

# NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

**Minutes of the Thirtieth Meeting of the Forum,  
held in the TEC Conference Room, NPL on May 16, 2013 at 10.30 A.M.**

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The following Agenda for the meeting had been notified by Shri G K Arora, the Secretary of the Forum vide his letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2013. The notice for the meeting had been sent by e-mail to those members who could be so contacted and by ordinary post to 133 members and by courier to 40 members. Those of the members who had been sent the notice by post/courier who also had e-mail IDs, were also sent the notice by e-mail. E-mail reminders were also sent before the meeting to those members who had not responded to the notice for the meeting. A few members were also reminded through phone calls by the Secretary.

## AGENDA

1. Introductory Remarks by the President.
2. Condolence Resolution on the Demise of Shri Ravi Shanker Sharma on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Forum held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012 (Minutes of the meeting to be circulated at the time of the Meeting).
4. Status Report by the Secretary.
5. Felicitating the following Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum and presentation of the Citations, 80-Plus Certificates & Forum's Mementoes to them by Prof. S K Joshi:
  - (i) Shri R C Dhawan (d.b. 02.12.1932),
  - (ii) Dr. S V Gupta (d.b. 08.01.1933);
  - (iii) Shri V C Jain (d.b. 06.03.1933), and
  - (iv) Shri S C Gupta (d.b. 16.05.1933)
6. 10<sup>th</sup> Issue of the Newsletter (Pension & Medical Special) – A brief Presentation by the Compiler & Editor of the Newsletter.
7. Release of the 10<sup>th</sup> Issue of the Forum's Newsletter by Prof. S K Joshi.
8. Address by Prof. S K Joshi.
9. Any other Item with the permission of the Chair.
10. Socializing over a cup of tea, and refreshments.

## MINUTES

Both Shri S C Garg, President, and Dr. A P Jain, Vice President, had expressed their inability to participate in the meeting. Dr. V N Bindal was requested to Chair the meeting

**Attendance:** The following members had attended the meeting:

*(Names arranged alphabetically by the Surname)*

1.	<b>Aggarwal</b> , Rajendra Kumar (Dr.)	31.	<b>Hans</b> , Gokul Singh	61.	<b>Panwar</b> , Vinay Singh (Dr.)
2.	<b>Arora</b> , Gyanendra Kumar	32.	<b>Jai Bhagwan</b>	62.	<b>Pardeep Mohan</b> (Dr.)
3.	<b>Awasthy</b> , Bal Ram	33.	<b>Jain</b> , Atma Ram (Dr.)	63.	<b>Pradhan</b> , Man Mohan (Dr.)
4.	<b>Bahuguna</b> , Devendra Prasad	34.	<b>Jain</b> , Prakash Chandra (Dr.)	64.	<b>Rahul Kumar</b>
5.	<b>Basu</b> , Amitabha (Dr.)	35.	<b>Jain</b> , Sohan Lal (Dr.)	65.	<b>Raina</b> , Mohan Krishen (Dr.)
6.	<b>Batra</b> , Virendra Kumar (Dr.)	36.	<b>Jain</b> , Vakil Chand	66.	<b>Raj Singh</b>
7.	<b>Bhatia</b> , Gopal (Dr.) * * *	37.	<b>Joshi</b> , Kundal Chandra (Dr.)	67.	<b>Rakesh Kumar</b>
8.	<b>Bhatnagar</b> , Kameshwer Nath	38.	<b>Joshi</b> , Shri Krishna (Prof.)	68.	<b>Rao</b> , M K Dhirendra (Dr.)
9.	<b>Bhola</b> , Om Parkash	39.	<b>Kar</b> , Meenakshi (Dr. Mrs.)	69.	<b>Saksena</b> , Rakesh Chandra (Dr.)
10.	<b>Bindal</b> , Vishwa Nath (Dr.)	40.	<b>Kaushik</b> , Asha Rani (Mrs.)	70.	<b>Sharma</b> , Jai Krishan Narain (Dr.)
11.	<b>Chakladar</b> , Swapan Kumar	41.	<b>Kishan Lal</b>	71.	<b>Sharma</b> , Mahesh Chandra (Dr.)
12.	<b>Chakraborty</b> , Bibhash Ranjan (Dr.)	42.	<b>Kothari</b> , Prafulla Chandra (Dr.)	72.	<b>Sharma</b> , Ram Gopal (Dr.)
13.	<b>Chakraborty</b> , Tarun Kumar	43.	<b>Kumar</b> , Sharwan (Dr.)	73.	<b>Sharma</b> , Sham Lal * * *
14.	<b>Chakravarty</b> , Tushar Kanti	44.	<b>Kundra</b> , Krishan Dev (Dr.)	74.	<b>Sharma</b> , Sushil Kumar
15.	<b>Chandra</b> , Mukesh (Dr.)	45.	<b>Kundu</b> , Namita (Dr. Mrs.) ***	75.	<b>Sharma</b> , Ved Parkash
16.	<b>Chandra</b> , Subhash	46.	<b>Lakha Singh</b> (Dr.)	76.	<b>Shastri</b> , Shashikala (Mrs.) * * *
17.	<b>Chaudhary</b> , Janki Nath	47.	<b>Lal</b> , Krishan (Dr.)	77.	<b>Singh</b> , Dharam Pal (Dr.)
18.	<b>Chitnis</b> , Vijay Trimbak (Dr.)	48.	<b>Luthra</b> , Ram Krishan	78.	<b>Tagra</b> , Om Parkash
19.	<b>Dhawan</b> , Ramesh Chandra	49.	<b>Mahajan</b> , Surender Kumar (Dr.)	79.	<b>Tanwar</b> , Randhir Singh
20.	<b>Dhawan</b> , Urmil (Mrs.)	50.	<b>Majumdar</b> , Suhas Chandra (Dr.) * * *	80.	<b>Tripathi</b> , Prabhu Shanker * * *
21.	<b>Gera</b> , Subhash Chander	51.	<b>Malhotra</b> , Girdhari Lal	81.	<b>Tripathi</b> , Tara Chand (Dr.)
22.	<b>Ghosh</b> , Anand Krishna	52.	<b>Manrai</b> , Santosh (Mrs.)	82.	<b>Tripurari Lal</b>
23.	<b>Gupta</b> , Akhilesh Chandra	53.	<b>Mehta</b> , Hem Raj	83.	<b>Varma</b> , Ved Parkash
24.	<b>Gupta</b> , Davinder (Dr.) * * *	54.	<b>Mendiratta</b> , Roshan Lal	84.	<b>Ved Singh</b> (Dr.)
25.	<b>Gupta</b> , Jagdish Kumar	55.	<b>Mittal</b> , Pramod Kumar	85.	<b>Verma</b> , Surendra Singh
26.	<b>Gupta</b> , Jitendra Kumar (Dr.)	56.	<b>Nath</b> , Mohinder	86.	<b>Verma</b> , Tribhawan
27.	<b>Gupta</b> , Satish Chander	57.	<b>Nijhawan</b> , Satish Kumar	87.	<b>Vikram Kumar</b> (Dr.)
28.	<b>Gupta</b> , Satya Vir (Dr.)	58.	<b>Ojha</b> , Vijay Kumar	88.	<b>Wasan</b> , Ved Parkash
29.	<b>Gupta</b> , Suresh Kumar (Dr.)	59.	<b>Om Prakash</b> (Dr.) * * *		
30.	<b>Halder</b> , Sujit Kumar (Dr.)	60.	<b>Pandey</b> , Vijay Kumar (Dr.)		

