

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting of the Forum, as also of the Third Annual General Body Meeting held in the TEC Conference Room on March 21, 2006

[Circulated along with the Notice for the Fourth Annual General Meeting on 14th August, 2007]

NOTE: The Follow-up Actions on the Decisions taken at the meeting are also indicated below the Item

Notice for the meeting dated 08. 03. 2006 was accompanied with the Minutes of the Second Annual General Body meeting held on May 2, 2005. As two more members – Shri Sarv Daman Kumar Chopra and Dr. Virendra Singh Tomar - were learnt to have expired, before the meeting the sequence of the Agenda Items was modified as per **Annexure I**.

Attendance: Dr. Vikram Kumar, Director, NPL was the Chief Guest The following persons attended the meeting:

Members of the Forum: (Names arranged alphabetically by the Surname)

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| 1. | Aggarwal , Santosh (Mrs.) | 23. | Hamid , Abdul | 45. | Nayar , Raj Kumar |
| 2. | Agnihotry , Suhasini (Dr.) (Mrs.) | 24. | Hans , Gokul Singh | 46. | Ojha , Jai Narain |
| 3. | Alam M Izhar | 25. | Jain , Adeshwar Preshad (Dr.) | 47. | Om Prakash (Dr.) |
| 4. | Arora , Gyanendra Kumar | 26. | Jain , Prakash Chandra (Dr.) | 48. | Panwar , Vinay Singh (Dr.) |
| 5. | Awasthy , Bal Ram | 26. | Joshi , Kundal Chandra (Dr.) | 49. | Pradhan , Man Mohan (Dr.) |
| 6. | Bahl , Om Parkash (Dr.) | 28. | Kapahi , Shashi Bhushan | 50. | Raja Gopal , Erode Subrabanian (Dr.) |
| 7. | Balchandani , Mulchand Kewalram | 29. | Kaul , Niranjana Nath | 51. | Rakesh Kumar |
| 8. | Batra , Virendra Kumar (Dr.) | 30. | Kaushik , Asha Rani (Mrs.) | 52. | Saksena , Rakesh Chandra (Dr.) |
| 9. | Bhatheja , Ram Chand | 31. | Khanduja , Radhey Sham | 53. | Sharan , Pramod Chandra |
| 10. | Bhatnagar , Kamleshwar Nath | 32. | Khanna , Radhey Kishen | 54. | Sharma , Kailash Chand |
| 11. | Bhattacharyya , Raghunath (Dr.) | 33. | Khattar , Dharam Chand | 55. | Sharma , Mahesh Chandra (Dr.) |
| 12. | Bhola , Om Parkash | 34. | Khullar , Surinder Mohan | 56. | Sharma , Sham Lal |
| 13. | Bindal , Vishwa Nath (Dr.) | 35. | Kundu , Namita (Dr. Mrs.) | 57. | Sharma , Surjeet Kumar (Dr.) |
| 14. | Chandra , Subhash | 36. | Malhotra , Girdhari Lal | 58. | Shastri , Shashikala (Mrs.) |
| 15. | Chaudhary , Janki Nath | 37. | Malhotra , Padam Lal (Dr.) | 59. | Shiv Nath |
| 16. | Chopra , Bir Bal | 38. | Manrai , Santosh (Mrs.) | 60. | Singh , Devendra |
| 17. | Dev Kumar | 39. | Marwah , Raksha (Mrs.) | 61. | Tagra , Om Parkash |
| 18. | Dhawan , Jagdish Kumar | 40. | Mathur , Harish Chand | 62. | Verma , Ajit Ram (Dr.) |
| 19. | Dhawan , Ramesh Chandra | 41. | Mittal , Pramod Kumar | 63. | Wadhwa , Rajinder Pal (Dr.) |
| 20. | Dhawan , Urmil (Mrs.) | 42. | Nagpal , Kailash Chandra (Dr.) | 64. | Wasan , Ved Parkash |
| 21. | Gupta , Ashok Kumar (Dr.) | 43. | Nangia , Shiv Nandan | . | |
| 22. | Gupta , Jitendra Kumar (Dr.) | 44. | Nath , Mohinder | . | |

NOTE 1. Persons listed at Sr. Nos. 2, 11, 14, 30 and 47 joined as new Members at the time of the meeting.

NOTE 2. Since the above list is based on the attendance record at the time of the meeting, which had not been signed by some members, it is possible that the names of some other members who had not marked their attendance have been left out.

