyagi, Deputy Secretary, CSIR, at the last meeting of the Forum held on August 22. The various problems that were being faced presently, had been analysed so that they could be addressed one by one for finding appropriate solutions. While some of these problems could be solved only at the level of CGHS or the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, there were some others, which could be solved at the CSIR level itself. One of the major problems being presently faced by the Members of the Forum and their families, related to seeking of prior permission of the Director, NPL, for undergoing treatment/tests at the CGHS-recognized private hospitals after the same had been advised by the specialist or the other appropriate authorities, for which he did not have any authority to refuse, and this had been brought to his notice. Director, NPL has endorsed this view that since it was being followed merely as a ritual, it only resulted in avoidable delay in getting started with the treatment, and he had been formally approached by the President to do away with this procedure.

Dr. Bahl said that as he had made some prior commitment, he was obliged to leave shortly. Keeping this fact into view, the Secretary suggested that the main item on the Agenda viz. election to the position of the five office bearers may be taken up first.

2. Election to the positions of the Five Office Bearers for the period of two Calendar Years

2004 and 2005: Shri R C Dhawan proposed that the existing team of the 5 Office Bearers may continue for the two-year period 2004 and 2005. This proposal was seconded by Dr. A P Jain and Shri Shiv Nath, and was unanimously adopted by the house. Accordingly the following were declared elected as the office bearers for the calendar years 2004 and 2005 also:

1. President	...	...	...	Dr. V N Bindal
2. Vice-President	...	...	...	Dr. O P Bahl
3. Secretary	...	...	...	Shri G K Arora
4. Joint-Secretary	...	...	...	Dr. V S Panwar
5. Treasurer	...	...	...	Shri V P Wasan

3. Registration of Participants:

Shri Arora said that while Shri Shiv Nath was getting the signatures of the various participants at the meeting, Dr. Panwar was approaching them for Renewal of the Membership for the year 2004 by payment of Rs. 100/=. They were also welcome to become Life Members by payment of the balance amount due from them. Those participants who had not yet enrolled themselves as Members so far could also do so now.

Shri Arora further said that, in addition, the participants were being approached for a contribution of Rs. 30/= each, which had been decided to be collected for celebration of the First Anniversary of the Foundation Day of the Forum in January 2004, for meeting the expenditure that may be incurred on serving light refreshments at that time.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Forum, held on August 22, 2003, as approved by the President:

Shri Arora said that copies of the Minutes had already been distributed to the Members by Shri Dhawan. As there were no observations from any of the Members, they were adopted as confirmed.

5. Presentation of the Report on the Activities during the year 2003, by the Secretary, and consideration thereof:

Shri Arora said that copies of the Report by the Secretary (Annexure I) had also been provided to the Members by Shri Dhawan to facilitate consideration of it.

Before this report could be taken up for consideration, Dr. Bahl excused himself from the further deliberations of the meeting and requested Dr. A P Jain to take the Chair.

Shri Arora briefly presented the highlights of the Report wherein he had traced the genesis of the formation of the Forum with the sustained efforts that had been primarily made by Dr. V N Bindal and Dr. A P Jain in particular, and the guidance and support that was provided to it by Dr. A R Verma and Dr. Krishan Lal. The formation of the Forum was the result of the collaborative effort made by the following Members of the Management Committee nominated by the President:

1. Mrs. Santosh Aggarwal	6. Dr. K C Nagpal
2. Shri R C Dhawan	7. Dr. J K N Sharma
3. Dr. A P Jain	8. Shri Shiv Nath
4. Dr. P C Jain	9. Dr. B N Srivastava
5. Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu	10. Dr. J C Trehan

Dr. V N Bindal, Dr. O P Bahl and Dr. V S Panwar also discharged the additional functions as Coordinators, and during the period of absence of Dr. P C Jain to USA, Shri K N Bhatnagar acted as Coordinator on his behalf. The Secretary ensured this coordinated decentralization among the various Coordinators.

