

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Twentieth Meeting of the Management Committee of the NPL Former Scientists Forum, held on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 10.00 A.M. in the Director's Conference Room, NPL

1. Attendance: The following attended the meeting:

1. Dr. V N Bindal	President
2. Dr. OP Bahl	Vice President
3. Shri V P Wasan	Treasurer
4. Shri K N Bhatnagar	Member
5. Dr. S V Gupta	Member
6. Dr. P C Jain	Member
7. Dr. S K Sharma	Member
7. Mrs. Shashikala Shastri	Member
8. Shri Subhsh Chandra	Member
9. Dr. S P Varma	Member
10. Shri P K Mittal	Invitee
11. Shri G K Arora	Secretary

Dr. R Bhattacharyya and Dr. V S Panwar had regretted their inability to attend the meeting. Dr. Kailash Chandra, Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu and Dr. Ved Ram Singh were unable to attend as they were abroad. Dr. A P Jain who had recently undergone Angeoplasty and Shri R C Dhawan who had been implanted a Pace Maker were also unable to attend the meeting. Dr. S P Singal (Member) and Dr. J K N Sharma (Invitee) were absent.

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the President: Dr. V N Bindal welcomed the Members and said that this meeting was being held after a long time – the last having been held on December 22, 2006.. Subsequent to that one meeting of the Forum had been held on March 6, 2007. As such there was a heavy agenda for the present meeting.

He briefly highlighted the major achievements of the Forum. This included, the visit of **Shri G K Arora, Shri V P Wasan, and Dr. V S Panwar** to the **Income tax Office** and to the **Office of the Registrar of Societies** – both located in the Trans-Yamuna area of Delhi, in the scorching summer heat on May 31, 2007. The visit to the Income Tax Office was to file an application in response tot appearing in the Hindustan Times on 18th March, inviting Charitable or religious Trusts or Institutions for exemption of income under Section 12 of the Income Tax Act from the financial year in which the application is made. 31st May was the last date by which the Application (in the Prescribed Form) was to reach the Commissioner of Income Tax. This Advertisement had been brought to the notice of all three of them who, **working as a team**, were able to compile the elaborate information that required to be compiled, and the Management Committee would like to put this on record. The filing of this application had become necessary because of the interest earned on the fixed deposits as a result of the institution of the various Scholarships and Awards had crossed the present limit of Rs. 5,000/- for being exempted from Tax Deduction at Source by the Bank.

As per the information available from the website of the Registrar of Societies, a number of formalities required to be completed. This included the permission from Director, NPL to have the, **Registered Office** of the “**NPL Former Scientists Forum at NPL**”. **Dr. Bindal** informed that he had got this permission personally from Dr. Vikram Kumar on a **Letter that he had written to him on 24th May 2007**. Subsequently, Director, NPL had also approved the **allotment of a Room to the Forum on 7th June, 2007 in the Force Standard Building Annex**. However, there were a number of other issues on which clarification required to be sought from the Office of the Registrar, as the same was not available from the website. He was happy to report that following the clarification sought by the team-of-three, the other formalities for filing the Application for Registration of a Society are also being completed, and hopefully, this application will be filed in the near future.

2. Passing of a Resolution on the demise of Shri Ashish Sawhney, son of Shri Kewal Krishan: The Secretary informed the members about the tragic death of Shri Ashish Sawhney in a Road Accident on 30th March, 2007. He then read out a resolution hereafter the members observed two-minute silence, and advised him to send a copy of it to Shri Kewal Krishan.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Eighteenth Meeting of the Management Committee held on December 22, 2006: As there were no comments on the Minutes of the Meeting, a copy of which was also placed on the table, they were adopted as **confirmed**.

4. Follow-up Action on the various decisions taken at the above meeting: These were reported in the Secretary's Report (**Appendix – 1**) – the Next Item on the Agenda, which was circulated to the members. They were briefly presented by the Secretary and it was decided that the relevant items on the Agenda for the present meeting may also be taken up simultaneously to save time.

4.1 Approval to the Induction of Shri Tri Bhawan Verma as a Member of the Forum (Follow-up Action)

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7. Approval to the Induction of New Members of the Forum

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12. Revision of the Membership Form:

After the presentation of the facts of the case, the Management Committee approved the induction of Shri Tri Bhawan Verma as a Member of the Forum (**As a Special case not to be used as a precedent**) and also approved the induction of the following new members:

Sr. No.	Name & Date of Birth	Amount Received	Last Post Held	Remarks
1.	Dr. Chattr Pal Sharma [13. 10. 46]	Rs. 500/- (Cash)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 31. 10. 2006
2.	Shri Binod Kanti Roy [06. 05. 46]	Rs. 500/- (Cheque)	Tech Offcr (E-1)	Retired from NPL on 31. 05. 2006
3.	Shri Mati Lal Das [14. 05. 46]	Rs. 500/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 31. 05. 2006
4.	Shri Subhash Chander Gera [01. 05. 47]	Rs. 500/- (Cash)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 30. 04. 2007

The Committee noted that all the above four members had paid Rs. 500/- towards their Membership Subscription. Since as per the Revised Rules & Regulations of the Forum the Membership Fee has been fixed at Rs. 700/- it was decided that this Membership Fee will be effective from 6th March, 2007 - the date of the Forum meeting at which the Revised Rules & Regulations were adopted. It was decided that those Members who had applied for Membership after that date, may be requested to pay the additional amount of Rs. 200/- which may be deemed as arrears due from them.

