

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Forum, as also of the Fourth Annual General Body Meeting held in the TEC Conference Room on August 14, 2007

[To be circulated along with the Notice for the Fifth Annual General Meeting which may be held around the end of March 2008]

NOTE: The Follow-up Actions on the Decisions taken at the meeting will be presented at the time of the next Annual General Body Meeting, at which the Elections of the New Management Committee shall be the main Item on the Agenda meeting

Notice for the meeting dated 30. 07. 2007 was accompanied with the Minutes of the Third Annual General Body meeting held on March 21, 2006.

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)

1.	Agnihotry , Suhasini (Dr.) (Mrs.)	26.	Jain , Sohan Lal (Dr.)	51.	Raina , Mohan Krishen (Dr.)
2.	Arora , Gyanendra Kumar	27.	Joshi , Kundal Chandra (Dr.)	52.	Rakesh Kumar
3.	Awasthy , Bal Ram	28.	Joshi , Shri Krishna (Dr.)	53.	Ram Narain
4.	Balakrishnan , K Saraswathi	29.	Kakkar , Om Prakash	54.	Roonwal , Veena (Mrs.)
5.	Balchandani , Mulchand Kewalram	30.	Kanjilal , Alok Kumar	55.	Saksena , Rakesh Chandra (Dr.)
6.	Batra , Jai Dev	31.	Kapahi , Shashi Bhushan	56.	Segal , Swami Nath
7.	Bhatnagar , Kamleshwer Nath	32.	Kaul , Niranjan Nath	57.	Sehgal , Madan Gopal
8.	Bhattacharyya , Raghunath (Dr.)	33.	Khanduja , Radhey Sham	58.	Sharma , Chhatra Pal (Dr.)
9.	Bindal , Vishwa Nath (Dr.)	34.	Khattar , Dharam Chand	59.	Sharma , Kailash Chand
10.	Chakladar , Swapan Kumar	35.	Khullar , Faqir Chand	60.	Sharma , Mahesh Chandra (Dr.)
11.	Chandra , Subhash	36.	Khullar , Surinder Mohan	61.	Shastri , Shashikala (Mrs.)
12.	Chaudhary , Janki Nath	37.	Kohli , Nand Kishore	62.	Singal , Sagar Pal (Dr.)
13.	Chhapgar , Ardeshir Framji (Dr.)	38.	Kumar , Sharwan (Dr.)	63.	Singh , Devendra
14.	Das , Mati Lal	39.	Lal , Krishan (Dr.)	64.	Som , Jnanendra Nath (Dr.)
15.	Das Gupta , Mrinal Kanti	40.	Luthra , Ram Krishan	65.	Srivastava , Brahma Nand (Dr.)
16.	Dev Kumar	41.	Mahajan , Kushal Kumar (Dr.)	66.	Tagra , Om Parkash
17.	Dewan Singh	42.	Majumdar , Suhas Chandra (Dr.)	67.	Trehan , Jagdish Chander (Dr.)
18.	Dhawan , Ramesh Chandra	43.	Malhotra , Girdhari Lal	68.	Varma , Satya Prakash (Dr.)
19.	Dhawan , Surinder Mohan (Dr.)	44.	Marwah , Raksha (Mrs.)	69.	Varma , Ved Prakash
20.	Dhawan , Urmil (Mrs.)	45.	Mittal , Pramod Kumar	70.	Vashisht , Avadh Raj Singh
21.	Gupta , Akhilesh Chandra	46.	Nath , Mohinder	71.	Verma , Ajit Ram (Dr.)
22.	Gupta , Jitendra Kumar (Dr.)	47.	Nijhawan , Satish Kumar	72.	Verma , Tri Bhawan
23.	Gupta , Satya Vir (Dr.)	48.	Panwar , Vinay Singh (Dr.)	73.	Wasan , Ved Parkash
24.	Gupta , Suresh Kumar (Dr.)	49.	Pradhan , Man Mohan (Dr.)	74.	Zalpuri , Kanwar Sushil (Dr.)
25.	Jain , Adeshwar Preshad (Dr.)	50.	Rahul Kumar	75.	Gupta , Anil Kumar, (Dr.) [INVITEE]

NOTE 1. The above list is based on the attendance record at the time of the meeting. It is possible that the names of some other members who had not marked their attendance have been left out.