The Following Members had expressed their inability to attend the meeting:

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| 1. | Ali , Sultana Zulfiqar (Dr.) (Mrs.) | 7. | Luthra , Ram Krishan | 13. | Sudarshan Kumar |
| 2. | Chandra , Kailash (Dr.) | 8. | Mehendru , Pratap Chander (Dr.) | 14. | Suri , Sital Kumar |
| 3. | Chhapgar , Ardeshir Framji (Dr.) | 9. | Roonwal , Veena (Mrs.) | 15. | Tewari , Shiva Gopal |
| 4. | Datta , Kali Kirshan | 10. | Singal , Sagar Pal (Dr.) | 16. | Trehan , Jagdish Chander (Dr.) |
| 5. | Jain , Atma Ram (Dr.) | 11. | Srinivasan , Thirumalai Mappur (Dr.) | 17. | Varma , Satya Prakash (Dr.) |
| 6. | Khullar , Faqir Chand | 12. | Srivastava , Krishna Chandra | | |

Letters sent to the following persons were received back un-delivered:

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| 1. Shri V C Jain; | 2. Dr. Lakha Singh; | 3. Shri Jitendra Rai; | 4. Dr. Ram Swarup; | 5. Dr. A K Sarkar, |
| 6. Mrs. Mithlesh Saxena; | 7. Dr. R L Seth | and | 8. Dr. T K Saksena.. | |

In addition the letters addressed to Shri Kailash Chand Sharma and Shri Surinder Mohan Khullar were also received back, but they were able to attend the meeting as they could be contacted again on phone in time.

The reasons for non-delivery of the letters were varied – either the address had changed, or there was no such person residing there, or else the premises were locked etc.

Item 1. Condolence Resolutions: Condolence messages already passed at the Management Committee meeting held on 24. 02. 2006, in respect of Shri Prem Prakash and Shri Baij Nath Upadhyaya (which had already been sent to the Members of the bereaved families were read out Condolence Messages in respect of Shri Sarv Daman Kumar Chopra and Dr. Virendra Singh Tomar were also passed.

Action Taken: Condolence Resolutions in respect of Shri Sarv Daman Kumar Chopra and Dr. Virendra Singh Tomar, were sent to the members of the bereaved families. Write ups on all the Four Members – Shri Prem Prakash, Shri Baij Nath Upadhyaya, Shri Sarv Daman Kumar Chopra and Dr. Virendra Singh Tomar – have

been published in the August 2006 Issue No. 3 of the Forum's Newsletter on pages 104-105. These write-ups were prepared with the help received from Dr. P C Jain (for Shri Prem Prakash), Dr. (Mrs.) Pushp Lata Upadhyaya (for Shri Baij Nath Upadhyaya), Shri Gokul Singh Hans and Shri Shashi Bhushan Kapahi (for Shri Sarb Daman Kumar Chopra) and Dr. B V Reddy and Shri Man Mohan Krishna (for Dr. Virendra Singh Tomar).

Item 2. Welcome by the President & the Two Talks Scheduled for the Day: Dr. V N Bindal welcomed the members to the meeting. He was specially happy that Dr. A R Verma, and Prof. E S R Gopal were also present at the meeting, and that Dr. Vikram Kumar had accepted our invitation to be the Chief Guest at such a short notice. There after the following two talks were delivered.

1. Mrs. Shashi Kala Shastri – Me and my Position in the Cosmos.
2. Dr. V N Bindal – The Art of Writing Papers.

Action Taken: A Brief on the talk delivered by Mrs. Shashikala Shastri appears on Page 68 of the August 2006 Issue No. 3 of the Forum's Newsletter.

Item 3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual General Body Meeting held on May 2, 2005: The Minutes of the Meeting had been circulated with the notice for the meeting. As no comments had been received, the same were confirmed.

Item 4. Status Report by the Secretary: The Secretary presented the highlights of the Status Report (**Annexure II**) which had been circulated at the time of the meeting. He also specially thanked Dr. V N Bindal who had arranged for the 'Topis' and the 'Tilak' for this "Holi Milan" Meeting, and also Shri Dev Kumar who was meeting the expenditure on Tea & Refreshment served at the Meeting.

Item 5. Status of Accounts: Para 6 of the Secretary's Report mentioned above presented the status of accounts also as on the date of the meeting. Shri V P Wasan, pointed out a slight error in the reporting of the cash in hand, which was noted.

Action Taken: As the Financial year 2005-2006 was about to be over, this Financial status report in a way also projected the financial status as at the end of that financial year. The Audited Accounts for the year 2005-2006 were adopted at the 17th meeting of the Management Committee held on 12. 05. 2006 and were also subsequently Approved and Adopted at the Forum's meeting held on 24 August 2006. These will be published in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter (Issue No. 4).

Item 6. Appointment of Auditor Shri P K Mittal was re-appointed as the Auditor for Auditing the Accounts of the Forum for the Financial Year 2006-2007.