The Revised Membership Form placed before the Committee by the Secretary at the time of the Meeting was considered. A copy of the New Membership Form approved by the Committee is enclosed. (**Appendix – 2**).

4.2 Composition of the Management Committee (Follow-up Action): It was noted that Dr. Kailash Chandra had replaced Shri A C Gupta as a Member of the Management Committee and that corresponding change in the letter head shall also be made.

4.3 Reports of the Area Committees (Follow-up Action): The Committee noted that as per the decision, the names of the Conveners of the various Committees had also been indicated in the Agenda for the present meeting.

9.1 Medical Facilities Committee: As Dr. O P Bahl had to leave the meeting and Dr. V S Panwar had regretted his inability to be present, the Secretary informed that as reported by him in his Status Report (**Ref: Sr. No. 12**) a letter was e-mailed to Shri Pradeep Chaturvedi, Under Secretary, Rajya Sabha, Secretariat, by the Secretary of the Forum on 22. 03. 2007, in response to a Press Advertisement which had been brought to the notice of the President by Shri S C Gupta (Life Member). A copy of this letter was also e-mailed to Dr. O P Bahl, Chairman of the Medical Affairs Committee, following which, he e-mailed a Memorandum to Shri Chaturvedi on the same day. *Incidentally this was the last day for sending the Memorandum but had not been indicated in the Press Advertisement which said that the memoranda should reach within thirty days of the Advertisement.* This had been done to bring this to the notice of the **Parliamentary Standing Committee headed by Shri Amar Singh, M.P., Rajya Sabha on Health & Family Welfare**. A copy of the Memorandum sent was also placed on the table.

9.2: Programme Committee: Dr. S K Sharma informed about the talk by Dr. P R Ramesh, which had been delivered at the meeting of the Forum held on 6th March, 2007. Attention of the Committee was invited by the Secretary to his Status Report (**Ref: Sr. No 4**) informing that Dr. Ramesh was kind enough to respond favourably to a request by the him to provide a hard copy of his presentation, which had been included in the Draft Newsletter Issue No. 4 (Dated March 2007).

4.4 Size & Frequency of Publication of the Newsletter (Follow-up Action)

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9.3: Publication Committee

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10. Budget Sanction for the Next Issue of the Newsletter: The Committee was informed about the present status in regard to the compilation of the 4th Issue of the Newsletter on 'Holistic Health Care' as presented by the Secretary in his Status Report (**Ref. Sub Para 4 of Sr. No. 2**). The Committee was also informed about the following which Dr. R Bhattacharyya had e-mailed to the Secretary, while regretting his inability to attend the meeting:

“ We have already received the contents of the next newsletter. I have also since supplied you the AOI document. You have good enough material. Please edit as you wish to accommodate within the constraints of the fund availability in consultation with Dr. Bindal”

The Members of the Committee saw the **Draft of the Special Issue** on 'Holistic Health Care' – issue No. 4, dated May 2007 copies of which had been circulated to the Members of the Publication Committee in **March 2007** inviting their suggestions, with a copy also to the President, and noted no concrete suggestions had been received for reduction in its size. The Committee also noted the material that had subsequently been collected for inclusion in this Issue. A copy of the Latest List of CGHS Empanelled List of Hospitals and Diagnostic Centres as of 06. 06. 2007, downloaded from the website of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare was also placed on the table by the Secretary. The two major items yet to be added were the **Message from the President** and **'From Secretary's Desk'**. The List of Members as of today shall also need to be added.

The Committee noted that a total of Rs. 17,000/- was committed / received by way of Advertisements, for the next issue of the Newsletter, and sanctioned an amount of **Rs. 12,000/-** for its publication. It was also decided to freeze the matter so far compiled and publish the next issue **dated July 2007**. Copies of it may be distributed to the members at the time of its release at a meeting of the Forum after its publication. Those Members who are unable to collect their copy of the Newsletter at that meeting may be advised to collect the same from the Office of Shri N K Babbar,

The Committee also noted that some Members of the Forum had not yet collected their copies of the last Issue of the Newsletter. **As a Measure of Economy**, it was decided that the number of copies published should be **75% of the Members of the Forum**.

It was also decided that a couple of persons may be associated with the Compiler, to finalize the matter for publication in the next issue of the Newsletter within the sanctioned budget, and that for future issues of the Newsletter effort should be made to restrict the expenditure on publication of the Newsletter issue to about Rs. 3,000/-. Dr. Bindal also requested Shri P K Mittal to be an additional Member of the Publication Committee, but while he offered his services to help the Committee in regard to its financial aspects, he did not accept this proposal.

9.4 Welfare Committee : As Dr. V R Singh was abroad and Dr. V S Panwar had also not been able to attend the meeting, the Secretary informed that at the **initiative of Dr. V S Panwar**, two meetings of the Welfare Committee had been held under the Chairmanship of Dr. J K N Sharma on 9th April and 24th May 2007 (Dates to be confirmed) . **Dr. J K N Sharma** had been invited to attend the present meeting of the Management Committee

but was absent. Dr. B N Srivastava was also learnt to have been involved in these meetings. Based on the Manuscript of the Memorandum drafted for its submission it was sent to the Chairman of the Commission by Registered Post on 6th June 2007. A copy of the **Memorandum** was placed on the table at the time of the meeting.