\* \* \* NOTE: Dr. Gopal Bhatia (Sr. No. 7), Dr. Devender Gupta (Sr. No. 24), Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu (Sr. No. 45), Dr. Suhas Chandra Majumdar (Sr. No. 50), Dr. Om Prakash (Sr. No. 59), Shri Sham Lal Sharma (Sr. No. 73), Mrs. Shashikala Shastri (Sr. No. 76), and Shri Prabhu Shanker Tripathi (Sr. No. 80), were also present at the meeting but did not sign the Attendance Record. There might have been some more such members whose names are not listed above.

**The Following Members had either expressed their inability to attend the meeting or else were abroad**

*(Names arranged alphabetically by the Surname)*

1.	<b>Agnihotry</b> , Suhasini (Dr. Mrs.)	2.	<b>Anandani</b> , Ramesh Chandra
3.	<b>Bhattacharyya</b> , Raghunath (Dr.)	4.	<b>Chandra</b> , Kailash (Dr.)
5.	<b>Chhabra</b> , Kailash Chander	6.	<b>Das</b> , Bijoy Kishore (Dr.)
7.	<b>Das Gupta</b> , Mrinal Kanti	8.	<b>Dhawan</b> , Jagdish Kumar
9.	<b>Garg</b> , Satish Chand	10.	<b>Ghosh</b> , Pradip Kumar (Dr.)
11.	<b>Govindaswamy</b> , G	12.	<b>Gupta</b> , Anil Kumar (Dr.)
13.	<b>Gupta</b> , Ashok Kumar (Dr.)	14.	<b>Gupta</b> , Sita Ram (Dr.)
15.	<b>Hari Kishan</b> (Dr.)	16.	<b>Jain</b> , Adeshwar Preshad (Dr.)
17.	<b>Jain</b> , Kamlesh Kumar (Dr.)	18.	<b>Jain</b> , Sukhmal Chand (Dr.)
19.	<b>Khanna</b> , Radhey Kishen	20.	<b>Kohli</b> , Nand Kishore

21.	<b>Mahajan</b> , Kushal Kumar (Dr.)	22.	<b>Malhotra</b> , Banshi Dhar (Dr.)
23.	<b>Menon</b> , Thottasari Raghavan Kutty	24.	<b>Mitra</b> , Ved (Dr.)
25.	<b>Nagpal</b> , Kailash Chander (Dr.)	26.	<b>Pant</b> , Kavindra
27.	<b>Phull</b> , Surender Kumar	28.	<b>Poddar</b> , Hari Nandan Prasad
29.	<b>Ram Prasad</b>	30.	<b>Rathore</b> , Hazara Singh Abroad
31.	<b>Roy</b> , Binod Kanti	32.	<b>Sarma</b> , Kuchibhatla Subrahmanya Abroad
33.	<b>Singhal</b> , Raghunandan Prasad (Dr.)	34.	<b>Som</b> , Jnanendra Nath (Dr.)
35.	<b>Taneja</b> , Pran Nath	36.	<b>Uppal</b> , Gian Singh (Dr.) Abroad
37.	<b>Varma</b> , Satya Prakash (Dr.)	38.	<b>Vasishth</b> , Satish Chandra
39.	<b>Wadhwa</b> , Rajindar Pal (Dr.) Abroad	40.	<b>Zalpuri</b> , Kunwar Susheel (Dr.)

**1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by Dr. V N Bindal:** Dr. Bindal said that both Shri S C Garg, the President and Dr. A P Jain, the Vice- President of the Forum being unable to participate in this meeting, he had once again been saddled with the responsibility of discharging the duties of chairing this meeting.

Welcoming the members to the meeting, Dr. Bindal expressed his happiness that besides Prof. S K Joshi, we had the benefit of participation of Dr. Krishan Lal and Prof. Vikram Kumar, the other two former Directors of NPL and also the Patrons of the forum in this meeting, and we shall like to have the benefit of their suggestions & advice also relating to the activities of the Forum.