NOTE 2. Persons listed at Sr. Nos. 24, 47 and 50 joined as new Members at the time of the meeting. Some other **Prospective Members** who had been invited to enroll as members and participate in the meeting were (1) Dr. P N Dixit, (2) Shri P K Dutta, (3) Dr. H N Dutta, (4) **Dr. S N Ekbote**, (5) Shri V K Gogia, (6) **Dr. Harish Chander**, (7) Dr. Mahendra Mohan Srivastava, (8) Dr. Mohan Lal, (9) **Dr. V Mohanan**, (10) Dr. V K Pandey, (11) Dr. S B S S Sarma, (12) Dr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, (13) Dr. Risal Singh, (14) **Dr. R P Singhal**, (15) Dr. M S Tyagi, and (16) Shri Vishram Singh Yadav. Of these those listed at **Sr. Nos. 4, 6, 9 and 14** in this list, have subsequently enrolled themselves as Members of the Forum, and those listed at Sr. Nos. 2, 7, 8, 10 and 16 had regretted their inability to attend the meeting.

The Following Members had expressed either their inability to attend the meeting [Indicated by 'R' against their name], or else were unable to attend as they were either living out-station or else were presently abroad.

1.	Aggarwal , Santosh (Mrs.) 'R'	15.	Hamid , Abdul 'R'	29.	Sarma , Kuchibhatla Subrahmanya (USA)
2.	Alam M Izhar 'R'	16.	Jain , Prakash Chandra (Dr.) (Abroad)	30.	Sastri , Vemuri Durga Prasad (Dr.) 'R'
3.	Bahl , Om Parkash (Dr.) 'R'	17.	Khandekar , Ramakrishna Sitaram 'R'	31.	Seth , Roshan Lal (Dr.) 'R'
4.	Batra , Virendra Kumar (Dr.) (Abroad)	18.	Kundu , Namita (Dr. Mrs.) (Abroad)	32.	Shah , Vilaschandra Vithaldas (Dr.) 'R'
5.	Bhola , Om Parkash 'R'	19.	Lakha Singh (Dr.) 'R'	33.	Sharma , Ram Gopal (Dr.) 'R'
6.	Chandra , Kailash (Dr.) (Abroad)	20.	Mahajan , Surender Kumar (Dr.) (Abroad)	34.	Shiv Nath 'R'
7.	Chaudhuri , Mihir Kumar 'R'	21.	Mahesh Chander (Gupta) (Dr.) (Abroad)	35.	Singh , Ved Ram (Dr.) 'R'
8.	Chhabra , Kailash Chander 'R'	22.	Malhotra , Padam Lal (Dr.) 'R'	36.	Sootha , Ganesh Datt (Dr.) 'R'
9.	Das , Satya Ranjan (Dr.) 'R'	23.	Mathur , Hari Mohan 'R'	37.	Srinivasan , T M (Dr.) (Chennai)
10.	Dhawan , Jagdish Kumar (Abroad)	24.	Mathur , Sartaj Swarup (Prof.) (Abroad)	38.	Taneja , Pran Nath 'R'
11.	Gera , Subhash Chander 'R'	25.	Om Prakash (Dr.) 'R'	39.	Tewari , Shiva Gopal (Abroad)
12.	Gopal , E S R (Dr.) (Bangalore)	26.	Ram Prasad 'R'	40.	Vasishth , Satish Chandra (Shimla)
13.	Gupta , Ashok Kumar (Dr.) (Abroad)	27.	Roy , Binod Kanti (Abroad)	41.	Venkatachari , R (Dr.) (Chennai)
14.	Gupta , Sohan Lal (Abroad)	28.	Saksena , T K (Dr.) (Bangalore)		

Letters could not be sent to (1) Shri S Parthasarathy, (2) Dr. T K Saksena, and (3) Mrs. Mithlesh Saxena, as their addresses had changed. To those members who had indicated that it was sufficient if the notice were sent by e-mail, no letters notifying the meeting were issued and the notices were only e-mailed to them. Shri K S Sarma was also informed only by e-mail.

Main Function

Item 1. Condolence Resolution: Condolence message in respect of Shri Krishna Chandra Srivastava was passed.

Item 2. Welcome by the President: Dr. V N Bindal **thanked** Dr. Vikram Kumar, for his keen interest in the activities of the NPL Former Scientists Forum and for allotting a Room for the use of the Forum and its members in the recently constructed Annex to the Force Standard Building, and also Dr. A R Verma, the Senior-most Patron to receive the key to the Room from Dr. Vikram Kumar and also to present to him a Memento on behalf of the Forum. He also expressed his pleasure that Dr. S K Joshi and Dr. Krishan Lal – two other members of the Forum – had also come to participate in the meeting.