Shri Arora also mentioned about the important role played by the following Members of the Constitution Committee that had been formed at the First Meeting of the Forum held on January 17, 2003 for drawing up the Rules and Regulations of the Forum, which were adopted at the Third Meeting of the Forum held on April 25, 2003, after it had undergone various revisions:

1. Dr. S K Sharma	...	...	...	Convenor
2. Dr. S V Gupta	...	...	...	Member
3. Dr. P C Jain	...	...	...	Member
4. Dr. V S Panwar	...	...	...	Member
5. Shri G K Arora	...	...	...	Member

While drawing up these Rules and Regulations it was felt both by the Members of the Management Committee and the Constitution Committee that they should be as simple and flexible as possible, and also that this Forum did not turn into the form of a Trade Union. It was also decided not to get the Forum registered with the Registrar of Societies for the present.

Shri Arora also mentioned about the role that had been played by the following four Area Committees that had been constituted by the Management Committee at its meeting held on June 20, 2003:

1. Newsletter Committee (Chairman: Dr. K C Nagpal)
2. Medical Facilities to Pensioners Committee (Chairman: Dr. O P Bahl)
3. First Foundation Day Celebration Committee (Chairman: Dr. J K N Sharma)
4. Committee to advise on Affiliation of the NPL-FSF with the CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association (Chairman: Dr. J K N Sharma)

The Newsletter Committee had met twice on August 5 and October 17, and had prepared a draft of the First Issue of the Newsletter that was proposed to be brought out at the time of the First Foundation Day Celebrations in January 2004. The Constitution of this Committee provides for association of two Members of the Forum (other than the Members of the Management Committee). Voluntary association of two of the participants at the meeting as Members of this Committee was solicited.

The Medical Facilities to the Pensioners Committee had also had two meetings on August 22 and October 17. Dr. Bahl had already talked about its deliberations. The problems faced by the Members related primarily to (i) Seeking of Prior Permission of Director NPL, (ii) Reimbursement of Medical Claims, and (iii) Permanent Health Card. The various issues had been analysed, Members were welcome to bring to the notice of this Committee the problems faced by them.

The first Foundation Day Celebration Committee had been assigned the additional duties of organizing various Invited Talks, Workshops etc., and had been renamed as "**Programme Committee**". This Committee had also met twice on September 12 and October 17. The talk on "Recent Advancement in Arthritis and Joint Replacement" by Dr Yatinder Kharbanda to be delivered at this meeting had been organized through the efforts of Dr. K C Nagpal, who is a Member of this Committee. Organization of a Picnic for the Members of the Forum some time in February 2004 was also being planned by this Committee. Dr. V N Bindal who is also associated with this Committee as a Member, was planning to organize a one-day Workshop, jointly with an NPL-Based Society.

The majority opinion of the Members of the Management Committee, at its meeting held on September 12, 2003 was that while we favour working hand-in-hand with the CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association as equal partners on various issues of common interest, we would not like to be bound with the conditions laid down by them in their Guidelines for Association. In the light of this, the role of **the Committee to advise on Affiliation of the NPL-FSF with the CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association, stood completed.**

Shri Arora specifically mentioned about the meeting that the Management Committee had with Dr. Vikram Kumar, Director, NPL, on July 22, 2003. Consequent upon that meeting it is learnt that the persons now retiring from the Laboratory are being issued their identity cards on the day of their retirement. Further, two issues of "Sameeksha", dated January-June 2002 and July-December 2002 had also been mailed to the 92 Members of the Forum as per the list dated 01. 07. 2003 which had been furnished to the Director, NPL. The names of those who had enrolled as Members of the Forum subsequently will be sent to Director, NPL, after this meeting, so that they could also be added to the Mailing List for that publication. Shri Arora also read out the letter dated November 19, which Dr. V N Bindal had written to Dr. Vikram Kumar, to ensure action on the other issues that had come up at the meeting of the Management Committee with him.

One significant observation that Dr. Vikram Kumar had made during the meeting of the Management Committee with him was in regard to the naming of the Forum. In this regard, a suggestion had also been received from Dr. Gopal to consider enrolling the retired Technicians and Supporting Staff also as Members of the Forum. The proposal was presently under consideration of the Management Committee.