Speaking about Prof. Joshi, he recounted his having addressed the members of the Forum earlier at its Deepawali Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2006. It was at that meeting that he also made a very substantial contribution for initiating a Scholarship for encouragement of meriting children of the staff members of NPL for pursuing studies in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> class. The very fact that a person of his status was also supporting the cause of encouraging pursuit of studies, provided the forum great confidence in pursuit of this activity. With the encouragement received subsequently in promotion of this cause, today the Forum has as many as 17 Scholarships & Awards instituted in honour/ memory of persons. Additionally the Forum has also been giving Awards from its General Scholarship Funds, to which Dr. Krishan Lal had also contributed Rs. 20,000/-.

At the suggestion made by Dr. Vikram Kumar in his capacity as Chairman of the Scholarships & Awards Committee Scholarships when he was Director, NPL, to school-going children of staff members of NPL who had unfortunately expired during their service of the Laboratory, these scholarships had also been started from the year 2009. Additionally, in his capacity of President of URSI, Dr. Vikram Kumar had been largely instrumental in the transfer of the unspent balance amount of that account of about Rs. 2.85 lakhs to the Forum's account with the Syndicate Bank, NPL.

Dr. Bindal expressed his happiness that at today's meeting Shri Ram Krishan Luthra had also contributed another Rs. 1.25 lakhs for instituting Scholarships in memory of ancestor, Bawa Barkha Nath. This news was received by the clapping of hands by the members.

He said that the success of the Scholarships & Awards activity was possible only because, the principal amount was not touched and the expenditure on the various Scholarships & Awards was met out of the interest earned on that amount put in fixed Deposit with the Bank.

He said that the name of Shri V P Wasan deserves a special mention for the enormous success of this activity so consciously and effectively performed in his capacity of the Convener of the Scholarships & Awards Committee, and also for the preparation of Certificates given to the awarded children by Director, NPL at the CSIR Foundation Day Celebrations in NPL in September each year.

Referring to the Agenda for the meeting, Dr. Bindal said that today four more members of the Forum were to be felicitated as members of the 80-Plus Club of the Forum which was inaugurated by Prof. Vikram Kumar on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009. This includes Shri S C Gupta who has attained the age of 80 years today. This was celebrated with the clapping of hands and he was thanked for his offer to host this meeting. Dr. Bindal said that such support by the members went a long way in supplementing the meager resources of the Forum in meeting its expenditure.

Another issue that Dr. Bindal wanted to bring to the notice of the Members was that at a visit of the members of the Forum attending a joint meeting of the Welfare Committee and the Medical Affairs Committee to the sites where trees had been planted on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2010 and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in honour/ memory of persons who had made significant contributions towards the growth of NPL, it was observed that out of 31 trees planted on 15. 08. 2010 in the Environment Park, only two Amaltas trees were still identifiable from their wooden placards. While some of the other Amaltas trees were also still surviving, none of the Lal-Lasoda trees had survived. He said that planting of these trees adds to our responsibility that they should grow properly and also easily identified.

He concluded by saying that Shri G K Arora deserves appreciation for his sincerity and dedication in discharging his responsibilities as the Secretary of the Forum ever since its formation in 2003. He said that it is high time that members of the Forum should volunteer to come forward to share his responsibilities and eventually relieve him of this responsibility. He will be there with us at every step, and formally also his services will continue to be available to the Forum as an invitee to the meetings of the Management Committee of the Forum as provided for under the Rules & Regulations of the forum.

He said that he would have liked to talk about a number of other activities but the Forum which eagerly looks forward to Prof. S K Joshi for his advice in regard to its future activities.

**2. Condolence Resolution on the Demise of Shri Ravi Shanker Sharma on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2013:** The Secretary read out the condolence Resolution on the demise of Shri R S Sharma, where after the members observed two-minute silence to pay their homage to his memory. The Secretary was advised to send this Condolence Resolution to Mrs. Shanti Devi, W/o Shri R S Sharma

**3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Forum held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012:** Copies of the Minutes of the meeting had been circulated by the Secretary at the time of the meeting. As there were no comments thereon they were confirmed.

**4. Status Report by the Secretary:** Shri G K Arora briefly presented the Status Report (Annexure 'A'), copies of which had been circulated to the members at the time of the meeting. In particular he highlighted the following:

**4.1 Calendar of Meetings during 2003-14:** Two more meetings of the Forum on 9<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 had been planned as per the calendar of meetings approved by the Management Committee at its meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

The meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 was planned to be the Annual General Body Meeting at which election of Office Bearers of the Management Committee for the period 2013-15 was proposed. Members were requested to actively participate in that meeting and also to suggest the name of the person who could be appointed as the returning officer for conducting the elections.

For the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 the possibility of organizing a lecture on the topic "Dark Energy & Dark Matter for Creation of Universe" suggested by Dr. S K Majumdar or on some other topic could be explored by the Welfare Committee

The next Foundation Day Get-together of the Forum is proposed for 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013 for which the release of the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter could also be planned for release

**4.2 Possibility of Cashless Facility:** Members were requested to give their suggestions in respect of the list of hospitals which had been identified for NPL to explore the possibility of entering into MoUs with them as per the approval accorded by DGCSIR vide his letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 for cashless facilities to pensioner of NPL.

**4.3 Scholarships & Awards 2013:** Members were requested to encourage their direct descendants to apply for the Scholarships & Awards – 2013 to be announced next month, for which details could be had from Shri V P Wasan, the Convener of the Scholarships & Awards Committee.

