NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Management Committee
of the NPL Former Scientists Forum,
held on Friday, August 7, 2006 at 10.30 A.M. in the NPL Conference Room.

1. Attendance: The following attended the meeting:

1. Dr. V N Bindal President
2. Dr. V S Panwar Joint Secretary
3. Shri V P Wasan Treasurer
4. Shri K N Bhatnagar Member
5. Dr. R Bhattacharyya Member
6. Shri R C Dhawan Member
7. Dr. S V Gupta Member
8. Dr. A P Jain Member
9. Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu Member
10. Dr. S K Sharma Member
11. Dr. S P Singal Member
12. Shri G K Arora Secretary

In addition, Dr. S S Mathur, who too had been invited, also attended the meeting.

Dr. O P Bahl, Dr. S P Varma, Dr. J K N Sharma and Mrs. Shashikala Shastri had regretted their inability to attend the meeting. Shri Subhash Chandra and Dr. P C Jain were absent at the meeting.

A formal Agenda drawn out by the Secretary in consultation with the President was placed on the table at the time of the meeting.

1. Agenda and Arrangements for the Meeting of the Forum on Thursday, August 24, 2006, at 4.00 P.M.

The Committee approved extending invitation to all the 175 members, about 50 prospective members and about 20 invitees to be invited for the meeting. It was expected that keeping in view the importance of the meeting, to make arrangement for refreshment for 150 persons. Shri Wasan was authorized to make arrangements in this regard at the estimated expenditure of Rs. 15-20 per head. The Committee also noted that Shri Shashi Bhushan had offered to contribute Rs. 1500/- for meeting the expenditure on refreshment. It was decided that the balance expenditure shall be met by contribution of Rs. 100/- Rs. Per head by the Members of the Management Committee.

It was decided that necessary action for booking of the Auditorium, Photographic Coverage of the meeting, the Air-Conditioning of the Auditorium, the Floral Decoration etc. for the meeting shall also be ensured through the COA, NPL, who will also be specifically invited for the meeting.

2. Approval of LOGO of The NPL Former Scientists Forum, and of the Letterhead

The members highly appreciated the effort put in by the President in designing a very impressive Logo for the Forum, which had also been used for notifying this meeting vide letter dated July 28, 2006 by the Secretary.

It Logo was unanimously adopted and it was decided that the receipt books may also be got printed with this Logo.

3. Induction of the Following New Members of the Forum:
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<th>Sr. No.</th>
<th>Name &amp; Date of Birth</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Dr. Jnanendra Nath Som [12.06.46]</td>
<td>Rs. 500/- (Cheque)</td>
<td>Life Member</td>
<td>Through Shri N K Babbar</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Shri Rakesh Kumar [15.11.43]</td>
<td>Rs. 500/- (Cheque)</td>
<td>Life Member</td>
<td>Initiative by Dr. P C Jain</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Shri Rajendra Kumar Bhasin [22.06.46]</td>
<td>Rs. 500/- (Cheque)</td>
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<td>Through Shri N K Babbar</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Dr. Ved Ram Singh [24.02.46]</td>
<td>Rs. 500/- (Cash)</td>
<td>Life Member</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Dr. Sohan Lal Jain [07.06.46]</td>
<td>Rs. 500/- (Cheque)</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Shri Kasturi Lal [02.07.46]</td>
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Induction of the above as New Members of the Forum was approved.

4. Training Course in Metrology - Participation and Programme of Lectures by the Faculty-Members drawn from the NPL Former Scientists Forum, and its Organization.

The Committee welcomed the offer of the Metrology Society of India for the Members of the Forum for participation in the proposed Training Course in Metrology, which was planned to be started in January 2007. It was decided that from the Forum’s side Dr. S V Gupta would do the necessary coordination work.

5. Special Diamond Jubilee of NPL Issue of the Newsletter – Finalization, Publication & Distribution

The Committee saw the ‘Contents – Outline’ for the next issue of the Newsletter, which accompanied the Agenda tabled at the meeting and authorized the Editor to finalize the matter in consultation with the Chairman of the Publication Committee, as also the number of copies to be published. As there was not much time left, it was also decided, to withhold some matter for publication in the next issue of the Newsletter, if it was considered necessary.

As regards the distribution of the copies of the Newsletter, it was decided that the members attending the meeting on August 24, may be requested to collect the same after its release by Dr. R A Mashelkar on that day. For, those Members who are unable to attend the meeting on that day or are unable to collect the copy of the Newsletter the Secretary may leave the copies with Shri N K Babbar, with the list of such Members.

6. Status of the Scholarships

The Committee noted the contents of the following two Scholarships which had been notified by Shri Dhirendra Kumar, AO, NPL both in English and in Hindi, and the English versions of which were placed on the table:

1. Astronaut Kalpana Chawla Samman Chattravritti (Scholarship) 2006-2007

The Committee noted that these Scholarships were proposed to be announced on 26th September 2006.

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