Mentioning about the present status of the Forum, Shri Arora informed about the acceptance of Dr. A R Verma, Dr. A P Mitra, Dr. S K Joshi, and Dr. E S R Gopal to be associated with the Forum as Patrons. He said that Dr. Verma had attended the last meeting of the Forum on August 22, and it was so very heartening and encouraging that he was present at this meeting also. The Forum had a Membership List of 107 prior to this meeting, which included 6 Senior Members (of the age of 75 years as on January 1, 2003), the eldest being Dr. M R Verma, born in 1909. With the enrollment of some new Members at this meeting, the Membership List will swell further.

As per the practice being followed at the earlier meetings, Shri Arora read out the names of the following Members/Prospective Members whose Birthdays fell between the date of the last meeting (held on August 22), and the present meeting, and wished them a long, active, healthy and happy life, on behalf of the Members of the Forum:

- 1919** Dr. Daneshwar Sen [01. 10. 19]
1921 Shri T N Ghosh [08. 10. 21]; Dr. Ajit Ram Verma [20. 09. 21] {PATRON}
1924 Dr. A F Chhappar [07. 11. 24] {SENIOR MEMBER}
1925 Dr. Pratap Chander Mehendru [22. 11. 25]; {SENIOR MEMBER}
1926 Shri Satish Chandra Vashishth [21. 10. 26] {SENIOR MEMBER}
1927 Shri S K Singh [14. 10. 27]
1928 Shri Girja Shanker Srivastava [22. 08. 28]; Shri Kali Kirshen Datta [13. 11. 28] {MEMBER}
1929 Shri Dewan Singh [28. 08. 29] {MEMBER}; Shri Kishan Chand [29. 10. 29]
1930 Shri R K Khanna [09. 11. 30]
1931 Shri Jitendra Rai [04. 09. 31] {MEMBER}; Dr. Prakash Chandra Jain [05. 10. 31] {MEMBER}

- 1932 Dr. Rajinder Pal **Wadhwa** [03. 09. 32] {**LIFE MEMBER**}; Shri **Ganpat Singh** [05. 10. 32]; Shri **Aftab Ahmed** [02. 11. 32]; Shri **Santokh Singh Hanspal** [15. 11. 32]
- 1933 S K **Kapur** [10. 09. 33]; Shri **Ved Parkash Wasan** [05. 10. 33] {**LIFE MEMBER**}; Shri **Malay Kumar Biswas** [14. 10. 33]; Dr. **Jai Krishan Narain Sharma** [09. 10. 33] {**LIFE MEMBER**}; Shri **Malay Kumar Biswas** [14. 10. 33]; Dr. **B N Srivastava** [01. 11. 33]{**MEMBER**}; Shri **Chiranjit Lal Verma** [16. 11. 33] {**MEMBER**}
- 1934 Shri **Krishan Lal Gulati** [03. 09. 34]; Dr. **Borra Madhava Reddy** [29. 09. 34]; Shri **Thomas Podikunju** [01. 10. 34]; Dr. **Adeshwar Prasad Jain** [21. 10. 34] {**LIFE MEMBER**}; Shri **G Govindaswamy** [27. 10. 34]; Dr. **Tribhuvan Kumar Saksena** [01. 11. 34]; Dr. **Kailash Chandra** [10. 11. 34]{**LIFE MEMBER**}
- 1935 Shri **Sudarshan Kumar** [09. 09. 35]; Shri **Gopal Krishan Goel** [01. 10. 35]; Shri **S S Kapur** [05. 11. 35]
- 1936 Dr. **Virendra Kumar Batra** [14. 09. 36] {**LIFE MEMBER**}; Dr. **Satya Kinkar Sarkar** [26. 09. 36]; Shri **M K Das Gupta** [10. 11. 36]
- 1937 Mrs. **Santosh Aggarwal** [27. 08. 37] {**LIFE MEMBER**}; Shri **Dharam Chand Khattar** [08. 09. 37] {**MEMBER**}; Shri **Charan Pal Singh** [16. 10. 37]; Shri **Vijay Kumar Amar** [03. 11. 37]; Shri **N Narayana Swami** [09. 11. 37]
- 1938 Shri **Janti Parshad Vashist** [04. 09. 38]; Dr. **Padam Lal Malhotra** [01. 10. 38] {**LIFE MEMBER**}; Shri **Bal Ram Awasthy** [05. 10. 38] {**MEMBER**}; Shri **Dinesh Chandra Sharma** [05. 10. 38]; Shri **H R Mehta** [21. 10. 38]
- 1939 Shri **B K Chopra** [01. 09. 39]; Shri **S K Phull** [15. 09. 39]; Dr. **Om Parkash Bahl** [05. 10. 39] {**LIFE MEMBER**}; Dr. **Y R Anantha Prasad** [05. 10. 39]; Shri **Ram Krishan Luthra** [11. 10. 39] {**MEMBER**}; Dr. **Joginder Singh** [02. 11. 39]; Shri **S S Bhakri** [05.11. 39]; Dr. (Mrs.) **K Saraswathi Balakrishnan** [13. 11. 39] {**LIFE MEMBER**}; Shri **Prem Prakash Bhardwaj** [23. 11. 39]
- 1940 Dr. **Surjeet Kumar Sharma** [05. 09. 40] {**MEMBER**}; Shri **Pramod Kumar Mittal** [17. 09. 40] {**LIFE MEMBER**}; Shri **M M Sharma** [28. 09. 40]
- 1941 Dr. (Mrs.) **Duggirala Rama Lakshmi** [30. 08. 41]; Shri **Kewal Krishan** [15. 09. 41] {**MEMBER**}; Shri **Shashi Bhushan Kapahi** [19. 10. 41]; Shri **Damodar Parshad** [18. 11. 41]{ **MEMBER**}
- 1942 Shri **Mihir Kumar Chaudhuri** [02. 10. 42]; Shri **K C Chhabra** [02. 10. 42]; Dr. **Hukam Singh Dahiya** [06. 10. 42]; Dr. **J S Vaishya** [15. 11. 42] {**MEMBER**}
- 1943 Shri **F C Khullar** [15. 09. 43]; Dr. **R Bhattacharyya** [16. 09. 43]; Shri **Karnail Singh** [10. 10. 43]; Shri **Sham Lal Sharma** [15. 10. 43]; Dr. **Ajit Kumar Sarkar** [01. 11. 43]