**4.4 Area- wise Coordinators:** The proposal to have area-wise coordinators for (i) Distribution of copies of the Forum's Newsletter (ii) Mobilizing participation in meetings of the Forum, (iii) Reaching out to other prospective members of the Forum for enrolling them as members, and (iv) Periodical socializing among members in the area enquiring about their welfare was welcomed. It was decided to find ways to implement this idea, for which members were requested to volunteer their services.

**4.5. Merger of Medical Affairs Committee with the Welfare Committee:** It had been decided to place this issue before the Management Committee at its next meeting.

**4.6. Album of the Forum:** Members were requested to volunteer their services for organization of a team to plan, organize and prepare the planned Album.

**5. Felicitating the New Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum:** Prof. S K Joshi presented the Citations, 80-Plus Certificates & Forum's Mementoes to Shri R C Dhawan, Dr. S V Gupta, Shri V C Jain and Shri S C Gupta.

**5.1. Dr. S V Gupta's Presentation:** Dr. S V Gupta thanked Prof. Joshi for his being felicitated as a member of the 80-plus Fraternity of the Forum. He then gave a power-point presentation on the value of  $\pi$  as enshrined in a Sanskrit Shloka. It evinced a lot of interest by the members.

**6. Presentation of the highlights of Newsletter No. 10:** Shri G K Arora, Compiler and Editor of the Medical & Pension Special Issue of the Newsletter said that besides the information contained in the various OMs relating to medical issues, two up-dated alphabetical lists of all CGHS Empanelled (i) Hospitals, and (ii) Diagnostic Laboratories and Imaging Centres had been presented in this issue which also carried information about sixty-two frequently asked questions about CGHS and their answers downloaded from the CGHS website. Some other articles on medical issues drawn from the various e-mails received from various sources had also been included.

As regards revision of pension/ family pension w.e.f. 24. 09. 2012 in the light of the Government of India orders dated 28. 01. 2013 and 13. 02. 2013, Director, NPL had been approached by the Secretary in respect of the Members of the Forum who were drawing their pension/ family pension through the SBI on priority basis as it is a time-consuming process involving CSIR Head Qrs., SBI Main Branch, the SBI Coordinating Branch at Chandni Chowk, and finally the SBI Branch paying the Pension/ Family Pension. Text of The subsequent decision dated 29. 04. 2013 of the Delhi High Court for implementation of the revised pension/ family pension w.e.f. 01. 01. 2006 has also been reproduced.

**7. Release of Forum's Newsletter No. 10 by Prof. S K Joshi:** Dr. Krishan Lal, Prof. Vikram Kumar and all the Members of the publication Committee were requested to join Prof. Joshi in the release of the Newsletter.

**8. Address by Prof. S K Joshi:** Prof. Joshi said that he could categorize the Members of the Forum as (i) Those who were senior to him in age (ii) Those who were his contemporaries when he was associated with NPL as its Director, and (iii) Those who are much younger to him. He said that the attendance at this meeting was much more than what it was when he had the similar opportunity of meeting the Members of the Forum in October 2006.

He said that his participation in the meetings of the Forum refresh his old memories during his active association with the NPL during the period 1986 to 1991. Though he had been a regular visitor to NPL after his retirement, these days he see more and more of new faces only and an entirely different behaviour and atmosphere. Meeting people with whom he had opportunity to interact directly is a very refreshing experience.

He said that he was very happy to be here today, for which he would like to thank Shri G K Arora in particular. It was his persistent and methodical approach, which had also been responsible for his participation in the get-together on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013 also, and he looked forward to participating in the future meetings of the Forum also unless he was unable to do so on account of some other unavoidable reasons.

It is the joint effort particularly of Dr. V N Bindal and Shri G K Arora that the Forum has made such remarkable progress. He suggested that as soon as a prospective member of the forum becomes eligible for its membership, he should be approached for enlisting himself as a member of

the Forum and efforts may also be made to enroll others who could not be approached earlier for lack of their contact particular, to enroll themselves as members. This could be one of the responsibilities of each member of the Forum.

He said that Shri Arora should choose some member who could be associated with him as an under-study and share his workload so that he could be eventually relieved of his responsibilities as the Secretary of NPL.

Referring to the Trees planted in memory/ honour of persons who had contributed significantly to the growth of NPL he felt that some other trees could be planted as replacements in case some variety of trees planted earlier are unable to survive.

Referring to the Directory of Members of the Forum Dr. Joshi said that he could visualize the amount of effort that would have gone into its compilation and was happy that this document had been brought out. However, he felt that it would have been more appropriate if the Contact Particulars of the members were also given along with their other particulars instead of one having to look for them in the Membership List appearing at the end. A revision of the Directory and its up-dating could be done at an appropriate occasion.

He also suggested putting the so very well documented information on medical issues published in the various issues of the Forum's Newsletter on a Website.

He also suggested having someone who could serve as a Repository of Information of various CGHS Rules.

Another suggestion of his was that the Welfare Committee should also keep in view the welfare of the families of Members of the Forum who had unfortunately expired, particularly in respect of their medical and family pension issues etc.

Dr. Joshi said that there are a large number of activities that the forum could undertake towards the achievement of its activities, but it would be only proper to prioritize them.

He concluded by his observation about following three things that could make one happy in life.

Firstly, do not sit idle but keep yourself actively involved with something constructive.  
Secondly, be physically active, say through regular exercise or walking.  
Thirdly aim to do something good to others.

He wished every member of the Forum to live up-to 100 years and more.

**9. Address by Dr. Krishan Lal :** Dr. Krishan Lal said that the reference to the Optics Group headed by Dr W M Vaidya made by Shri G K Arora to the association of Shri R C Dhawan and Dr. S V Gupta, from the Citations presented to them by Prof. Joshi, had brought him back his nostalgic memories when he, after his Post-Doctoral fellowship was also invited to be associated with him.