Action Taken: The Accounts for the year 2006-2007 have also been audited by Shri P K Mittal, and these were placed before the Management Committee of the Forum at its meeting held on June 20, 2007. These will be placed before the present Annual General Body Meeting of the Forum for Consideration, Approval and Adoption.

Item 7. Elections: The present incumbents to the five positions of Elected Office Bearers were unanimously re-elected for the two-year term 2006-2008.

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| President | Dr. V N Bindal |
| Vice President | Dr. O P Bahl |
| Secretary | Shri G K Arora |
| Joint Secretary | Dr V S Panwar |
| Treasurer | Shri V P Wasan |

Action Taken: Constitution of the New Management Committee including the members nominated by the President was published on the inner back cover of the Forum's Newsletter Issue No. 3, August 2006. This List also carried information about the Residential and e-mail address, as also their Residential/ Mobile/ Contact Phone Numbers. The Constitution of the present Management Committee appears at the bottom of the notice for the present Annual General Body Meeting on 13th August, 2007.

Item 8. Amendments to the Rules & Regulations: The Amendments as reflected in the Agenda were passed.

Action Taken: Letters were sent to all the members who had not yet become Life Members to pay off their Arrears towards Life Membership. A list of all such persons was also drawn up and given to Shri N K Babbar to whom payments could be made, and from whom the Members who had not yet received copies of the 'Special Medical Issue' of the Forum's Newsletter No. 2 dated May 2005 could be collected. Subsequently also, after the release of the "NPL Diamond Jubilee Issue" No. 3, dated August 2006, those members who had still not become Life Members were requested to do so and collect a copy of Issue No. 3, from Shri N K Babbar, who had again been provided with a fresh list of such persons.

During the course of operation of the Forum, it was felt that it was now time that the Forum gets itself registered as a Society, and to re-examine the Rules & Regulations of the Forum. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Satya Vir Gupta was set up and its recommendations were reviewed by the Management Committee also. The Finalized Draft of the Revised Rules & Regulations and Memorandum of Association were approved by the Forum at its meeting held on March 6, 2007. The necessary formalities for getting the Forum registered are being completed. **One of the major hurdles was to have a place in NPL to operate from, which has now been provided, and which will be inaugurated today by Dr. Vikram Kumar, Director, NPL.**

Item 9. Group Photograph of the Members: As there were no other items, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair, and the Members assembled outside the TEC Building's Entrance for a Group Photograph.

Action Taken: The Coloured Group Photograph taken at the meeting has been published in the August 2006 Issue No. 3 of the Forum's Newsletter. In addition, 6 other Coloured Photographs taken at the time of this meeting have been published in that Issue of the Newsletter.

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Annual General Body Meeting (Also constituting the **ELEVENTH MEETING** of the Forum) Tuesday, 21 March 2006, at 10. 30 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room, NPL

AGENDA

1. Condolence Resolutions on the demise of

- Dr. V S Tomar
- Shri Sarv Daman Kumar Chopra
- Shri Prem Prakash
- Shri Baij Nath Upadhyaya

2. Welcome by the President

Two talks: (a) Me and my Position in the Cosmos. By Mrs. Shasikala Shastri
(b) The Art of Writing Papers – A Satire. By Dr. V N Bindal

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last General Body Meeting held on May 22, 2005

The Minutes of the meeting have already been circulated with the Letter dated March 8, 2006, notifying this meeting.

Unless there are any observations by any Member, it will be presumed that they have no comments to offer, and the same may be permitted to be treated as confirmed.

4. **Status Report (Secretary):** This too has been circulated at the time of the meeting to enable the members to go through it. Only the highlights of the Report will be briefly presented by the Secretary.

5. **Status of Accounts :** The status of Accounts as of date (Prior to the meeting) has been ascertained from the Treasurer by the Secretary, and the same is also presented at Para 6 of this report.

6. **Appointment of the Auditor:** So far Shri P K Mittal has been auditing the accounts of the Forum. It is proposed that he may continue to serve as the

Auditor for the financial year 2006-2007 also. His oral consent in this regard has been obtained by the Secretary.