5. Presentation of the Report on Receipts and Expenditure by the Treasurer and consideration thereof: Shri Arora informed that since Shri V P Wasan, the Treasurer, had regretted his inability to attend the meeting, he had advised him to present the same on his behalf. The status of the Receipts & Expenditure was as under:

Total Receipts (upto 03. 11. 2003)		Rs. 23,000.00
Bank Deposits		Rs. 15,275.00
Cash-in-Hand		Rs. 1,388.00
Expenditure (upto 17. 10. 2003)		
Xeroxing Expenses	Rs. 2,340.50	
Stationery & Postage	Rs. 2,762.00	
Meeting Expenses	Rs. 1,179.50	
Bank Commission	Rs. 25.00	
Books	Rs. 30.00	
Total Expenditure		Rs. 6,337.00
		Rs. 23,000.00
		Rs. 23,000.00

- 7. Appointment of the Auditor from out of the Members of the Forum:** It was decided that the Management Committee may appoint the Auditor.
- 8. Date and Venue for a Picnic:** It was decided that this may be decided by the Management Committee on the advice of the Chairman of the Programme Committee.
- 9. Resolution on the Demise of Dr. J R Anand, Member:** Shri Arora was sorry to announce the sad demise of Dr. J R Anand, Member, based on the information which had been conveyed to him by Dr S V Gupta and by Shri J N Ojha. A resolution was passed on his sad and untimely demise and a two-minute silence was observed in his memory. The Secretary was advised to communicate the resolution to the bereaved family of Dr. Anand.
- 10. Talk by Dr. Yatinder Kharbanda, Senior Consultant, Orthopedics & Joint Replacement and Arthroscopy Surgery, Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi on “Recent Advancement in Arthritis & Joint Replacement:** Dr. K C Nagpal introduced Dr. Kharbanda to the Members before he delivered his very well illustrated talk, highlighting the various problems that were relevant particularly to the age-group that the Members of the Forum belong to, and what could be done to provide relief from them. The talk evinced a lot of interest among a number of Members who were already suffering from some of the problems highlighted by Dr. Kharbanda, to which he suggested them solutions and the line of treatment that they could follow.

Dr. A P Jain thanked Dr. Kharbanda on behalf of the Forum and expressed the hope that those of the Members who may approach him will receive his best attention and benefit from his advice and treatment.

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