He said that it he too had the same views about the Directory of Members, as had been pointed out to Prof. Joshi. Giving also the Contact Particulars of the Members of the Forum in the main body of the Directory would make it more handy and useful.

He said that the NPL Former Scientists Forum was a body where the former Directors of NPL also participated in its various activities. This was perhaps the only such body in the whole of CSIR and could serve as a model for other such associations.

**10. Address by Prof. Vikram Kumar:** Prof Vikram Kumar said that the spouses of the members of the Forum also play a significant role, thereby indirectly contributing to its activities. He suggested that the spouses of the Members of the Forum who had expired may also be invited to be the members of the Forum.

Shri Arora observed that such a proposal had earlier also been mooted by the Management Committee of the Forum but did not find favour. This proposal could again be placed before the Management Committee for consideration. However, irrespective of whether this proposal is accepted or not, the fact is that not many of them are expected to involve themselves with the Forum's activities in the light of the participation of the spouses of such members in the celebrations held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013. But, the Forum can do good by continuing to invite them for participation in such activities in future also.

**11. Vote of Thanks by Dr. V S Panwar:** Dr. V S Panwar proposed a vote of thanks to all the participants and in particular to Prof. S K Joshi, Dr. Krishan Lal and Prof. Vikram Kumar – the former Directors of NPL and also the Patrons of the Forum – for their participation in the meeting, finding time from their other busy schedules and giving their valuable suggestions.

**12. Socializing over a Cup of Tea:** The Get-together was hosted by Shri S C Gupta. In addition, Dr. S K Majumdar, Shri O P Bholra and Shri S K Chakladar also contributed Rs. 500/- each as donations to the Forum for meeting expenditure on its various activities

# NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Thirtieth Meeting of the Forum on Thursday the 16th May 2013, at 10.30. A.M.  
in the TEC Conference Room, NPL

## STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY

(Ref: Agenda Item 4)

At the last meeting of the Forum held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012, I had presented the resume of the Twenty-eight meetings of the Forum that had been held till that time. This report presents the status following that meeting.

**1. Frequency of the Forum Meetings:** This is the 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Forum. The Forum having completed ten years on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013, the average number of meetings of the Forum has been a fraction less than ten meetings per year.

**1.1 Forum's Meetings in 2012:** It had been possible to have four meetings of the Forum during the last year (Meetings held on **29<sup>th</sup> February, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> August and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012**) in accordance with Rule 11 of the Rules & Regulations of the Forum reproduced below:

### 11. Frequency of Meetings of the Forum

11.1 There shall be at **least one meeting of the Forum per quarter** to take note of the progress made in respect of the decisions taken at the earlier meeting and to deliberate on various issues of common interest that might have come up during the intervening period. The Secretary shall suitably **notify** the agenda for these **meetings preferably a week in advance of the meeting.**

11.2 One of the meetings of the Forum shall be the **Annual General Body Meeting.**

**1.2: Forum's Meetings in 2013:** In accordance with the above Rule, the Notice for the present meeting had been sent to the members on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013 (A) by e-mail to those members who had indicated earlier that this means of notifying the meetings was sufficient for them as also there was evidence that they regularly check their e-mails, and (B) by courier to about 40 members, and by ordinary post to the rest. Additionally, it was also sent by e-mail to those members in category (B) who could also be so contacted as per the Membership List of the Forum.

To ensure maximum participation at the meeting, reminders were also sent by e-mail on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2013 to all those members having their e-mail IDs from whom response was still awaited.

This being the First Meeting of the Forum during 2013, it may be possible to have at best two more meetings of the Forum tentatively planned for **9<sup>th</sup> July 2013** and **10<sup>th</sup> October 2013** during the remaining part of the year as per the Calendar of Meetings approved at the last meeting of the Management Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**2. Proposed Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013:** It is planned to be the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting (The 9<sup>th</sup> AGM having been held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012). At this meeting the **Audited Accounts of the Forum for the Financial Year 2012-13** could also be passed. Election of Office Bearers of the Forum for the years 2013-15 could also be held at this meeting and **Resolutions for any Additions/ Changes required to be made in the Rules & Regulations of the Forum** could also be passed. Additionally **Shri Harish Chand Mathur** (d.b. 04.07.1933) could be felicitated as a New Member of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum.

The Members of the Forum are requested to do advance planning for being associated with the Management Committee of the Forum which has the following composition

President	One
Vice President	One
Secretary	One
Joint Secretary	One
Treasurer	One
Members	Not more than 15

Members are also requested to give their suggestions regarding the Appointment of the **Returning Officer** for conducting the Elections of the various Office Bearers for consideration by the **Management Committee** at its meeting tentatively planned to be held on **6<sup>th</sup> June 2013**.

**3. Proposed Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013:** For this meeting an invited lecture could be arranged by the Welfare Committee. Dr. S C Majumdar has suggested inviting some knowledgeable person, to deliver a Lecture on "**Dark Energy and Dark Matter for Creation of Universe**". Members may like to suggest some other possible lectures for consideration of the Welfare Committee.

Additionally **Shri V P Wasan** (db. 05.10.1933) and **Dr. J K N Sharma** (db. 09.10.1933) could be felicitated as New Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum.

**4. Foundation Day Get-together of Members of the Forum:** The Forum's Get-together in Celebration of the Forum having completed 10 years on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013 could not be held on that day on account of very severe cold weather around that time, and it could be held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at which the Forum's Directory of Members was also released by Dr. Krishan Lal. Those members who have not got their copy of this Directory are requested to collect it from Dr. S K Halder, Room No. 55, NPL Main Building.

The Management Committee has decided that the Foundation Day Get-togethers should be an annual feature. The next **Get-together for the Foundation Day Celebrations of the Forum** is proposed for **25<sup>th</sup> February 2014**. The **11<sup>th</sup> Issue of the Forum's Newsletter** could also be planned for release on this day.

