

# NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

## Minutes of the Eleventh Meeting of the Management Committee of the NPL Former Scientists Forum, held on Friday, August 27, 2004 at 10.00 A.M. in the NPL Conference Room.

### 1. Attendance: The following attended the meeting:

1.	Dr. V N Bindal	...	...	President
2.	Dr. O P Bahl	...	...	Vice President
3.	V S Panwar	...	...	Joint Secretary
4.	Shri V P Wasan	...	...	Treasurer
5.	Dr. J K N Sharma	...	...	Member
6.	Dr. B N Srivastava	...	...	Member
7.	Shri R C Dhawan	...	...	Member
8.	Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu	...	...	Member
9.	Dr. P C Jain	...	...	Member
10.	Dr. S K Sharma	...	...	Member
11.	Shri K N Bhatnagar	...	...	Member
12.	Shri F C Khullar	...	...	Member
13.	Shri G K Arora	...	...	Secretary

**2. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the President:** Dr. Bindal welcomed the members to the first meeting of the Re-constituted Management Committee of the Forum. He said that out of the earlier Management Committee (1) Mrs. Santosh Aggarwal, (2) Dr. K C Nagpal, (3) Dr. J C Trehan and (4) Shri Shiv Nath had expressed their inability to continue serving as Members of the Re-constituted Management Committee. He had written to those Members of the Forum whose names had been proposed for induction as Nominated Members of the Re-constituted Management Committee at the last meeting of the Forum held on April 12, 2004. Out of them, so far there was no response from Dr. Shrawan Kumar, and he could not be contacted on telephone either, perhaps the telephone number having been changed, or he being out of station. Out of the others, Dr. P K Ghosh and Shri Dewan Singh had expressed their inability to serve as Members of the Re-constituted Management Committee. Dr. S V Gupta had expressed his inability to attend the present meeting as he would be abroad for some time. Dr. S P Varma and Mrs. Shashikala Shastri had expressed their inability to attend this meeting. Dr. A P Jain had not been keeping well for some time and, though he had informed that he would try to be present at the meeting, was unable to do so. Dr. S P Singal had also been expected at the meeting but did not attend.

The following is, therefore, the list of the Nominated Members of the Re-constituted Management Committee:

Sr. No.	Out of the Earlier Team	Sr. No.	New Additions
1	Dr. J K N Sharma	7	Dr. S K Sharma
2	Dr. B N Srivastava	8	Dr. S V Gupta
3	Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu	9	Dr. S P Singal
4	Dr. A P Jain	10	Dr. S P Varma
5	Dr. P C Jain	11	Shri F C Khullar
6	Shri R C Dhawan	12	Shri K N Bhatnagar
		13	Mrs. Shashikala Shastri
		14	Dr. Sharwan Kumar

Dr. Bindal said that the Nominated Members of the Management Committee shall also be having the responsibility of Coordinators. In addition he himself, as well as Dr V S Panwar, and Shri V P Wasan shall also be taking up the work of the Coordinator as an additional responsibility. Shri Arora shall continue to coordinate the work of the other Coordinators, and may also directly interact with some of the Members/Prospective Members of the Forum.

Dr. Bindal said that since Shri Arora had not been keeping well for quite some time, this meeting had been arranged by Dr. V S Panwar, the Joint Secretary. Since Shri Arora was not sure whether he shall be able to attend this meeting, he had sent to him and to Dr. Panwar some information relevant to the Agenda for the meeting. He had also pointed out that this was the Eleventh Meeting of the Management Committee, and had also sent the Minutes of the Tenth Meeting of the Management Committee, which had been held on March 22, 2004.

Dr. Bindal also said that Since Dr. J K N Sharma had expressed his desire to be relieved of the responsibility of the Chairmanship of the Programme Committee, he had requested Dr. S K Sharma to assume this responsibility, which he had readily accepted. He had also requested Dr. P C Jain to assume the responsibility of the Chairman of the Publication Committee in place of Dr. K C Nagpal who had expressed his inability to continue in that capacity. Dr. P C Jain had also exceeded to this request.

Dr. Bindal added that Dr. Krishan Lal had also accepted his invitation to be associated with the Forum as a Patron.