The Secretary also invited attention to Sr. No. 14 of his Status Report in this Regard.

4.5 Doctorate Degrees Awarded to & Guided by the Members of the Forum (Follow-up Action)

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9.5 Scientific Affairs Committee: The Committee also noted appreciation e-mailed by Dr. Vikram Kumar, Director, NPL and Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta, who had been coordinating the work of compilation of material for the Diamond Jubilee Volume to be brought out by the Laboratory for the information that had been compiled regarding **Doctorate Degrees Awarded to & Guided by the Members of the Forum**, as reported in the Secretary's Status Report (Ref: Sub Para 5 of Sr. No. 2). However, no progress had been made in regard to the Activity on **Popularization of Science**, as no report on it was available from Dr. (Mrs.) Kundu who was presently abroad.

In response to a mail sent by the Secretary to Dr. Kailash Chandra (who was presently abroad), the Committee was informed about the e-mail from Dr. Chandra sending his regards to the Members of the Management Committee and the following suggestions that he had sent regarding **Popularization of Science**:

1. Forum can take initiative to revise/ up-date the Chart on S.I. Units' which was published by NPL 25 years ago. The Chart was widely circulated to Schools and Colleges and Govt. Departments and very much appreciated by all including the then P.M. Rajiv Gandhi, Dr. P C Jain knows all about this Chart. Forum can assist NPL and the Metrology Society of India in getting the up-dated chart printed and circulated.
2. NCERT Books at School level do not give the correct information on Base and Derived Units. Forum can establish contact with NCERT to correct / Update these books.
3. A Museum on Science & Technology has been established at Pragati Maidan. A visit to the Organizing Committee or Scientific Affairs Committee or a Selected Members of the Forum to the Museum can be organized to hold discussions with the Director, of the Museum as to how we can assist them. A New Section on Units of Measurement can be established in this Museum with Charts, Models and Photographs on the Units in collaboration with NPL & MSI.
4. Forum can also take initiative with DST, UGC, NCERT etc. in writing books pamphlets etc. on popular Science Subjects.
5. There is need for a general knowledge book on Science & Technology in Popular Language for School Children and Common man explaining how the household gadgets work and daily observed phenomena in nature occur. Forum can take initiative in this matter in consultation with National Book Trust, NCERT, DST etc.

The Committee was informed that copies of this mail had been forwarded by him to Dr. S V Gupta, Co-Chairman of the Committee, Dr. R Bhattacharyya and to Dr. V N Bindal. Dr. Bhattacharyya, a Member of the Scientific Affairs Committee, while regretting his inability to attend the meeting feels that the suggestions of Dr. Chandra are worth pursuing.

It was decided that Dr. S V Gupta may decide about convening a meeting of the Committee and advise about its convening.

9.6 Rules & Regulations Committee: The Committee had noted that action was being taken for getting the Forum Registered as a Society, as per the approval accorded by the Forum at its meeting held on 6th March 2007. The Management Committee decided to put on record its appreciation for the successful completion of a momentous task by the Rules & Regulations Committee. It was also felt that once the Forum gets registered, this Committee will not have any immediate task to perform and will thus **remain dormant**.

4.6 Scholarships & Awards (Follow-up Action)

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9.7 Scholarship Committee

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11 Scholarship/ Fellowship Fund – Resolution for opening of New Accounts: Shri V P Wasan presented the status of the five Accounts which had already been opened and also highlighted by the Secretary in his Status Report (Ref: Sr. No. 7). These were

- (1). NPL-FSF A/c Mr. Dev Kumar
- (2). NPL-FSF A/c Prof. S C Jain.
- (3). NPL-FSF A/c Dr. P C Jain
- (4). NPL-FSF A/c Dr. S K Joshi .
- (5). NPL-FSF A/c General Donation Fund.

Shri Wasan informed that both the Recipients of the last year's Astronaut Kalpana Chawla Chattravritti and Sudha Jain Memorial Scholarship had returned the Cheques issued to them for the second 6-month installment at the 6th March, 2007 Meeting of the Forum, as they had not secured the prescribed percentage of marks for continuation of their Scholarships. He further added that instead of having two Scholarships of Rs. 250/- and Rs. 200/- per month , as had been advertised last year for Astronaut Kalpana Chawla Chattravritti, it has been decided to have only one Scholarship of Rs. 400/- per month . The amount of money to be awarded under the Sudha Jain Memorial Scholarship had also been reduced from Rs. 400 to Rs. 300/- per month.

The Committee was also informed about the two new Scholarships & Awards that had subsequently been instituted as per the Secretary's Status Report (Ref: Sr. No. 9) . **Shri Sohan Lal Gupta** has donated **Rs. 55,500/-** for the institution of a scholarship for a Degree Course in Medical Science in the name of his daughter Dr. Savita Singal, and **Shri V P Wasan** has donated **Rs. 15,000/-** for institution of an Award for the female child who scores the maximum marks in English in the 12th Class CBSE Examination, in memory of his wife Mrs. Saroj Wasan.