It has been a practice to have specific themes for various issues of the Forum's Newsletter. The Issue of the Newsletter being released today has the theme "**Medical & Pension**". Suggestions for the **Theme for the 11<sup>th</sup> Issue of the Newsletter**, as also **contributions** for that issue are also solicited from the Members

At that Get-together, **Dr. B N Srivastava** (db. 01.11.1933), **Prof. S S Mathur** (db. 26.12.1933), **Shri S G Tewari** (db. 03.01.1934), **Dr. K D Kundra** (d. 12.01.1934) and **Shri K N Bhatnagar** (db. 20.02.1934) could also be felicitated as New Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum. Alternatively this felicitation programme could be scheduled for the First Forum Meeting of 2014 which could be scheduled for a date on or after 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014, by which time **Shri M G Sehgal** (db. 01.03.1934), **Dr. S P Singal** (db. 15. 03.1934), and **Dr. R L Seth** (db. 20.03.1934) would have also completed 80 years of age.

Views of the Members of the Forum are also solicited in this regard.

**5. Possibility of Cashless Facility for CGHS Beneficiaries:** The issue had come up for consideration at the meeting of the Management Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in the context of the Government of India's Office Order dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013, vide a letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 2013 addressed to Prof. R C Budhani, Director, NPL. However the possibility of the Members enjoying Cashless Facility for in-door treatment at various hospitals had already been thrown open by the DG,CSIR vide his letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013 addressed to the Director, CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow, a copy of which had been brought to the notice of the members of the Forum by Shri N K Kohli at the Get-together held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013, where the contents of this letter were also read out by the Secretary.

As per this letter DG,CSIR has allowed cashless medical facilities to CSIR pensioners, serving employees and their dependent family members subject to *inter-alia* the conditions (a) CGHS recognized hospitals should be willing to extend such a facility, (b) The recognized hospitals should be willing to provide treatment on CGHS approved rates In case of any difference in rates, the rates specified by the hospital over and above the CGHS prescribed rates should be charged from the pensioners/ employees by the hospital, and (c) The laboratory/ Institute may enter into a **MOU with the CGHS recognized hospitals** to provide this facility as per terms mentioned at (b).

This issue had been discussed by the Secretary, with Shri M C Meena who was earlier been the Section Officer E-I Section and had reverted back to NPL as Administrative Officer after serving his tenure at CMFER, Dhanbad where he had been transferred earlier. In the context of this discussion, the following list of hospitals has been drawn up in the light of the deliberations at a Joint Meeting of the Welfare Committee and the Medical affairs Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013:

#### **NORTH DELHI**

**St. Stephen's Hospital**, Tis Hazari, New Delhi – 110 054.

**Sunder Lal Jain Charitable Hospital**, Ashok Vihar, Phase III, Delhi – 110 052.

**Tirath Ram Shah Charitable Hospital**, 2 A, R.B.I., Ishar Das Sawhney Marg, Rajpur Road, Delhi.

#### **SOUTH DELHI**

**Fortis Ft. Lt. Rajan Dhall Hospital**, Sector-B, Pocket -1, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi – 110 070.

**G.M. Modi Hospital & Research Center for Medical Sciences**, Mandir Marg Near Press Enclave, Saket, New Delhi – 110 017.

**Indian Spinal Injury Centre**, Sector C, Vasant Kunj, Opp. Vasant Valley School, New Delhi – 110 070.

**Indraprastha Apollo Hospital**, Sarita Vihar, Delhi.

**Metro Hospital & Heart Institute, Lajpat Nagar**, 14, Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi – 110 024.

**Moolchand Hospital**, Lajpat Nagar III, New Delhi – 110 024

**National Heart Institute**, 49-50, Community Centre, East of Kailash, New Delhi – 110065

**Primus Superspeciality Hospital**, (Earlier known as *Primus Ortho & Spine Hospital*), 2, Chandra Gupta Marg, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi – 110 021.

#### **EAST DELHI**

**Deepak Memorial Hospital & Medical Research Centre**, 5, Institutional Area, Vikas Marg Extn. II, New Delhi – 110 092.

**Metro Hospital & Cancer Institute**, 21, Community Centre, Preet Vihar, Delhi.

#### **WEST DELHI**

**Jeevan Mala Hospital Pvt Ltd.**, 67/ 1, New Rohtak Road, New Delhi – 110 005.

**Jeevan Nursing Home**, 2-B, Pusa Road, New Delhi – 110 005.

**Kukreja Hospital & Heart Centre Pvt. Ltd.**, C-1, Vishal Enclave, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi – 110 027.

