

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the Management Committee of the NPL Former Scientists Forum, held on Monday, March 22, 2004 at 10.00 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room of the National Physical Laboratory.

Attendance: The following attended the meeting:

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| 1. | Dr. V N Bindal | ... | ... | ... | ... | President |
| 2. | Dr. V S Panwar | ... | ... | ... | ... | Joint Secretary |
| 3. | Shri V P Wasan | ... | ... | ... | ... | Treasurer |
| 4. | Dr. J K N Sharma | ... | ... | ... | ... | Member |
| 5. | Dr. A P Jain | ... | ... | ... | ... | Member |
| 6. | Shri R C Dhawan | ... | ... | ... | ... | Member |
| 7. | Dr. S P Varma | ... | ... | ... | ... | Special Invitee |
| 8. | Shri R C Saksena | ... | ... | ... | ... | Special Invitee |
| 9. | Shri K N Bhatnagar | ... | ... | ... | ... | Special Invitee |
| 10. | Shri G K Arora | ... | ... | ... | ... | Secretary |

The notice for the meeting (dated 11. 03. 04) had been mailed to the members and the special invitees under certificate of posting on 12. 03. 04, but to ensure that they attend the meeting, all of them were contacted by the Secretary on phone on 20.03.04. Dr. P C Jain, Dr. S V Gupta and Dr. J C Trehan had already regretted their inability to attend the meeting. Out of the members contacted on phone, it was learnt that notice for the meeting had not been received by as many as seven. These included Dr. V N Bindal, Dr. O P Bahl, Shri R C Dhawan, Dr. A P Jain, Dr. K C Nagpal, Dr. B N Srivastava and Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu. Out of these, Dr. O P Bahl, Dr. K C Nagpal, Dr. B N Srivastava, and Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu, expressed their inability to attend. In addition, Shri Shiv Nath also expressed his inability to attend. Mrs. Santosh Aggarwal was learnt to be out of station. Dr. K D Kundra, Special Invitee, who was expected to attend, was absent at the meeting.

The Secretary informed that Dr. Bindal had informed him that on account of some urgent work which had come up, he might be somewhat late in coming for the meeting. The meeting started with Dr. A P Jain in the chair.

Dr. V N Bindal said that he had met Dr. Krishan Lal to ascertain his present status in NPL. Since he had ceased to be the Director of NPL, it was decided that he may be invited to be a Patron of the Forum. (Action: Dr. V N Bindal).

Status Report by the Secretary: Copies of the Status Report by the Secretary (Annexure I) were circulated to the Members and its highlights were presented at the meeting.

In the list of "Members who had contributed Rs. 30/= each for the First Foundation Day Celebration Function held on January 30, 2004", Dr. Panwar pointed out that Shri S C Vasishth had also contributed, Rs. 30/=, thus making the receipt to be Rs. 1770/= from 59 persons, out of which 40 had attended the meeting.

The Secretary pointed out that through oversight the list of 49 members who had yet to renew their membership, (which had been placed before the members at the last meeting of the Management Committee held on 09. 01. 04), had been presented again, in place of the list of 37 Members that was intended to be circulated. Out of that list, the 12 entries at Sr. Nos. 3, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 21, 28, 40, 48 and 49, required to be deleted. Further, the Names of Dr. S P Varma (Sr. No. 47) and Shri R C Dhawan (Sr. No. 33) also required to be deleted as both of them had renewed their membership at the time of the meeting. Filled up Membership Form had also been received from Shri V P Varma (Sr. No. 48).

The Secretary was advised to formally request Shri P K Mittal to accept the responsibility of Auditing the Accounts of the Forum (Action: Shri G K Arora).

Up to date lists of Members/Prospective Members were given to the Coordinators/Alternate Coordinators present at the meeting, for interaction with the Members/ Prospective Members for the next meeting of the Forum.

