

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of the Management Committee of the NPL Former Scientists Forum, held on Friday, June 20 2003 at 10.00 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room of the National Physical Laboratory.

Attendance: Letters had been mailed to the members of the Management Committee on June 7, 2003, indicating the Agenda that had been proposed for the meeting. Shri K N Bhatnagar, had been invited to deputise for Dr. P C Jain, as he was presently abroad. The following attended the meeting:

1. Dr. V N Bindal	...	...	...	...	President
2. Dr. O P Bahl	...	...	...	...	Vice-President
3. Dr. V S Panwar	...	...	...	...	Joint Secretary
4. Shri V P Wasan	...	...	...	...	Treasurer
5. Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu	...	...	...	...	Member
6. Mrs. Santosh Aggarwal	...	...	...	...	Member
7. Dr. K C Nagpal	...	...	...	...	Member
8. Shri Shiv Nath	...	...	...	...	Member
9. Dr. B N Srivastava	...	...	...	...	Member
10. Dr. J K N Sharma	...	...	...	...	Member
11. Shri G K Arora	...	...	...	...	Secretary

Dr. J C Trehan had regretted his inability to attend the meeting, and Dr. A P Jain was learnt to be out of station. Shri R C Dhawan and Shri K N Bhatnagar did not attend the meeting.

AGENDA

The Secretary placed on the table the Agenda that had been prepared by him from the available information on the various items, which were proposed to be considered at the meeting.

Item 1. Introductory Remarks by the President

Dr V N Bindal welcomed the Members to the meeting.

1.1 Talk by Shri S C Tyagi: Dr. Bindal informed that Shri S C Tyagi, Deputy Secretary, CSIR, who is looking after the Medical Issues at the Head Qrs., had recently given a talk to the staff members of NPL. He had been contacted by him on phone to give a talk at the time of the next meeting of the NPL-FSF to be held on August 22, 2003, for the benefit of the Members of the Forum. Shri Tyagi had agreed to give this talk.

It was decided that the Secretary, NPL-FSF may write to Shri Tyagi, with reference to his talk with Dr. Bindal, requesting him for the title of his talk, its duration, and also for any specific audio-visual facilities that he would like to have.

1.2 MC Meetings: Dr. Bindal suggested that the various meetings of the Management Committee should be numbered, as this would facilitate reference to the issues discussed and the decisions taken at any particular meeting. The Committee endorsed this suggestion and the Secretary was advised to do the needful.

Item 2. Status Report by the Secretary

Copies of the Status Report by the Secretary were placed on the table (ANNEXURE 1). Shri G K Arora briefly outlined the significance of the various facts that he had presented in the following three tables, which constituted his report:

1. BASE LIST, Membership & Attendance at the various meetings of the Forum
2. Coordinator-wise Distribution of Members / Prospective members
3. Approval to Induction of New Members

The Committee noted with great satisfaction that the Membership, which was 34 before the meeting of the Forum held on March 7, 2003, had registered a rapid growth to 90, within this short time as a result of the efforts put in by the various Coordinators. This included 16 Life Members, 5 Senior Members, 4 Patrons, and 65 other Members.

Item 3. Status Report by the Treasurer

Shri V P Wasan informed that out of the amount of Rs. 11,100/= received by him till 25.04.03 (the date on which the last meeting of the Forum, which he was unable to attend), an expenditure of Rs. 1,089/= had been incurred, leaving a balance amount of Rs. 10,011/=.

It was observed that since some more expenditure had been incurred for which Shri Wasan was yet to receive the bills, this did not present the up-to-date position. Most of this expenditure had been incurred by the Secretary on postage, stationery and Xeroxing of papers for distribution at the last Forum meeting and today's meeting, in addition to the correspondence etc. The Committee advised that all bills may be passed on to the Treasurer, and approved all the expenditure incurred up to June 19, 2003.