**M.G. S. Hospital**, 35/ 37, Rohtak Road, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi - 110 026.

**Mata Chanan Devi Hospital**, C-1, Janakpuri, New Delhi- 110 058.

**Sri Balaji Action Medical Institute**, FC-34, A-4, Paschim Vihar, Delhi – 110 063.

#### **CENTRAL DELHI**

**Delhi Heart & Lung Institute**, 3-MM 11, Panchkuian Road, New Delhi – 110 055.

**Sanjeevan Medical Research Centre (P) Ltd.**, 4869/ 24, Ansari Road, Darya Ganj, Delhi – 110 002

#### **GURGAON**

**Artemis Medicare Services Ltd.**, Sector – 51, Gurgaon (Haryana).

**Max Health Care, Gurgaon**, Block-B, Shushant Lok, Phase-1, Gurgaon – 122 001 (Haryana).

**Medanta The Medicity**, Sector 38, Gurgaon – 122001 (Haryana).

**Paras Hospital**, C-1, Sushant Lok, Phase-1, Gurgaon, – 122 001(Haryana).

**Umkal Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.**, H-Block, Palam Vihar, Gurgaon – 121 017

#### **FARIDABAD**

**Asian Institute of Medical Sciences**, Sector 21A, Badkal Flyover Road, Faridabad, (Haryana).

**Metro Heart Institute**, Sector 16A, Faridabad (Haryana).

#### **NOIDA**

**Fortis Hospital, Noida**, B-22, Sector 62, NOIDA – 201 301(Uttar Pradesh).

**Kailash Hospital Ltd.**, 23, KP-1, Institutional Area, Greater NOIDA – 201 305 (Uttar Pradesh).

**Metro Hospital & Heart Institute**, X-1, Sector – 12, & L - 94, Sector, Sector 11, NOIDA – 201 301 (Uttar Pradesh).

#### **GHAZIABAD**

**Narinder Mohan Hospital & Heart Centre**, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad- 201 007 (Uttar Pradesh).

**Pushpanjali Crosslay Hospital**, W - 3, Sector -1, Vaishali, Ghaziabad (Uttar Pradesh).

**Yashoda Hospital**, 111-M, Nehru Nagar, Ghaziabad –201 001 (Uttar Pradesh).

The selection of the above listed hospitals was made keeping in view the fact that the most frequent problems faced by Pensioners relate to (i) Heart Related Diseases, (ii) Fractures (iii) Urinary Problems & (iv) Joint Replacement which generally involve substantial expenditure for their in-door treatment.

In addition it was felt that all the Cancer Hospitals/ Units empanelled by CGHS listed below may also be added to this list:

SMH Curie Cancer Centre, Shanti Mukund Hospital, 2, Institutional Area, Vikas Marg Extension, Delhi.  
 Max Super-speciality Hospital, (A Unit of Balaji Medical & Research Centre), 108-A, Indraprastha Extension, Patparganj, Delhi.  
 Max Super-speciality Hospital East Block (A Unit of Devki Devi Foundation), 2, Press Enclave Road, Saket, New Delhi.  
 Action Cancer Hospital, H-2/ FC-34, A-4, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi.  
 Dr. B L Kapur Memorial Hospital, Pusa Road, New Delhi.  
 Batra Hospital & Medical Research Centre, 1, Tughlakabad Institutional Area, Mehrauli Badarpur Road, New Delhi.  
 Metro Hospital & Cancer Institute, 21, Community Centre, Preet Vihar, Delhi.  
 Moolchand Hospital, Lajpat Nagar III, New Delhi.  
 Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Center, D-18, Sector V, Rohini, New Delhi.  
 Dharmashila Cancer Hospital, Dharmashila Marg, Vasubdhara Enclave, Delhi.

If there are any suggestions in regard to the above selection of hospitals, the same are invited so that this issue could be taken up with Director, NPL for exploring the possibility of having MuOs with them on the conditions approved by DG,CSIR.

**6. Revision of Pension / Family Pension:** Consequent upon the issue of the Government of India's Orders dated 28. 01. 2013 and 13. 02. 2013, Secretary of the Forum sent to Director, NPL the PPO Nos. and contact particulars of all the members of the Forum who had been drawing their pension/ family pension through the State Bank of India with the request for issue of their revised PPOs vide his letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013. This was done because in their cases their PPOs have to be routed through a number of channels viz. (i) CSIR Head Quarters (ii) State Bank of India, Head Quarters, (iii) SBI's Coordinating Branch at Chandni Chowk, Delhi, and (iv) Finally to the SBI Branch from where the Pension is being drawn. Action in regard to the issue of Revised PPOs in respect of them, addressed to the Financial Adviser, CSIR is learnt to have been taken in the third week of April 2013, with copies of the revised PPOs to the Pensioners/ Family Pensioners. However, the status of action taken at the CSIR Head Quarters and their advising the SBI Head Quarters is not known as the CSIR has been advised to verify the information with regard to Sr. Nos. 7,8 and 9 which relate to the following:

Sr. No 7	Saving Bank Account Number
Sr. No. 8	Name of the Bank/ Paying Branch
Sr. No. 9	Bank Code

It is in the interest of the Pensioners/Family Pensioners to verify that the information furnished in the revised PPOs received by them in respect of the above three items of information is correct.

A confusing statement made in the letters addressed to the Financial Adviser CSIR forwarding to him the Revised PPOs is:

*"Before these papers are forwarded to State Bank of India branches, it may be ensured the life certificates of all pensioners have been submitted in the office and they are drawing the pension as verified from the cash rolls submitted by the bank".*

Since the Life Certificates are submitted by the Pensioners/ Family Pensioners in the Month of November, the above may be applicable only in respect of those Pensioners/ Family Pensioners who had expired after their having submitted their Life Certificates to the Bank in November 2012.

Subsequently, COF& A, NPL had been requested by the Secretary vide his letter dated 28<sup>rd</sup> March 2013, to indicate also the date of **Birth of the Spouse** in the revised PPOs, as the Pension/ Family Pension is now age related. This, however, has not been done.

An observation in respect of the revision of Pension/ Family Pension is that out of the 36 scales of pay identified by the Sixth CPC only the 8 scales of Pay viz. those at Sr. Nos. 13, 16, 21, 23, 26, 28, 31 and 35 appear to be relevant to the members of the Forum. Out of these also, those members who had retired as ***Scientist 'E-II' or equivalent*** [Sr. No. 26] or as ***Director General, CSIR*** [Sr. No. 35] **are not benefited** through the revisions of pension/ Family Pension.

As per the Office Order dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013, the benefits of revised Pension/ Family pension are only w.e.f. 24. 09. 2012 – the date on which the Government of India approved them. In this regard, High Court of Delhi, vide their decision dated 29. 04. 2013 have directed the Government to give effect to the Sixth CPC recommendation w.e.f.01. 01. 2006.