7. **Elections and Declaration of Results by the Returning Officer:** Dr. K D Kundra has kindly agreed to discharge the duties of the Returning Officer to conduct the elections for the following five positions for which, as per the provision made in the Rules & Regulations, nominations shall be invited on the spot

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| President | One |
| Vice President | One |
| Secretary | One |
| Joint Secretary | One |
| Treasurer | One |

8. **Consideration of Amendments in the Rules and Regulations:** The following amendments in the extant Rules & Regulations have been proposed by the Secretary in his Report, in the light of the issues already brought to the notice of the Management Committee or informally to him, and which had been presented in the Status Report presented by him in the last General Body Meeting on 02. 05. 2005:

| Clause | Existing Clause | Amendment Proposed |
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| Number | | |
| 8.1 | There shall be a uniform Life Membership Fee of Rs. 500/=. Members shall have the option of paying this fee in a maximum of five consecutive yearly installments of Rs. 100/=, with the New Year Day marking the commencement of the next year for this purpose. All Members who pay the full amount of Rs. 500/= either as lump sum or in installments, shall become Life Members of NPL-FSF. | There shall be a Uniform Life Membership Fee of Rs. 500/= |
| 8.2 | All the Members who enroll as Senior Members shall be exempted from paying the Life Membership Fee of Rs. 500/=. All other Members who attain the status of Senior Member on the New Year Day of any subsequent year, shall have the option to pay only that much amount which may be payable by them till they attain the age of 75 years, on that day | All the Members who enroll as Senior Members shall have the Option of Contributing towards the Membership Fee |
| 16.1 | The election for the various Office Bearers of the M.C shall be held by the G.B. once in two years, and this item shall be specifically included as an item on the Agenda for the meeting. | The election for the various Office Bearers of the M.C shall be held by the G.B. once in two years, and this item shall be specifically included as an item on the Agenda for the meeting. The tenure of the MC shall be on the Financial Tear Basis. |

9. Any other matter with the permission of the chair

10. Vote of Thanks

11. Group Photograph of the Members

12. Light Refreshment, Tea and Holi Milan

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

SECRETARY'S REPORT

(General Body Meeting –March 21, 2006)

Venue – TEC Conference Room, National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi

I have great pleasure in presenting the report on the activities of NPL Former Scientists Forum at this Third Annual General Body Meeting of the Forum being held today. The last Annual General Body Meeting was held on May 2, 2005, which also was held at the same venue, as this meeting at which I had presented the report for the period following the First Annual General Body Meeting held on November 25, 2003 at which the present Office Bearers of the Forum were unanimously elected for the two-year term 2004 and 2005. As the Financial year ends in March, it was decided by the Management Committee to take over the charge from the outgoing Committee on 1st April 2004, and accordingly its term comes to an end on 31st March 2006. In accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Forum, one of the main items of Agenda (**Item No. 8**) of today's meeting is the election of the Office Bearers of the New Management Committee for the next two-year term 2006-2008.

The venue for all such meetings of the Forum has hitherto been the TEC Conference Room which was considered ideal for accommodating the members attending the meeting, but with the growing strength of the Forum, it may be necessary to hold the future such meetings in the NPL Auditorium or at some other suitable venue. We look forward to continued help and support from NPL in providing the necessary facilities for holding these meetings.

Since the last Annual General Body Meeting held on May 2, 2005, at which Shri Sudhir Kumar, Joint Secretary (Admn.), CSIR, had released the "Special Medical Issue" of the Forum's Newsletter, a number of significant developments have taken place. The Minutes of that meeting, as also of the Ninth Meeting of the Forum which had preceded the General Body Meeting, have already been circulated as enclosure to the Letter dated 8th March 2006 mailed to the members. As indicated therein, Shri Sudhir Kumar had recorded on one copy of the Newsletter – "**Excellent Collection; Good Effort**". A copy of this "Special Medical Issue" of the Newsletter had also been sent to Dr. R A Mashelkar, DG, CSIR, and in acknowledgement of the same, he in his letter dated 16. 05. 2006, addressed to the Secretary of the Forum has written:

"The Issue is indeed an important resource document, covering comprehensive information of relevance to the CSIR pensioners availing the benefit of CGHS. My Congratulations!"

This Report attempts to highlight the developments that have taken place since May 2, 2005. and it also constitutes a follow-up Action Report on the decisions taken at the last meeting of the General Body.

This Annual General Body also constitutes the Eleventh Meeting of the Forum.

1. Participation at the Meeting: A list is under circulation for signatures by the members attending this meeting. Renewal of Membership of 31 Members who do not fall in the categories of Patron, Senior Member or Life Member so far, has also become due for the current year 2006 and they are requested to renew their membership so as to become eligible for participation in the election process for election of the five Office Bearers of the new Management Committee. The list of these persons is also attached with this "Attendance Record" of today's meeting, indicating the amount due from them including the arrears for 2004 and 2005, if any. In this list, indication has also been given about the balance amount due from them to switch over to the category of Life Member. The payment due from them may kindly be made either through the Coordinator indicated in this list, or directly to Shri V P Wasan - the Treasurer.