Item 4. Approval to induction of the New Members for inclusion in the List of Members (as on 10. 04. 03), circulated at the time of the meeting of the Forum held on April 25, 2003

4.1 - New Members: The Committee approved the induction of all the New Members that had been listed at Sr. No. 3 of the Status Report by the Secretary. In addition, enrollment of Dr. (Mrs.) K S Balakrishnan, who had sent her filled-up Membership Form and her contribution through Dr. Panwar, was also approved as a Life Member. With this the total Membership increased to 91.

4.2 - Life Members: It was also felt that efforts should be made to encourage more and more members to become Life Members, by paying the balance contribution due from them, and, in this regard, it was felt that the Members of the Management Committee could give the lead. Dr. V N Bindal, set this move into motion by making his contribution on the spot, followed by Mrs. Aggarwal also becoming a Life Member.

Item 5. Proposal to take up the issue regarding provision of medical facilities to Pensioners at par with the Government of India Pensioners at the Forum Level

It was decided that a Committee comprising of the following, may study the issue in detail before making a reference to the CSIR, which could perhaps be after presentation of the talk by Shri S C Tyagi at the meeting of the Forum to be held on August 22, 2003:

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| 1. Dr. O P Bahl | ... | ... | ... | Chairman |
| 2. Shri S Parthasarathi | ... | ... | ... | Member |
| 3. Shri G K Arora, Secretary | ... | ... | ... | Member (Ex-Officio) |

Item 6. Proposal to affiliate the NPL-FSF with the CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association, Lucknow

Shri Arora presented the background against which the proposal had been placed before the Committee. It was felt desirable to consider the various pros and cons before taking any decision, and for this, the following Committee was constituted:

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| 1. Dr. J K N Sharma | ... | ... | ... | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. B N Srivastava | ... | ... | ... | Member |
| 3. Shri G K Arora, Secretary | ... | ... | ... | Member (Ex-Officio) |

Item 7. Planning for the first News Letter of the Forum

It was felt that the various aspects relating to the contents, format, frequency, and budget etc. need to be considered before taking any decision. Accordingly, it was decided that the following Committee may study the issue in detail:

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| 1. Dr. K C Nagpal | ... | ... | ... | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. V S Panwar | ... | ... | ... | Member |
| 3. From out of the other Members of NPL-FSF) | ... | ... | ... | Member |
| 4. other than the Members of the MC) | ... | ... | ... | Member |
| 5. Shri G K Arora, Secretary | ... | ... | ... | Member (Ex-Officio) |

It was decided that the induction of the two Members provided for at Sr. Nos. 4 & 5 above may be done at the time of the next meeting of the Forum to be held on 22. 08. 03, by involving two volunteers who may like to serve on this Committee as its members.

As the majority was in favour of bringing out a Newsletter, it was felt that the other members of the Committee could straightaway start doing some spade work. Accordingly, as desired by Dr. Nagpal, the Secretary passed on to him the copy of Newsletter No. 10, dated December 2002 of the CSIR Pensioners Welfare Association, which he had received from the Secretary of that Association

Item 8. Planning for the celebration of the first Foundation Day of NPL-FSF

The Committee observed that though the formation of the NPL Former Scientists Forum was conceived at the meeting of about a dozen retired scientists of NPL, held in the afternoon of December 19, 2002, and prior to that also, a few meetings had been held with a view to form such a Forum, yet since the formal shape to it could be given only at the meeting held on January 17, 2003, which was attended by 32 old associates of NPL, and at which financial contributions were made by the participants, this should be regarded as the Foundation Day of NPL-FSF.