The Committee was informed about the constitution of the Present Scholarship Committee. Dr. Bindal informed that Shri Dharendra Kumar, who was the Nominee of COA, NPL had got promoted and left NPL recently. Perhaps the person replacing him may now be nominated on this Committee. Dr. Bindal also gave to the Members a copy of the Circular that had already been circulated in NPL and in every house-hold in the NPL Colony inviting applications for these Scholarships and Awards for the current year.

Dr. Bindal also clarified that while the other Scholarships and Awards presently instituted were for the benefit of children of the NPL staff, the Award instituted by Dr. P C Jain was for children/ grand-children of all the persons who had been associated with NPL at any point of time. He also

added that **Prof. S C Jain** had promised to contribute **Rs. 22,000/-** to running of the Sudha Jain Memorial Scholarship on a perpetual basis, and another **Rs. 10,000/-** had been promised by **Shri Dev Kumar**, for the Astronaut Kalpana Chawla Chattravritti.

While passing the following resolution for opening of New accounts the Committee decided that in addition to Shri Dev Kumar and Prof. S C Jain as the Members of the Committee, all the other Persons who have instituted the Scholarships and Awards or may do so in future should also be Members of the Scholarship Committee:

RESOLUTION

Resolved that separate accounts of donors should be maintained, so that the principal amount and interest earned thereon are accounted separately. This will ensure transparency and safe custody of donor's money.

For this purpose the following separate savings bank accounts should be opened

1. NPL-FSF A/c Sh S.L Gupta
2. NPL-FSF A/c Sh. V.P Wasan
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3. Similar accounts should be opened for any other donors in future. The name of the A/c shall have donors name preceded by NPL-FSF A/c.

The accounts may be opened in Syndicate Bank NPL, Pusa. An appropriate amount from these accounts may be invested in term deposits for suitable period at the prevailing rate of interest with instructions to deposit quarterly interest in the respective SF a/c regularly.

The accounts shall be operated by any two of the following signatories.

1. President, NPL-FSF
2. Secretary, NPL-FSF
3. Treasurer, NPL-FSF

4.7: Forum on the Website of NPL (Follow-up Action) : The Committee noted that it was not advisable for the Forum to have its own website to have a **Link with the NPL Website** (which has been presently approved by Director, NPL, as per the oral communication from Dr. M K Tiwari) in view of the present facilities, as advised by Shri S M Dhawan, and reported by the Secretary. (Ref Sub Para 8 of Sr. No 2)

5. Status Report by the Secretary: The report presented by the Secretary at the meeting is enclosed (Appendix – 1)

13. Honouring Members of the age of 80 years and above: It was decided to honour the Members of the Age of 80 and more by presenting them a Memento. Dr. S K Sharma suggested that this Memento could be awarded to them in appreciation of their association with the Forum.

The Programme Committee was assigned the responsibility of working out the details.

6. Status Report by the Treasurer: Shri V P Wasan presented the Financial Status Report as on date indicating that an amount of more than Rs. 35,000/- was available in the Savings Fund Account of the Forum. It was decided that another amount of Rs. 25,000/- may be deposited with the Syndicate Bank, NPL in a Fixed Deposit Account.

Dr. P K Mittal had Audited the Accounts for the Financial Year 2006-2007 and he had been specially invited to attend the present meeting of the Management Committee. Shri Wasan also presented the details of these Audited Accounts for the last financial year, inviting specific attention to the expenditure incurred on Postage (Rs. 6247.00). It was suggested that as a Measure of Economy of Expenditure on Postage, the notices for the various meetings may be sent to the members by e-mail. This would further cut down the associated expenditure on Stationery and Photocopying as well.

The Committee also noted that details of Income and Expenditure for the Individual Accounts for the various Scholarships & Awards had also been provided in this Audited Statement of Accounts for the Year 2006-2007, and that an amount of Rs. 1,02,505 had been deposited in the various Scholarship/ Award Accounts with the Syndicate Bank, out of which an amount of Rs. 70,000/- was in fixed deposits so that higher rate of interest could be earned and credited to the Saving Fund Accounts of the corresponding Scholarship/ Award Funds, for making payments of scholarship amounts to the various awardees .

The following proposal was also placed before the Committee for consideration:

“It is proposed that a token amount of Rs. 500/- , or 0.5% per year of donation amount (as decided by MC) may be utilized by the Forum to initiate and cover contingency expenditure incurred in running the Scholarships/ Awards.”

It was felt that this proposal required concurrence of the Scholarship Committee, and approved the same subject to its approval by that Committee’.

As for the Audited Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year 2006-2007, the Committee approved it for placing it before the members of the Forum for adoption at the next Annual General Body Meeting of the Forum.

14. Venue, Date & Time for the next Annual General Body Meeting and the Agenda thereof: It was agreed that the next Annual General Body Meeting may be held along with the Inauguration Ceremony for opening of the Room allotted to the Forum as suggested by the President, and he was authorized to finalize the details of that meeting.

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

Twentieth Meeting of the Management Committee, on Wednesday, 20th June, 2007, at 10.00A.M. in Director's Conference Room, NPL.

STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY

(Ref: Agenda Item 5)

1. Shri Ashish Sawhney (Ref: Agenda Item 2): It was learnt from Shri H K Thadani (Prospective Member), that Shri Ashish Sawhney, S/o Shri Kewal Krishan (Life Member), had expired in a road accident, on 30th March, 2007. The members of the Committee are requested to observe a two-minute silence in his memory and pass a Resolution which may be sent to Shri Kewal Krishan

2. Nineteenth Meeting of The Management Committee (Ref: Agenda Item 3) : The Minutes of the Nineteenth Meeting of the Management Committee, held on December 22, 2006, had been circulated by e-mail (as a Measure of economy) to all the members of the Committee whose e-mail addresses were available, and on 13th January 2007, hard copies of the same were also mailed to the President (as desired by him), and also to Shri K N Bhatnagar, Shri R C Dhawan and Dr. S K Sharma – (his e-mail address having become non-functional). A copy of the same will be tabled at the time of the meeting.

As no comments from any members had been received, the minutes of this meeting may be confirmed.

3. Follow-up Action on the Decisions taken at the above Meeting (Ref: Agenda Item 4): The following action has been taken:

1. Shri Jagdish Lal Sota: The Resolution passed on the demise of Shri Jagdish Lal Sota was sent to his son Shri Munish by courier on 28. 12. 2006.

2. Shri Tri Bhawan Sharma [22. 07. 43]: No meeting of the Sub-Committee comprising of the Secretary, Joint Secretary and the Treasurer, with the Secretary as its convener, could be held. It was ascertained from Shri Tri Bhawan Verma, son of Late Shri Mulik Raj Verma (Senior Member) that he had retired from Solid State Physics Laboratory as Senior Technical Assistant. He had, however, undergone the same training in Glass Blowing at NPL, prior to leaving the Laboratory in 1966, as Shri Ved Prakash Varma and Shri Shashi Bhushan Kapahi – both Life Members. When he was invited to become a Member of the Forum by the Secretary, it was expected that he too would have got enough number of promotions to be in the Officer's Grade at the time of his retirement. No information was available from his Membership Form at the time of his retirement, as there was no such provision in the Form.

The Joint Secretary and the Treasurer were consulted by the Secretary for their views in the light of the above facts, but they expressed their inability to offer any concrete suggestions, and advised that the issue may be brought before the Management Committee for a decision at its next meeting.

Since this is a solitary case of its kind, it is **Suggested** that we may make an exception in this case, (not to be used as a precedent), and ensure that while modifying the existing Membership Form we may also ascertain the status of such of the prospective members who had been associated with NPL but had retired from some other organization. (Ref Agenda Item 12). **Further**, in the future proposals for approval for induction of New Members by the Management Committee, an indication may be given about the last post held by each, as has been done in respect of **Agenda Item 7** in this Report. [See **Para 5 Below**].

3. Reports of the Area Committees (Ref: Agenda Item 9): As per the decision taken, the names of the Conveners have also been added, so that the reports of the Committees could be presented either by the Chairman or by the Convener.

4. Size & Frequency of Publication of the Newsletter: A Draft Newsletter dated March 2007 of Issue No. 4 – Holistic Health Care - was compiled inviting attention to the decisions taken at the meeting (which were reproduced on its Cover Page), and copies of it were given to the Members of the Publication Committee as also to the President, in early March 2007, inviting concrete suggestions. At a subsequent meeting of some of the Members of the Publication Committee in the Office of Dr. R Bhattacharyya, Chairman, on 14th March, 2007 it was decided that each member shall give his suggestions to the compiler, who shall also contact the Chairmen of the other Committees for their views in respect of the material incorporated in this Draft relating to their Committees.

Apart from the suggestions from the Chairman of the Publication Committee and Dr. P C Jain, Member of the Committee, there was no feedback from any member of the Publication Committee, and only a general approval was received from the Chairmen of the Medical Affairs Committee and the Welfare Committee to the Draft Document.

Some of the material which still remained to be received has since been compiled and has been approved by the Chairman of the Publication Committee while some still remains to be compiled. With the approval of some more private hospitals and diagnostic centres by the CGHS and addition of some recent Office Memoranda and Circular Letters to those already covered in the Draft Issue No. 4 of the Newsletter, some additions and changes in the information already compiled is also require to be made. A copy of the consolidated list of Private Hospitals & Diagnostic Centres empanelled by the CGHS as on 06. 06. 2007 (Downloaded from the Website of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare), will be placed on the table at the time of the Meeting.

It is **Suggested** that we may Freeze the Compilation of the information already available, and incorporation of the Message from the President and the Secretary's Report (yet to be prepared), for publication in the next issue of the Newsletter – "Holistic Health Care Issue" – so that the same could be Dated July 2007 and released at an appropriate time.

5. Doctorate Degrees Awarded to and Guided by the Members of the Forum : Dr Vikram Kumar, Director, NPL, and Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta, who has been coordinating the work of compilation of the material for the Diamond Jubilee Volume being brought out by the Laboratory have appreciated the contribution of the Forum in this regard through e-mails to the Secretary.

6. Revised Rules & Regulations: The Revised Rules & Regulations of the Forum were approved by the Members of the Forum at its meeting held on March 6, 2007 and the completion of formalities in regard to the registration of the Forum as a Society are under way.