**7. Scholarships & Awards:** The various Scholarships & Awards for the year 2013 will be notified shortly. In the past, the following grand children of members of the Forum have been awarded Scholarships & Awards:

2009	Ms. Ashima Arora, G-D/o Shri G K Arora	Vina Jain Memorial award Award
	Sh. Saksham Bhatnagar, G-/S/o Shri K N Bhatnagar	J P Bindal Memorial Award
2010	Ms. Vaishali Chaudhary, G-D/o Shri J N Chaudhary	Dev Kumar Memorial Award
2011	Sh Shaswat Bindal, G-S/o Dr. V N Bindal	Savita Singal Scholarship
	Sh Vikas Chaudhary, G-S/o Shri J N Chaudhary	NPL-FSF Award
	Ms. Nikita Arora, G-D/o Shri G K Arora	NPL-FSF Award
2012	Shri Yash Karan Manrai, G-S/o Mrs Santosh Manrai	Astronaut Kalpana Chawla Samman Chattravritti
	Ms. Vaishali Chaudhary, G-D/o Shri J N Chaudhary	Saroj Wasan Memorial Award

Members of the Forum are requested to encourage their direct descendants to apply for these Scholarships & Awards and approach Shri V P Wasan, Convener of the Scholarships Committee for details.

**8. Tree Plantation:** After the Tree plantation on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 Dr. V N Bindal, in an e-mail to the Secretary had made the following observations which had been brought to the notice of the members at the last meeting of the forum also:

- It seems that the trees have been planted considerably near to each other. They are supposed to be long life and big shady trees. The distance in between should have been more.
- These have been planted in the vicinity of a large number of ***Eucalyptus trees***, which is not supposed to be good for their growth.
- These are not even in a line and not at a proper distance from the road.
- Small tags (with names) have been attached to a thin branch of these weak saplings, which is likely to disappear within a short time.

- v) Several of the large number of friends and relatives who were invited got emotionally attached to these trees. They expressed the desire to visit frequently or sometimes in future again and watch these trees growing. This adds to our responsibility that these trees should grow properly and also easily identified, otherwise it would amount to be playing (unnecessarily) with the emotions of the dear and near ones of the people, who have been honored.
- vi) It would be worthwhile that a list of names etc may be reported in *Samiksha* or CSIR NEWS and is also recorded in some official record.
- vii) More than two years have passed to the 31 saplings planted by us. We do not have any correct/official information about their status. Should we not plan a regular programme to visit the saplings planted?

During the visit of Members of the Management Committee, to the site (as an item of Agenda for the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012), it was observed that barring one sapling planted by Dr. P C Jain, the tags were intact for all the other 19 saplings, and also that all the saplings were in good shape and were being watered.

After the joint meeting of the Welfare Committee and the Medical Affairs Committee, the participants at that meeting visited the sites where 31 trees had been planted on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2010 as also the 20 trees planted on 25. 09. 2012.

The following are the relevant extracts about this visit from the Minutes of that Meeting:

“It was observed that in so far as the trees planted on 25. 09. 2012 were concerned, all except the one planted by Dr. P C Jain were identifiable through their tags. However, care was required to ensure their proper growth. In regard to the trees planted on 15. 08. 2010 in the Environment Park, only two trees planted in the Memory of **Dr. M Pancholy** and **Dr. V Cabambe (Both Amaltas)** were still identifiable from their wooden plates. While some of the other Amaltas trees were also still surviving, **none of the Lal-Lasoda trees had survived**. Further there appeared to be no effort to ensure action on maintaining the trees planted in the Environment Park, a portion of which had also been destroyed by fire.”

**9. Area-wise Coordinators for various activities of the Forum:** At the Joint Meeting of the Welfare Committee and Medical Affairs Committee it was also decided to explore the possibility of appointing Area-wise coordinators for various activities of the Forum e.g.

- (i) Distribution of copies of the Forum's Newsletter and other Publications of the Forum
- (ii) Mobilizing participation in meetings of the Forum
- (iii) Reaching out to other prospective members of the Forum for enrolling them as members
- (iv) Periodical socializing among members in the area enquiring about their welfare.

**10. Merger of the Medical Affairs Committee with the Welfare Committee:** Shri Arora's suggestion regarding merging of the Medical Affairs Committee with the Welfare Committee was discussed at the Joint Meeting of the Welfare Committee and the Medical Affairs Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013. It was decided that this issue may be placed before the Management Committee for deliberation at its next meeting.

**11. Excursions outside Delhi:** This issue also came up for consideration at the Joint Meeting of the Welfare Committee and the Medical Affairs Committee. As per the decision taken at the meeting brief information about (1) Tour-de-South East Asia (Thailand), Malaysia, Singapore and (2) Excursion to Himachal Pradesh by the CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association, Lucknow has already been passed on by Shri G K Arora to Dr. S L Jain, Chairman of the Welfare Committee.

Members are requested to **volunteer** their services for planning and organization of such tours.

**12. Album of the Forum:** For bringing out the directory of Members of the Forum which was released on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013, members had also been requested to provide two passport size photographs of theirs. While most of the Members had furnished their photographs, some members had only provided the scanned copies of their photographs. It is proposed to have an album of the Members of the Forum using these photographs. Those Members of the Forum who have not provided hard copies of their photographs are requested to furnish them for inclusion in this Album.

In addition, Dr. V N Bindal, at the last meeting of the Management Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013 had suggested including photographs of the various activities of the Forum. Members who may **volunteer** to be associated with this responsibility of identification of the photographs for which prints are required to be prepared, their sizes, titling, funds requirement etc. for making this album are also solicited.