2. Forum's Health: The Membership Strength of the Forum was 148 at the time of the 13th meeting of the Management Committee, held on 06. 04. 2005, which had been reported at the last Annual General Body Meeting held on May 2, 2005. This included two members who had expired – **Dr. Jagdish Raj Anand** and **Dr Pramod Kumar Gupta**. While the total membership has increased to 164 members, the effective strength had increased just by 12 members – **Shri Baij Nath Upadhyaya** (27. 11. 2005) and **Shri Prem Prakash** (09. 02. 2006) were learnt to have expired on the dates mentioned against their names in parenthesis, by the time of the 16th meeting of the Management Committee held on 24. 02. 2006 at which Condolence Resolutions had been passed, and the same were sent to members of their families by the Secretary. These Resolutions were proposed to be read vide **Agenda Item 7** of this meeting. However subsequently, two more members of the Forum – **Shri Sarv Daman Kumar Chopra** (01. 02. 2006) and **Dr. Virendra Singh Tomar** (09. 03. 2006) – are also learnt to have expired on the dates mentioned against their names, bringing the total number of expired members to 6. Accordingly, the sequence of the Agenda Items has been changed to pass the **Condolence Resolutions in respect of Shri Chopra and Dr. Tomar at this meeting, as the First Item of the Agenda** and observe two minutes silence.

The Category wise details of Membership are given below:

| Status as on 06. 04. 2005 (13th Meeting of the Management Committee) | Status as on 24. 02. 2006 (16th Meeting of the Management Committee) | Up-to-date Status |
|---|---|----------------------------|
| Patrons 5 | Patrons 5 | Patrons 5 |
| Senior Members 16 | Senior Members 18 | Senior Members 18 |
| Life Members 80 | Life Members 100 | Life Members 104 |
| Other Members 45 | Other Members 33 | Other Members 31 |
| Members Expired 2 | Members Expired 4 | Members Expired 6 |
| TOTAL 148 | TOTAL 160 | TOTAL 164 |
| Effective Total 146 | Effective Total 156 | Effective Total 158 |

It is heartening to note that the number of **Life Members** of the Forum has increased from **80 to 104**. It was as a result of (i) a number of members having become Life Members by paying the balance amount due from them and (ii) enrolment of some new members directly as Life Members. It is hoped that some more members will get added to both these categories during this meeting also.

It will, however be seen, that the total increase in the gross strength of the Forum is **just 16** members after 06. 04. 2005. One of the reasons for the slow growth in the Membership of the Forum from among the fresh eligible members of the Forum is the lack of information about their contact particulars. In this regard, a re-look was given to this issue at the last Management Committee meeting held on 24. 02. 2006 when it was observed that there were as many as 29 such persons who had retired from NPL since the formation of the Forum in January 2003 for whom we did not have the contact particulars, for which Director, NPL has been approached for this information which will be available in their Pension forms filled by them at the time of retirement /voluntary retirement. It was also noticed that there were another 23 prospective members of the Forum who were due to superannuate during 2006, for whom also the contact particulars after their retirement has been sought from the Director NPL at quarterly intervals on a regular basis for future retirees as well.

Another reason was that there was no persons who could be the **Contact Person** of the Forum at the NPL, to whom the new eligible members could approach for the Membership Form and enroll as Members. **Shri N K Babbar** has been kind enough to take up this responsibility and during this short period of less than one month, he has helped enrollment of three more Life Members **Dr. Raghunath Bhattacharyya, Dr. (Mrs.) Suhasini Agnihotry** and **Shri Subhash Chandra**. He has also been given some Membership Forms. In addition, **Shri Satish Chand Garg** who had retired in January 2006 has also enrolled as a Life Member.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Second Annual General Body Meeting held on May 02, 2005 (Ref:

Agenda Item 3): Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the Forum, as also of the Second Annual General Body meeting had already been circulated as enclosure to the letter dated 8th March 2006, mailed to the members, notifying the present meeting. Unless there are any observations by any Member at the time of the meeting, it will be presumed that they have no comments to offer, and the same may be permitted to be treated as confirmed.

4. Meetings of the Management Committee and of The Forum:

Following the last Annual General Body meeting on 02.05. 2005, the Management Committee had 3 meeting on 01. 06. 2005, 08. 08. 2005 and 24. 02. 2006. Only one meeting of the Forum could be held on October 21, 2005. At that meeting it was felt that a special meeting of the Forum may be held in November itself, for giving suggestions for the CSIR's Medical Review Committee of which Dr. Krishan Lal is a Member, and concrete suggestions had been solicited from the members. In respect of the Members who had not been able to participate in that meeting and whose e-mail addresses were available, were contacted through e-mail for their suggestions, but since the response was very poor, no such meeting could be held.

5. Report on the Activities of the Forum by the Secretary (Ref: Agenda Item 4): In view of the time-constraint for presentation of this detailed report at the meeting, copies of this report have been circulated to the members ahead of the meeting. Only the highlights of this report will, therefore, be presented at the time of the meeting.