7. Scholarships & Awards: Separate Saving Fund Accounts/ Fixed Deposit Accounts have been opened under the following Names:

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| (1). NPL-FSF A/c Mr. Dev Kumar | (2). NPL-FSF A/c Prof. S C Jain. | (3). NPL-FSF A/c Dr. P C Jain |
| (4). NPL-FSF A/c Dr. S K Jiooshi . | (5). NPL-FSF A/c General Donation Fund. | |

8. **Forum on the Website of NPL:** Shri S M Dhawan was contacted by the Secretary on phone for the modalities of operation of the Link that had been approved by Director, NPL in respect of the Forum on the Website of the Laboratory He said that this required the Forum to have its own Website, the creation and maintenance of which will not be advisable in view of the facilities available presently with the Forum.

It is **Suggested** that the Issue may be taken up again with Director, NPL.

4. **Forum Meeting on 06. 03. 2007:** Apart from the approval of the Revised Rules & Regulations of the Forum, for further pursuing the issue about its Registration as a Society, as mentioned at Para 3.6 above, the main attraction of the Forum Meeting on 06. 03. 2007 was a talk by Dr. P R Ramesh, Chief Medical Officer and Superintendent, Arya Vaidya Sala Kotakkal, Ayurveda Hospital & Research Centre, Karkadooma, Delhi – 110 092, on 'Elderly Health Care and Ayurveda'. Dr. Ramesh was kind enough to respond favourably to a request by the Secretary to provide a hard copy of his presentation, which also had been included in the Draft Newsletter Issue No. 4. In addition, Shri R C Dhawan also made a presentation on God-Gifted Therapy -

5. **Induction of New Members (Ref: Agenda Item 7):** Filled up Membership Forms have been received from the following persons, whose induction as New Members of the Forum is proposed:

Sr. No.	Name & Date of Birth	Amount Received	Last Post Held	Remarks
1.	Dr. Chattra Pal Sharma [13. 10. 46]	Rs. 500/- (Cash)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 31. 10. 2006
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In addition, the existing Membership Form was sent to the following other Prospective Members inviting them to enroll as Life Members by paying the Existing Membership Fee of Rs. 500/-, indicating that it was proposed to increase the Life Membership fee to Rs. 700/-. Some more copies of the existing Membership Form were also given to Shri N K Babbar, as the stock of the Forms available with him had exhausted and a fairly large number of Prospective Members were also due to retire in the near future.

Sr. No.	Name & Date of Birth	Last Post Held in NPL	Remarks
1.	Aggarwal, P D [08. 06. 41]	Dy Str & Pur Offcr	Retired from NPL on 30. 06. 2001
2.	Bansal, Parshotam Das [25. 06. 28]	Sr Fin & A/cs Offcr	Retired from NPL on 30. 06. 1986
3.	Bhardwaj, G P [15. 01. 43]	Dee Stir & Purr Offer	Retired from NPL on 31. 01. 2003
4.	Dhingra, Saroj (Mrs.) [22. 03. 46]	Sr. Fin & A/cuss Offer	Retired from NPL on 31. 03. 2006
5.	Dutta, Hirday Nath (Dr.) [05.01. 47]	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 31. 01. 2007
6.	Dutta, Pratim K [31. 12. 46]	Scientist 'E II'	Retired from NPL on 31. 12. 2006
7.	Gogia, Vinod Kumar [28. 01. 47]	Scientist 'C'	Had proceeded on e.o.l. under CSIR Scientist Entrepreneur Scheme but did not revert to the Laboratory. on expiry of his leave He has attained the age of 60 years and has become eligible to enroll as a Member of the Forum
8.	Harish Chander (Dr.) [09. 04. 47]	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 30. 04. 2007
9.	Jolly, Jitender Mohan [05. 04. 43]	Dy Str & Pur Offcr	Retired from NPL on 30. 04. 2003
10.	Kapoor, G K [12. 04. 46]	Tech Offcr (B)	Retired from NPL on 30. 04. 2006
11.	Negi, Y P S [22. 02. 41]	Tech Offcr (B)	Retired from NPL on 28. 02. 2001
12.	Nijhawan, Satish Kumar [08. 04. 47]	Tech Offcr (E-1)	Retired from NPL on 30. 04. 2007
13.	Ram, Ram Sagar [03. 02. 45]	Scientist 'F'	Had taken voluntary retirement and has become eligible to become a Member, having become 60 plus in age.
14.	Sarma, S B S S (Dr.) [05. 05. 35]	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 31. 05. 1995
15.	Sharma, Dharam Bir [01. 02. 46]	Tech Offcr (C)	Retired from NPL on 31. 01. 2006
16.	Sharma, Satya Pal [17. 12. 42]	Tech Offcr (C)	Retired from NPL on 31. 12. 2002
17.	Sharma, Vishnu Datt (Dr.) [08. 08. 35]	Tech Offcr (B)	Retired from NPL on 31. 08. 1995)
18.	Singh, Bhanu Pratap (Dr.) [16. 01. 47]	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 31. 01. 2007)
19.	Singh, Risal (Dr.) [25. 11. 46]	Scientist 'E II'	Retired from NPL on 30. 11. 2006

6. **Management Committee (Ref: Agenda Item 8) :** President has nominated Dr. Kailash Chandra on the Management Committee as Shri A C Gupta had expressed his inability to serve on the Committee. A copy of the Revised Letter-head proposed to be used by the Secretary incorporating information about the changed Telephone Numbers of the Members will be placed on the table at the time of the meeting.