It was decided to celebrate the completion of the first year of the Forum on January 17, 2004, in a befitting manner for which the following Committee was constituted to go into the details:

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| 1. Dr. J K N Sharma | ... | ... | ... | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. V N Bindal | ... | ... | ... | Member |
| 3. Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu | ... | ... | ... | Member |
| 4. Dr. K C Nagpal | ... | ... | ... | Member |
| 5. Dr. O P Bahl | ... | ... | ... | Member |
| 6. Shri V P Wasan, Treasurer | ... | ... | ... | Member |
| 7. Shri G K Arora, Secretary | ... | ... | ... | Member (Ex-Officio) |

One of the suggestions made was to celebrate that day with the release of the first issue of the Newsletter of the Forum. It was felt that there was ample time for the Committee constituted for this purpose to have the Newsletter ready well in time. If considered necessary by the Chairman of that Committee, it could be amplified with the addition of some more members also.

Item 9. Planning for the next meeting of the Forum scheduled to be held on Friday, August 22, 2003, at 11.00 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room of NPL

9.1 – Coordination: The Secretary passed on to the individual Coordinators the list of Members / Prospective Members with whom they were requested to interact in connection with the next meeting of the Forum, to be held on 22. 08. 03. He said that lists in respect of the Coordinators who could not be present at the meeting shall be mailed to them.

9.2 – Talk by Shri S C Tyagi: This talk will constitute one of the major attractions for that meeting.

Item 10. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

10.1 Meeting with Dr. Vikram Kumar, Director, NPL: It was suggested that Dr. Bindal may meet Dr. Vikram Kumar and tell him that the Members of the Management Committee would like to have a meeting with him at a time that suited his convenience some time in early July, and accordingly, another meeting of the Committee may be called.

10.2 Induction of Scientific & Technical Officers of other Delhi-Based CSIR Labs. / Instts. as Members of NPL-FSF: The Committee noted that Shri K K Bhatia, who had retired as Documentation Officer (C) from CRRRI in 1989, and who resides in Rajouri Garden, had contacted Dr. Bindal. Dr. B N Srivastava and Shri G K Arora to explore the possibility of enrollment of Scientists/ Technical Officers who had retired from that Institute as Members of NPL-FSF. Dr. Bindal had told him that if such a formal proposal was received by him or the Secretary, the same could be placed before the Management Committee at today's meeting. No such communication had been received so far.

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

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**Meeting of the Management Committee, held on June 20, 2003, at 10.00 A.M.
in the TEC Conference Room of NPL.**

STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY

1. BASE LIST, Membership & Attendance at the Various Meetings of the Forum

Sr. No.	Item of Information	Status as on 17.01.03	Status as on 07.03.03	Status as on 10.04.03	Status as on 25.04.03	Status as on 20.06.03
1.	BASE LIST					
2.	(a) Persons living in and around Delhi	NA	NA	NA	174	184
3.	(b) Persons whose whereabouts are not known	NA	NA	NA	76	65
4.	(c) Persons staying away from Delhi or else are staying abroad	NA	NA	NA	22	29
5.	TOTAL (2) + (3) + (4)	186	255	255	272	278
6.	MEMBERSHIP					
7.	Life Members	-	5	12	12	16
8.	Senior Members	-	2	3	3	5
9.	Patrons	-	-	2	4	4
10.	Other Members	-	27	50	50	65
11.	TOTAL (7) + (8) + (9) + (10)	-	34	67	69	90
12.	ATTENDANCE AT FORUM MEETINGS					
13.	Old Participants	7	21	MC Meeting	30	MC Meeting
14.	New Participants	25	30	MC Meeting	26	MC Meeting
15.	Total Number of Participants	32	51	MC Meeting	56	MC Meeting