6 Area Committees: The following composition of the four Area Committees had been notified at the last Annual General Meeting, held on 02. 05. 2005:

| COMPOSITION | Medical Facilities Committee | Programme Committee | Publication Committee | Financial Benefits Committee |
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| Chairman | Dr. O P Bahl | Dr. S K Sharma | Dr. P C Jain | Dr. J K N Sharma |
| Secretary/ Convener | Shri G K Arora | Dr. V S Panwar | Shri G K Arora | Dr. V S Panwar |
| Member | Shri S Parthasarathi | Dr. B N Srivastava | Dr. V S Panwar | Dr. B N Srivastava |
| Member | Shri B S Gaira | Shri V P Wasan | Shri V P Wasan | Dr. K C Joshi |
| Member | Dr. A P Jain | Shri F C Khullar | Shri H N Bhatnagar | Shri Sohan Lal Gupta |
| Member | | | Shri F C Khullar | |

In regard to the **Medical Facilities Committee**, Shri B S Gaira had expressed his inability to serve on the Committee, and the contact particulars of Shri S Parthasarathi who had moved from his earlier residence are not available. As Dr. A P Jain has not been keeping good health for the past some time, he had advised the association of some other members of the Forum with this Committee. Shri Mohinder Nath has already agreed to serve on this Committee; some other members of the Forum may also like to volunteer themselves for membership of this Committee.

The Committee took note of the Public Notice from Director General, CGHS, which appeared in the Hindustan Times on 29. 09. 2005, inviting suggestions/views regarding improvement in the functioning of the CGHS dispensaries from the various CGHS beneficiary Organizations /Associations latest by 07. 10. 2005 for consideration of the High Powered Committee which had been constituted to review the functioning of the CGHS to look into its functioning and make recommendations for making it more user-friendly. In this regard CSIR was reminded about the letter that had been sent by the Chairman of the Committee to Dr. R A Mashelkar, regarding the step motherly treatment meted out to the CSIR pensioners vis-à-vis the Central Government Pensioners in respect of (i) Lifelong CGHS cards, (ii) Treatment in Recognized/Designated Hospitals, and (iii) Reimbursement of expenses. It was learnt that Dr. Mashelkar had written a DO letter to the Director General, CGHS in this regard on 16. 09. 2005, and subsequently, a UO Note dated 06. 10. 2005 from Shri Prithvi Shah, Under Secretary, CSIR, had been sent as a reminder to the DG, CGHS. There is no further information in this regard. It is learnt that Shri Nikhilesh Jha, IAS, has now taken over as the Joint Secretary (Admn), CSIR, w.e.f. 12th December 2005. It is proposed to invite his attention to the various problems faced by the members of the Forum, which may kindly be brought to the notice of the Committee in writing.

The **Programme Committee** had organized the Lecture by *Dr Navneet Dhamija* at the time of the last Annual General Body Meeting on 02. 05. 2005. For the subsequent meeting of the Forum held on 21. 10. 2005, *Shri Mukhtesh Chander*, Addl. Commissioner of Police, Senior Citizen Security Cell, Police Head Qrs. New Delhi had been invited to give a talk on "Protection of Senior Citizens – Delhi Police Initiative". Highlights of these two talks, based on the handouts circulated at these two meetings will be published in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter.

The **Publication Committee** held two meetings on October 21, 2005 and February 24, 2006 following the meeting of the Forum on 21st October, and preceding the meeting of the Management Committee on 24th February. The first of these meetings was held to deliberate on the material to be compiled for publication in the next issue of the Newsletter, and the second meeting was held to decide about the theme of the next issue of the Newsletter as also the Advertisements to be invited for publication therein.

In regard to the Theme of the next issue, it was decided to recommend to the Management Committee to publish the next issue of the Newsletter as a "**Special Diamond Jubilee of NPL Issue**", to synchronize with the celebration of 2006-2007 as the Diamond Jubilee Year for the Laboratory, which commenced with the Krishnan Memorial Lecture by **Prof C N R Rao** delivered on February 10, 2006. For this a list of members of the Forum (Up dated as on 01. 02. 2006) had been sent in a cut-and-paste form to **Dr S K Chakladar**, Scientist-in-Charge, HRDG, NPL, by the Secretary by e-mail, and it is hoped that the members had received invitation from NPL for this lecture.