7. **Area Committees (Ref: Agenda Item 9):** Reports on the various Committees will be presented by the Chairmen / Co-Chairmen/ Conveners of the various Committees.

8. **Budget Sanction for the Next Issue of the Newsletter (Ref: Agenda Item 10):** Director NPL was approached for a support of Rs. 20,000/- including the Full Page Advertisement (Rs. 10,000/-). His approval for Rs. 10, 000/- has been received as also the full page advertisement for the Back Cover Page. Another Full Page Advertisement for the Inner Back Cover Page (Rs. 5,000/-) has been received from the CSIR. M/s S V Engineering Centre, Faridabad and M/s Swastik Thermometer Company, New Delhi have also released half-page advertisement each @ Rs. 1,000/-. Thus, as of date an amount of Rs. 17,000/- will be available through advertisements for publication in the 4th Issue of the Newsletter.

9. New Scholarships/Awards (*Ref: Agenda Item 11*): **Shri Sohan Lal Gupta** has donated Rs. 55,500/- for the institution of a scholarship for a Degree Course in Medical Science in the name of his daughter **Dr. Savita Singal**, and **Shri V P Wasan** has donated Rs. 15,000/- for institution of an Award for the female child who scores the maximum in English in the 12th Class CBSE Examination in memory of his wife **Mrs. Saroj Wasan**.

10. Revision of the Membership Form (*Ref: Agenda Item 12*): A copy of the Membership Form suggested by the Secretary, to replace the existing Membership Form will be placed on the table at the time of the Meeting..

11. Eighty-Plus Club (*Ref. Agenda Item 13*): This issue, which had been deferred again at the last meeting also, has been brought up again at the present meeting. A list of the present members who fall in this category and who are due to attain the age of eighty till 2010, is given below to facilitate consideration by the Committee. This excludes (1) **Prem Prakash** [01. 03. 12], (2) **Upadhayaya, Baij Nath** [01. 10. 19], (3) **Verma, Mulk Raj** [04. 01. 09] and (4) **Mehendru, Pratap Chander (Dr.)** [22. 11. 25] who had expired. Resolutions passed at the Forum meeting held on 06. 03. 2007 in respect of **Shri M R Verma** and **Dr. P C Mehendru** had been sent by courier on 06. 03. 2007.

Sr. No.	(Born on or Before 01. 01. 1928)	Sr. No.	(Born During 1928)	Sr. No.	(Born During 1929)	Sr. No.	(Born During 1930)
1	Ali, Sultana Zulficar (Dr.) (Mrs.) [19. 08. 22]	1	Balchandani , Mulchand Kewalram [07. 04. 28]	1	Dewan Singh [28. 08. 29]	1	Bindal, Vishwa Nath (Dr.) [25. 12. 30]
2	Bahadur, Kanwar (Dr.) [13. 04. 25]	2	Datta, Kali Kirshan [13. 11. 28]			2	Chaudhary, Janki Nath [12. 07. 30]
3	Chhappgar, Ardeshir Framji (Dr.) [07. 11. 24]	3	Jain, Suresh Chand (Dr.) [05. 12. 26]			3	Inder Bhan [12. 03. 30]
4	Das, Satya Ranjan (Dr.) [01. 06. 26]	4	Kaul, Niranjan Nath [27. 06. 28]			4	Khanna, Radhey Kishen [09. 11. 30]
5	Dev Kumar [25. 04. 22]	5	Ojha, Jai Narain [16. 07. 28]			5	Mathur, Hari Mohan [01. 01. 30]
6	Mitra, Ashesh Prosad (Dr.) [21. 02. 27]	6	Srinivasan, Thirumalai Mappur (Dr.) [09. 05. 28]			6	Sastri, Vemuri Durga Prasad (Dr.) [13. 06. 30]
7	Sarma, Kuchibhatla Subrahmanya [05. 06. 26]					7	Ram Prasad 01. 01. 31]
8	Shiv Nath [14. 04. 25]					8	Sastri, Vemuri Durga Prasad (Dr.) [13. 06. 30]
9	Srivastava, Krishna Chandra [11. 07. 25]					9	Taneja, Pran Nath [10. 03. 30]
10	Suri, Sital Kumar [24. 03. 27]						
11	Vasishth, Satish Chandra [21. 10. 26]						
12	Verma, Ajit Ram (Dr.) [20. 09. 21]						

12. Memorandum to the Parliamentary Standing Committee headed by Shri Amar Singh, M.P., Rajya Sabha: A letter was e-mailed to **Shri Pradeep Chaturvedi**, Under Secretary, Rajya Sabha, Secretariat, by the Secretary of the Forum on 22. 03. 2007, in response to a Press Advertisement which had been brought to the notice of the President by **Shri S C Gupta** (Life Member). A copy of this letter was also e-mailed to **Dr. O P Bahl**, Chairman of the Medical Affairs Committee, following which, he e-mailed a Memorandum to **Shri Chaturvedi** on the same day. *Incidentally this was the last day for sending the Memorandum but had not been indicated the Press Advertisement which said that the memoranda should reach within thirty days of the Advertisement.*

In this Memorandum the step-motherly treatment meted out to the CSIR pensioners vis-à-vis the Central Government pensioners in respect of (1) **Life-Long CGHS Cards**, (2) **Treatment in Recognized Hospitals & Diagnostic Centres**, and (3) **Reimbursement of Medical Expenses**, which had earlier been sent to the Director General, CGHS through the Director General, CSIR, in August 2005, but on which there had been no action, were again highlighted.