2. Coordinator –wise Distribution of Members/Prospective Members

Sr. No.	Coordinator	Life Members	Senior Members	Patrons	Other Members	Total Members	Prospective Members	Grand Total
1.	Mrs. Santosh Aggarwal	-	-	-	7	7	11	18
2.	Dr. Om Parkash Bahl	3	-	-	4	7	5	12
3.	Dr. Vishwa Nath Bindal	-	-	4	8	12	6	18
4.	Shri Ramesh Chandra Dhawan	2	-	-	5	7	10	17
5.	Dr. Adeshwar Prasad Jain	2	4	-	3	9	4	13
6.	Dr. Prakash Chandra Jain	-	-	-	4	4	10	14
7.	Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu	2	-	-	3	5	8	13
8.	Dr. Kailash Chandra Nagpal	-	-	-	3	3	12	15
9.	Dr. Vinay Singh Panwar	1	-	-	6	7	5	12
10.	Dr. J K N Sharma	2	-	-	7	9	3	12
11.	Shri Shiv Nath	2	1	-	2	5	9	14
12.	Dr. B N Srivastava	-	-	-	6	6	4	10
13.	Dr. Jagdish Chander Trehan	1	-	-	7	8	7	15
14.	Shri Gyanendra Kumar Arora	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
15.	TOTAL (1) to (14)	16	5	4	65	90	94	184

Annotation: Lists of Members/Prospective Members to be contacted by the Individual Coordinators in connection with the next meeting of the Forum to be held on August 22, 2003, at 11.00 A. M. in the TEC Conference Room, NPL, will be

provided to them at the meeting, and in case some Coordinator is absent, it shall be mailed to him after the meeting. This will be accompanied with another list of Prospective Members with the request that any confirmed information on the lines indicated in their list that is available, or else can be collected with the help of the persons put under their charge, may be passed on to the Secretary for use in organizing the future meetings/functions of the Forum

3. Approval to Induction of New Members

Sr. No.	Name	Date of Application	Membership Status	Amount Paid	Mode of Payment
1.	Shri Sarb Daman Kumar Chopra	25. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cash
2.	Shri Damodar Prasad	25. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cash
3.	Shri Dewan Singh	25. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cash
4.	Shri Chhail Behari Lal Gautam	21. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Indian Postal Order
5.	Shri Abdul Hamid	25. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cash
6.	Shri Gokul Singh Hans	25. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cash
7.	Dr. Atma Ram Jain	10. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cash
8.	Shri Alok Kumar Kanjilal	25. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cash
9.	Shri Dharam Chand Khattar	25. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cheque
10.	Dr. Pratap Chander Mehendru	13. 04. 03	SENIOR MEMBER	NIL	Not Applicable
11.	Shri Roshan Lal Mendiratta	30. 04. 03	LIFE MEMBER	Rs. 500/=	Cheque
12.	Shri Raj Kumar Nayar	25. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cash
13.	Shri Mohinder Nath	25. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cash
14.	Shri Jitendra Rai	25. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cash
15.	Shri Kailash Chand Sharma	25. 04. 03	LIFE MEMBER	Rs. 500/=	Cheque
16.	Shri Prem Nath Taneja	25. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cash
17.	Dr. V S Tomar	10. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cheque
18.	Shri Avadh Raj Singh Vashisht	25. 04. 03	MEMBER	Rs. 200/=	Cash
19.	Dr. Padam Lal Malhotra	24. 04. 03	LIFE MEMBER	Rs. 500/=	Cheque
20.	Dr. Mulk Raj Verma	21. 05. 03	SENIOR MEMBER	NIL	Not Applicable
21.	Shri K K Datta	???	MEMBER	Rs. !00/=	Cheque
22.	Shri S G Tewari	Undated	MEMBER	NIL	--
23.	Dr. R G Sharma	10. 06. 03	LIFE MEMBER	Rs. 500/=	Cheque
24.			Total Money Recd.	Rs. 3,700/=	

Annotations:

1. Membersshp contribution from Shri Datta (Sr. No. 21) Received Directly by Shri Ved Prakash Wasan.
2. Shri Shri Tewari's application (Sr. No. 22) received through Dr Prakash Chandra Jain. No money has been received.
3. Dr. R G Sharma (Sr. No. 23), has already been registered as a Member as he had made a contribution of Rs. 100/= at the time of the meeting held on 17. 01. 03. He has now become a Life Member.