The recommendation of the Publication Committee for publication of the "Special Diamond Jubilee of NPL Issue" was unanimously approved by the Management Committee, and also the publication of the following items therein:

- (1) Birth of NPL – Based on the interview of Shri Mulk Raj Verma – the eldest member of the Forum (db. 04. 01.1909)
- (2) Address by Sir Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar delivered at the time of the Foundation Stone- Laying Ceremony of NPL.
- (3) The Story of K S Krishnan's Appointment as the First NPL Director – by D C V Mullick (Invited)
- (4) Fifteen Years at the National Physical Laboratory – Highlights of this Rare Publication of NPL
- (5) Dr. Bhatnagar & Metrology – Excerpts from the two papers by Late Shri Prem Prakash published in MAPAN
- (6) Old Associates of NPL – Compilation by G K Arora.

In regard to **Item 6 above**, in consultation with Dr V N Bindal, it was decided to make an effort to enlarge the scope of this Bare List already compiled based on the Journal publications of the NPL Scientists, prior to 1970 – which itself was a momentous effort – to give it the shape of a "**Directory of R & D Associates of NPL**", which could be published in due course of time. As this requires cooperation from the various members of the Forum, it was decided to have another meeting at 2.00 P.M. at the same venue as this Annual General Body Meeting for which letters dated 14. 03. 06 had been issued. Keeping in view the time constraint in making the necessary preparations for making this meeting most productive, the enclosure to the letter could not be sent especially to those members whose publications prior to 1970 had not come to notice. Some members could also not be sent this letter on account of the time constrain. However, all members are invited to participate in that meeting and cooperate in this task.

In regard to the Advertisements, it was decided not to make any changes in the existing rates. Accordingly, Director, NPL has been approached for the release of a full-page (Black-and-White) advertisement for which the charges are Rs. 10,000/-. In addition, for this Special Issue he has been requested to provide another support of Rs. 20,000/-. Proposal is to publish this Special Issue in April 2006. In this issue, besides other items of common interest to the members as had been done for the earlier two issues of the Newsletter, it is also proposed to publish some coloured photographs, if the economics of it can be worked out satisfactorily.

Cooperation of all the members of the Forum is solicited for compilation of information relevant to the "Directory of R & D Associates of NPL", and they are also invited to volunteer themselves to serve as additional members of the Publication Committee.

There are still some members who were on the Rolls of the Forum prior to its release of the "**Special Medical Issue**" of the Newsletter on 02. 05. 2005, who do not appear to have received a copy of this Newsletter. They are requested to collect the same **from Dr. V S Panwar**.

As informed at the last G B Meeting, on 02. 05. 2005, the **Financial Benefits Committee** was constituted at the Forum Meeting held on 17. 11. 2004, at which Dr. B N Srivastava had shared the information that he had collected on Facilities/ Privileges available to pensioners, particularly in the context of the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission. The issue relating to Death-cum-Retirement Gratuity (DCRG) was the immediate one to engage the attention of this Committee, about which a reference had also been made to the NPL/ CSIR. Since it was subsequently notified that there was no substance in the rumours about the Government having enhanced DCRG to pre - 1. 1. 1996 pensioners, there was no specific issue for the Committee to work on. Now that there are some news items appearing in the press relating to the setting up of the Sixth Central Pay Commission, the Committee invites suggestions from the members, which could be sent to this Commission.

6 Accounts (Ref: Agenda Item 5): In addition to the **Fixed Deposits of Rs. 25,000-** made in the Syndicate Bank on 18. 01. 2005, and the interest accrued thereon, there is an amount of Rs. **20,211. 82**, in the **Saving Fund Account** with the Syndicate Bank, NPL, and another amount of **Rs. 601.10** as **Cash in Hand** with the Treasurer. However this excludes the adjustment of accounts by the secretary for the expenditure incurred by him after the Management Committee meeting held on 01. 06. 2005 for which he had been paid Rs. 3,000/- on 24. 02. 2005, and also the expenditure incurred in regard to the two meetings today.

7 Appointment of Auditor (Ref: Agenda Item 6): So far *Shri P K Mittal* has been auditing the accounts of the Forum. It is proposed that he may **continue to serve as the Auditor for the financial year 2006-2007 also**. His **oral consent** in this regard has been obtained.

8 Picnic/Family Get-together: At the last Annual General Body Meeting members were informed that the Programme Committee, had been advised to explore the possibility of arranging a Picnic/Family Get-together, but on account of the vagaries of the weather conditions it had not been able to do so during the month of February. Further, since this meeting was to be fixed, it was not considered to have such a programme in March. However, the Programme Committee is seized of this issue.