Approval to the Induction of New Members of the Forum: The induction of the following as new Members of the Forum was approved:

| Sr. No | Name | Date of Birth | Membership Status | Amount Paid (Rs.) |
|--------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Shri Om Prakash Bhola | 22. 01. 37 | Life Member [107] | 500.00 (Cash) |
| 2 | Shri Dev Kumar | 25. 04. 22 | Senior Member [108] | 500.00 (Cash) |
| 3 | Prof. Sartaj Swarup Mathur | 26. 12. 33 | Life Member [109] | 500.00 (Cash) |
| 4 | Mrs. Shashikala Shastri | 14. 04. 43 | Life Member [110] | 500.00 (Cash) |
| 5 | Shri Sagar Pal Singal | 13. 03. 34 | Member [111] | 100.00 (Cash) |
| 6 | Dr. Ganesh Datt Sootha | 12. 08. 39 | Life Member [112] | 500.00 (Cash) |
| 7 | Dr. Ashok Kumar Gupta | 01. 01. 44 | Life Member [113] | 500.00 (Cheque) |

It was also learnt from Dr. Bindal that Shri G K Kohli, who had started his industry under the CSIR Scientist-Entrepreneur Scheme had expressed his desire to be enrolled as a Member of the Forum. It was decided that if he had already attained the age of 60 years, he could be enrolled as a Member. (Action: Dr. V N Bindal).

Receipts and Expenditures on (1) First Issue of the Newsletter, and (2) First Foundation Day

Celebration Function held on January 30, 2004: Shri Arora, in the Status Report from the Secretary had informed about the details of the receipt of Rs. 12,500/= on account of the four advertisements published in the Newsletter. The expenditure involved was about Rs. 4,000/= as detailed below:

Newsletter

EXPENDITURE ALREADY UINCURRED IN RESPECT OF PREPARATION/DESPATCH OF NEWSLETTER

| Head of Expenditure | Amount (Rs.) |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. Xeroxing of 120 copies of the Newsletter | 3,600.00 |
| 2. Purchase of A-4 Size Envelops for Dispatch | 20.00 |
| 3. Purchase of Stapler | 75.00 |
| 4. Purchase of Brown Tape for Spine | 53.00 |
| 5. Purchase of White Fluid for corrections in the Manuscript | 20.00 |
| 6. Xeroxing of Letters to Patrons, Senior Members and Advertisers etc. | 30.00 (Approx) |
| 7. Dispatch of Letters | 186.00 |
| Total Expenditure | 3,984.00 |
| Say | 4,000.00 |

First Foundation Day Celebration Function

Dr. Panwar informed that against the receipt of Rs. 1770/= from 59 members @ Rs. 30/= per-head, the expenditure incurred on serving refreshments at the function was Rs. 1950/=.

The Management Committee approved the above receipts and expenditures out of the funds of the Forum.

Date and Venue for a Picnic/Family Function: As it had become pretty hot, it was decided to drop the idea of a picnic in the near future. As for the issue of holding a Family Function, it was decided that the Programme Committee may give its recommendations. (Action: Dr. J K N Sharma, Chairman, Programme Committee).

Consideration of the Suggestions Received from Dr. P C Jain: The item was deferred for consideration at the next meeting of the Management Committee when Dr. P C Jain was expected to be present. (Action: Shri G K Arora)

Renewal of Membership for 2004: The Coordinators were requested to ensure renewal of Membership by those with whom they were interacting. (Action: Respective Coordinators).

Distribution of Copies of the Newsletter to the Members of the Forum: The status of distribution of the Newsletter was presented by Shri Arora before the members of the committee at the time of the meeting.

It was felt desirable to keep some copies of the Newsletter with some Member who was still coming to NPL in his capacity as an Emeritus Scientist or in any other capacity, and who was willing to take up this responsibility. The Secretary was advised to explore this possibility. In addition, copies of the Newsletter could also be distributed to the Members who come to attend the next meeting of the Forum. (Action: Shri G K Arora).

Payment of Pension through the State Bank of India: Dr. Panwar informed about the difficulty that was being faced by some of the pensioners (Including some Members of the Forum) regarding the undue delay in the processing of their applications for payment of their pension through the State Bank of India. It was decided that information about some of such cases in respect of the Members of the Forum may be collected so that it could be taken up with the NPL authorities at the level of the Forum. (Action: Dr. V S Panwar).

Date, Time, Venue and Programme for the Next Meeting of the Forum: It was decided to have the next meeting of the Forum on Monday, April 12, 2004 at 10.30 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room. The programme for the meeting will include a talk on some aspect of Physiotherapy, by Dr. (Mrs.) Navneet Nagpal, Consultant Physiotherapist, Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine and Allied Sciences (IRMAS), New Delhi, whom Shri Arora had already sounded, and a demonstration on Acupressure by Shri R C Dhawan, as suggested by him at the meeting. (Action: Shri G K Arora).

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