**3. 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	Dr. Ajit Kumar Sarkar	01. 11. 43	MEMBER [115]	Rs. 300 (Cash)
2	Shri Kailash Chander Chhabra	02. 10. 42	LIFE MEMBER [116]	Rs. 500 (Cheque)
3	Shri Mrinal Kanti Das Gupta	10. 11. 36	MEMBER [117]	Rs. 100 (Cash)
4	Shri H L Kapur	12. 05. 34	MEMBER [118]	Rs. 100 (Cash)
5	Mrs. Mithlesh Saxena	26. 02. 44	LIFE MEMBER [119]	Rs. 500 (Cheque)
6	Shri Madan Gopal Segal	01. 03. 34	MEMBER [120]	Rs. 100 (Cash)
7	Shri Tej Ram Tomar	26. 12. 36	LIFE MEMBER [121]	Rs. 500 (Cash)
8	Dr. Ved Mitra	20. 07. 41	LIFE MEMBER [122]	Rs. 500 (Cash)
9	Dr. Thirumalai Muppur Srinivasan	09. 05. 28	SENIOR MEMBER [123]	Rs. 200 (Cash)
10	Shri Om Prakash Kakkar	21. 11. 36	MEMBER [124]	Rs. 100 (Cash)
11	Shri Satish Chandra Gupta	16. 05. 33	LIFE MEMBER [125]	Rs. 500 (Cheque)

**4. Programme Committee:** The following Committee was constituted:

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| (i)   | Dr. S K Sharma     | ... | Chairman |
| (ii)  | Dr. B N Srivastava | ... | Member   |
| (iii) | Dr. V S Panwar     | ... | Member   |
| (iv)  | Shri V P Wasan     | ... | Member   |
| (v)   | Shri F C Khullar   | ... | Member   |

Attention of the Committee was drawn to the following decision taken at the Tenth Meeting of the Management Committee held on March 22, 2004:

“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.”

The Committee was also requested to advise about the date, time, venue and programme for the next meeting of the Forum. Shri R C Dhawan was scheduled to have given a demonstration on Acupressure at the last meeting of the Forum held on April 12, 2004, but the same could not be done due to shortage of time.

**5. Publication Committee:** It was decided to enlarge the scope of the erstwhile Newsletter Committee and to name it as “Publication Committee”. It was also decided that Shri Arora will continue to be the Compiler & Editor of the Newsletter of the Forum. Further Dr. P C Jain, the Chairman of the Committee, was authorized to name the other Members of the Committee, as he may consider appropriate.

**6. COORDINATION:** Shri Arora was requested to draw up the lists of Members/Prospective Members of the Forum for the various Coordinators.

**7. Status Report by the Joint Secretary:** Dr. Panwar presented a report on the Status of the Forum and the action on the decisions that had been taken at the last meeting of the Management Committee.

Shri Arora, with the permission of the Chairman, added that there were still 29 Members whose renewal of membership for 2004 was still due, and he had already sent the list of these Members to Dr. Bindal and to Dr. Panwar. Dr. Bindal advised that indication about this may be given also in the lists of the Members/Prospective Members that he had been requested to prepare for the various Coordinators, so that they could be contacted for renewal of their membership as well.

The following presented the Membership Status as it stood at the time of the Ninth Meeting (09. 01. 04), Tenth Meeting (22. 03. 04) and the present meeting of the Management Committee:

Category	Ninth Meeting 09. 01. 2004.	Tenth Meeting 22. 03. 2004	Eleventh Meeting 27. 08. 2004
Patrons	4	4	5
Senior Members	11	12	13
Life Members	36	46	57
Other Members	58	53	53*
Members Expired	1	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>130</b>

\* This includes the 29 Members whose Membership for 2004 was still due

**8. Death –Cum-Retirement Gratuity (DCRG):** Dr. B N Srivastava presented the highlights of the decision that had been taken by the Supreme Court in February 2002, in respect of the case relating to the DCRG payment to the retired

Central Government Pensioners. A number of Members of the Forum could benefit if this decision is implemented in respect of the pre-1996 pensioners. This decision had been notified in the August 2002 issue of PENSIONER and had also been recently given wide circulation by the Bharat Pensioners Samaj.

**The Committee took the following decisions:** (i) To bring the decision of the Supreme court to the notice of the Director, NPL, for which a suitable draft letter will be prepared by Dr. B N Srivastava; (ii) the Forum will explore the possibility of becoming a Member of the Bharat Pensioners Samaj; (iii) The Forum may subscribe to the publication PENSIONER; and (iv) To bring the decision of the Supreme Court to the Notice of the Members of the Forum at the next meeting of the Forum.