9 Amendments in the Rules & Regulations (Ref: Agenda Item 9): At the Forum Meeting held on October 21, 2005, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. S V Gupta had been assigned the task of **Revising the Existing Rules & Regulations**. The Committee has given its recommendations, which were placed before the Management Committee at its meeting held on 24. 02. 2006, where it was decided that since this General Body was also to Re-constitute the new Management Committee for the two year term 2006-2008, the consideration of the same may be deferred for the New Management Committee after it takes over in April 2006. However, the following amendments in the extant Rules & Regulations are proposed in the light of the issues already brought to the notice of the Management Committee or informally to the Secretary, and which had been presented in the Status Report presented by him in the last General Body Meeting on 02. 05. 2005:

| Clause Number | Existing Clause | Amendment Proposed |
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| 8.1 | There shall be a uniform Life Membership Fee of Rs. 500/=. Members shall have the option of paying this fee in a maximum of five consecutive yearly installments of Rs. 100/=. with the New Year Day marking the commencement of the next year for this purpose. All Members who pay the full amount of Rs. 500/= either as lump sum or in installments, shall become Life Members of NPL-FSF. | There shall be a Uniform Life Membership Fee of Rs. 500/= |
| 8.2 | All the Members who enroll as Senior Members shall be exempted from paying the Life Membership Fee of Rs. 500/=. All other Members who attain the status of Senior Member on the New Year Day of any subsequent year, shall have the option to pay only that much amount which may be payable by them till they attain the age of 75 years, on that day | All the Members who enroll as Senior Members shall have the Option of Contributing towards the Membership Fee |
| 16.1 | The election for the various Office Bearers of the M.C shall be held by the G.B. once in two years, and this item shall be specifically included as an item on the Agenda for the meeting. | The election for the various Office Bearers of the M.C shall be held by the G.B. once in two years, and this item shall be specifically included as an item on the Agenda for the meeting. The tenure of the MC shall be on the Financial Tear Basis. |

If the proposed amendments are approved by the General Body, some corresponding changes will need to be made in some other clauses and also in the Membership Form.

10 Undertaking of Scientific Activities by the Forum: Based on the filled up “Survey Forms” that had been received from the Members, till 02. 02. 2005, a document had been prepared by consideration by the Management Committee at its meeting held on 01. 02. 2006. Subsequently, at the meeting of the Management Committee held on 08. 08. 2005, a committee had been constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Kailash Chandra, to look after the “Scientific Activities” of the Forum. The scientists who had filled up the Survey Forms were approached, inviting specific proposals from them. However in view of the very meager response, no immediate plan of action could be evolved. It could perhaps be on account of the fact that the maximum age up to which the DST could provide financial support for projects from retired personnel was 65 years. It is understood that this limit has now been raised to 70 years. With some relatively young retired scientists having enrolled themselves as Members, and some more such scientists being expected to join the Forum, this issue could be again addressed for evolving an action plan by this Committee.

11 Interaction with the NPL And the Metrology Society of India: *Dr D C V Mullick* whose invited article on “ The Story of K S Krishnan’s appointment as the First Director NPL’, in the next issue of the Newsletter, had been approached by *Shri V R Thiruvadi*, grandson of Dr. K S Krishnan, to write a “*Biography of K S Krishnan*”. For this he had also had meetings with *Dr. A R Verma* and *Dr. Krishan Lal*, and had also approached Dr. Vikram Kumar for some information relating to the earlier days of formation of NPL to supplement the information available from the personal papers of Krishnan that Shri Thiruvadi has and the information that he had been able to gather from various sources. Dr Vikram Kumar had sent a copy of Dr Mullick’s letter to the Secretary, for any help that could be provided. It was possible to gather some information from *Shri V P Wasan*, *Dr. V K Batra*, *Shri Mohinder Nath* and *Dr. K K Mahajan* in particular and the same was e-mailed to Dr. Mullick, with copies endorsed to Dr. Vikram Kumar. It is hoped that the contemplated compilation of the “Directory of R & D Associates of NPL will also be found useful by NPL and this effort will receive support from Director, NPL.

Already, copies of Sameeksha are being mailed to the Members of the Forum.

The **Metrology Society of India (MSI)** has constituted a **Committee** of which *Dr. P C Jain*, *Mrs. Veena Roonwal* and *M L Mangal* of S V Engineering Centre, Faridabad, are Members. This Committee has been constituted to advise about the manner in which the members of the metrology Society of India could address themselves to the problems faced by the Industry for improvement of their products. Based on the initiative taken by DR P C Jain, a suggestion has been made to the MSI for a collaborative effort that may be made by their Society and our Forum pooling up their resources. The proposal had been sent to the MSI some time back, prior to the recent elections of the new Office Bearers of that Society.

The Metrology Society had also invited the members of our Forum for a lecture on “Overview of NPL, UK, and its Future Plans in Metrology” by **Dr. Stephen McQuillon**, Managing Director, NPL, UK on 28. 11. 2005, through e-mail from *Dr. R K Garg*, the newly elected Secretary of the Metrology Society of India, but as the notice was too short, this invitation could be passed on only to some of those members whose e-mail addresses were available with the Secretary.