Dr. Bindal, briefly mentioned about the stages through which the Forum had come to its present stage, which was the result of a concerted team effort in which Shri G K Arora, the Secretary of the Forum, had played a key role. The Membership of the Forum had also increased to about 190 members, and the Forum had been able to institute also a number of Scholarships and Awards for the benefit of the Staff Members of NPL, the affairs of which are looked after by a Scholarship Committee on which Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta represents Director, NPL as the Chairman of the Committee. He was happy that Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta had also come to participate in this meeting. He also mentioned about the significant role that had been played by Shri Dhirendra Kumar, who was representing the COA, NPL on the Scholarship Committee, and expressed the hope that Ms Veena the present A O, who has now replaced Shri Dhirendra Kumar on this Committee shall be effectively discharging the great responsibility, to ensure the proper execution of the Scholarship and Awards Activity. He specially mentioned about the Financial contributions made by Shri Dev Kumar, Dr. P C Jain, Prof, S C Jain, Dr. S K Joshi, a, Shri Sohan Lal Gupta and Shri V P Wasan for instituting the Scholarships and Awards and the opening of separate accounts for each to ensure complete transparency in the utilization of funds. The effort was to make the various Scholarships and Awards perpetual, run on the interest earned on the deposits in the Fixed Deposits Accounts. Some more funds had also been promised and some more were envisaged to be contributed by the Members of the Forum. The various Scholarships and Awards for the year 2007 are proposed to be announced on 26th September 2007 – the CSIR Foundation Day, observed as an OPEN Day by NPL.

He thanked all the members of the Forum for participating in the function, and in particular he mentioned about the efforts put in by Shri V P Wasan and Dr. V S Panwar in making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

Item 3. Address by Dr. A R Verma and Presentation of Memento to Dr. Vikram Kumar: Dr. Verma said that as Director of the Laboratory, he always considered himself as the Head of the NPL Family, This role is now being played by Dr. Vikram Kumar, who has given due recognition to the Forum. He said that he was privileged to present the Memento to Dr. Vikram Kumar on behalf of the Forum. Shri R C Dhawan also presented to Dr. Vikram Kumar his photograph that he had taken.

Item 4. Address by Dr. Vikram Kumar, Director, NPL: Before addressing the members, Dr. Vikram Kumar, presented the Key of the Room allotted to the Forum to Dr. A R Verma, He said that no Scientist ever becomes “Former” as a Scientist always remains a scientist even after his formal retirement. The NPL Former Scientists Forum is only an extended arm of NPL, and he expressed the hope that the Members of the Forum shall also be able to participate in the scientific activities of NPL. The Room allotted to the Forum, is newly constructed, and by and by some other facilities will also be provided by the Laboratory. The Forum will also be able to use the Conference Room Facilities adjoining the allotted room, which also are yet to be provided.

Item 5 Inauguration of the Room by Dr. Vikram Kumar: Members were requested to proceed to the Force Standards Building Annex, where Dr. Vikram Kumar inaugurated the Forum’s Room. Where after refreshments and tea were served to the members.

Fourth Annual General Body Meeting

Item 1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Third Annual General Body Meeting held on 21st March 2006: The Minutes of the Meeting had already been circulated with the notice for the meeting. As no comments had been received, the same were confirmed.

Item 2. Status Report by the Secretary: The Secretary circulated at the Status Report at the time of the meeting (**Annexure I**). He also specially thanked Dr. V N Bindal who had offered Rs. 1,500/- for meeting the expenditure on tea and refreshments, and said that as the Life Membership of the Forum had been increased from Rs. 500/- to Rs. 700/- he offered a contribution of Rs. 200/-. This was voluntary and not obligatory for other members also to make similar contributions, if they so desired.

As there were no specific observations by any member the Secretary’s Report was adopted.

Item 3. Consideration and Approval of the Auditor’s Report for the Year 2006-2007: As mentioned in Para 3.2 of the Secretary’s Report the Audited Accounts for the year 2005-2006 had already been approved by the Forum at its 12th Meeting held on 24. 08. 2006. It is proposed to be published in the next Issue No. 4 of the Forum’s Newsletter.

The Audited Accounts for the year 2006-2007 were circulated to the members at the time of the meeting (**Annexure II**). These were adopted.

Item 4. Appointment of Auditor for the Year 2007-2008: Shri P K Mittal was re-appointed as the Internal Auditor for Auditing the Accounts of the Forum for the Financial Year 2007-2008.

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