**9. Medical Facilities at AIIMS:** It was pointed out that in view of the OM No. S-11030/6/2001-CGHS(P) dated 5. 11. 2001, (Ref: Forum's Newsletter No. 1, January 2004, page 10), no prior permission was necessary for the CGHS Beneficiaries to get treated at AIIMS.

**10. Status Report by the Treasurer:** Shri V P Wasan informed the present financial status of the Forum as under:

<b>Syndicate Bank, NPL</b>	Existing Deposit as on 26. 08. 2004	Rs. 31, 676.39
	Fresh Receipts by Cheques to be Deposited	Rs. 500.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Rs. 32, 176.39</b>
<b>Cash-in-Hand</b>	As on 26. 08. 2004	Rs. 2,916.50
	Amount paid on 27. 08. 2004 (-)	Rs 924. 00
	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>Rs. 1,992.50</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Diring 01. 04. 2004 and 26. 08. 2004	Rs. 1,619.00
	Yet to be Booked on 27. 08. 2004	Rs. 924.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Rs. 2,543.00</b>

**11. Rebate in Telephone Rental to Senior Citizens:** Dr. Pc Jain had informed Dr. Bindal and Shri Arora about the 25% concession in Monthly Rental announced by the MTNL in July 2004, and Dr. Bindal had collected detailed information in this regard. It was decided to bring this to the notice of the Members of the Forum at its next meeting.

**12. Encashment of Half Pay Leave:** Dr. B N Srivastava informed about a scheme whereby persons retiring from the Central Government service were entitled to conversion of their Half Pay Leave at the time of retirement. He himself had benefited under this scheme after his retirement. However since a number of the Members of the Forum might not have drawn any benefit under this scheme, it was decided to bring this issue to the notice of Director, NPL, for which a suitable draft letter will be prepared by Dr. Srivastava.

**13. Consideration of the Suggestions made by Dr. P C Jain:** Dr. Bindal observed that while some of the suggestions made by Dr. Jain had already been taken care of, there were some others that still need to be considered. He had suggested that Dr. Kailash Chandra may be invited as a permanent invitee to the meetings of the Management Committee. He had talked to Dr. Chandra in this regard and had learnt that while he was keen to be actively associated with the various activities of the Forum, he would be away to USA for about 6 months towards the middle of August this year. His similar visits to the USA were expected next year also, but he was eventually planning to settle in India. It was only then that he could really participate effectively in the various activities of the Forum.

The following decisions were taken in respect of some of the other suggestions:

- (i) Desirability of holding meetings of the Area Committees along with the meetings of the Management Committee/ Forum may be explored.
- (ii) Since the expenditure involved on the meetings of the Management Committee was not much, no change in the existing practice was required.
- (iii) Minutes of the various meetings may be as brief as possible, and these may only be presented at the subsequent meetings and not circulated.
- (iv) For the present we may plan publishing only one issue of the Newsletter per year.
- (v) Forum meetings should provide ample opportunities to its Members to have informal interaction over a cup of tea, which may not be served during the course of the meeting but out side the Conference Hall after the meeting.

**14. Merger of 50% Dearness Allowance/Dearness Relief with the Basic Pay/Pension:** The Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, had notified the merger of 50% of the Dearness Allowance/ Dearness Relief, with the Basic Pay/Pension, w.e.f.1.4.2004, vide O M No. F No. 106/1/2004-10 dated 1 March 2004., circulated vide CSIR Endorsement No. 8-1(1)/2002-Gen dated 12. 03. 2004. A copy of this OM had been procured from NPL by Shri V P Wasan. It was decided to bring this to the notice of the Members of the Forum at its next meeting.

**Meeting with Director NPL:** It was felt desirable that the President of the Forum may have another meeting with Director, NPL, to thank him about the action already taken by the Laboratory consequent to his earlier meeting with him last year, and to draw his attention to some of the decisions on which action was still pending, and also the new issues that the Members of the Management Committee wanted to be brought to his notice. It was decided that suggestions in this regard may be sent by the members of the Management Committee to Shri G K Arora or to Dr. V S Panwar, so that the same could be compiled for presentation to Director, NPL.

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