13. Exemption from Filing of Income Tax Return: Following the Press Notification by the Income Tax Department appearing in the Hindustan Times on 18th March, 2007, inviting Charitable or Religious Trusts or Institutions for exemption of income under Section 12 of the Income Tax Act, 1961, from the financial year in which the application is made (brought to the Notice of the Secretary by the President), an application was filed in person on the Prescribed Performa on May 31, 2007, (*last date for filing the Application*), by hand.

14. Memorandum to the Sixth Central Pay Commission: Following the suggestion made by **Dr. Krishan Lal**, at the time of the Forum meeting on 06. 03. 2007, a Memorandum was drafted by the Welfare Committee, which was sent to the Chairman of the Commission by Registered Post on 6th June 2007 at the address indicated in the Resolution Dated October, 5, 2006, Constituting the Commission. A Copy of the Memorandum sent to the Sixth Central Pay Commission will be placed on the table at the time of the meeting for its endorsement and for reporting at the next meeting of the Forum.

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Appendix- 2

(NPL-FSF)

Force Standard Annex, National Physical Laboratory
Dr. K S Krishnan Marg, New Delhi – 110 012

MEMBERSHIP FORM

- 1. Name in Full (Dr./Ms/Mrs./Shri):
(In Capital Letters, with the Surname Underlined)
- 2. Date of Birth: ... /.../19.....
Date Month Year

.....

- 3. Full Residential Address:
(In Capital Letters)

E-mail Address (if any): PIN CODE

- 4. Residential Phone Numbers
Phone No. (I) Phone No. (II)
- Mobile No. Any Other Contact Phone No.
(Please indicate the STD Code Number/ Prefix for landlines outside Delhi)

- 5. Relative who can be contacted in case of Emergency: Name:.....
(In Capital Letters)
Relationship:.....Phone No.....

Address:.....
(In Capital Letters)
.....

- 6. Association with NPL: (a) From: / .. / To: ... / ... /
Date Month Year Date Month Year
(b) Designation of the Last Post.....
(c) Reason for leaving
(e.g. Superannuation, Voluntary Retirement, Deputation, etc., or any other)

- 7. **For Those Members who did not retire from NPL :** (a) Designation of the Last Post.....
(b) Date of Leaving.....
(c) Reasons for Leaving.....

- 8. Membership Fee of Rs. 700/- paid by Cash on/Cheque No Date
- Bank
in favour of "NPL Former Scientists Forum".
For cheques drawn on Banks outside Delhi, Bank's Commission of Rs. 50/- may please be added
or else the payment may be made by Bank Draft
- Date: Signatures:

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Approved by M.C. on

Secretary:.....

Registration No.

Date:

Payment Details

Amount: Rs. Date: Amount: Rs. Date: Amount: Rs. Date:

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

(NPL-FSF)

Aims and Objects

The NPL-FSF shall be a social/professional/ -profit organization, with the following Aims and Objects:

1. To take up issues of common interest of the Members with appropriate authorities.
2. To exchange among members and up-to-date information (including government Circulars/ memoranda etc.), on issues of common interest to the Members.
3. To organize lectures/ talks of common interest to the Members by expert in various fields.
4. To share the problems and joys of the Members and to help each other as far as possible.
6. To contribute towards the promotion of the cause of NPL, or any other organization of an individual member and to contribute towards the projection of its image brighter.
6. To associate with NPL and any other organizations for undertaking scientific/ technical projects of relevance to the socio-economic fabric or development of the country.
7. To organize independently, or in association with other scientific and technical institutions and organizations, activities like symposia, seminars, conferences, training courses and workshops and to publish the proceedings etc. in areas of expertise of its members
8. To invite Director NPL, DG,CSIR, the Minister or any such authority or any foreign scientist and dignitary to share his/ her views with Members and to interact with them from time-to-time.
9. To organize social activities for the members of the Forum either independently or in association of any other organizations.
10. To institute awards and scholarships.

Organizational Set-up for Achieving the Aims & Objects of the Forum

For achieving the various objectives the Forum has a Management Committee and has the following Area Committees:

- I. Medical Facilities Committee
- II. Programme Committee
- III. Publication Committee
- IV. Welfare Committee
- V. Scientific Affairs Committee.
- VI. Scholarship Committee

The Forum has been bringing out a Newsletter, which, for the present, is published once a year for restricted circulation to its Members and to the Advertisers.

Eligibility Requirement for Members

Member: Any individual above the age of 60 years who had been associated with NPL as Scientist/Technical Officer or as Science Planner, Science Administrator or Science Financer etc. in the Officers' Cadre, and who either

- (i) retired from NPL on superannuation; OR
- (ii) chose to opt for voluntary retirement; OR
- (iii) decided to join some other organization on deputation etc. during his/her career; OR
- (iv) set up an industry with NPL/CSIR know-how.

The Management Committee reserves the right with regard to the enrolment of the Members.

Membership Fee

There shall be a uniform Life Membership Fee of Rs.700/= payable at the time of enlisting as a Member of the Forum