

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Management Committee of the
NPL Former Scientists Forum, held on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 11.00 A.M. in the Director's Conference Room, NPL

Attendance: The following attended the meeting in response to the Notice for the Meeting dated 22. 04. 2009(Annexure 'A') :

1. Dr. V N Bindal	President
2. Dr. A P Jain	Vice President
3. Dr V S Panwar	Joint Secretary
4. Dr. Kailash Chandra	Member
5. Shri R C Dhawan	Member
6. Mrs. Santosh Manrai	Member
7. Shri P K Mittal	Member
8.. Dr. (Mrs) Namita Kundu	Member
9. Mrs. Shashikala Shastri	Member
10. Dr. Shiv Nath Singh	Member
11 Dr. Ved Ram Singh	Member
12. Shri G K Arora	Secretary

Dr. R Bhattacharyya, Dr. P C Jain and Dr. S P Varma and Shri V P Wasan had expressed their inability to attend the meeting. Shri K N Bhatnagar and Dr. S K Sharma also could not be present at the meeting.

It was decided that in future, while notice for the meeting may be sent in future by e-mail only to such of the members who could be contacted by e-mail as a measure of economy of expenditure and speed of communication, but since majority of the members of the Committee did not have printer facilities, copies of the notice for the meeting which carried the agenda for the meeting should be made available to the members at the time of the meeting.

1. Welcome by the President to the Members of the New Management Committee and Thanks-Giving to the Members of the earlier Management Committee: Dr. Bindal welcomed the members to First Meeting of the Re-constituted Management Committee and was happy that in addition to some of the Office Bearers of the earlier Management Committee, Dr. Shiv Nath Singh and Mrs. Santosh Manrai volunteered to be New Members of this Committee at the Annual General Body Meeting held on 30th April 2009 and Dr. V R Singh who had earlier been a member of the Management Committee had again volunteered to be associated with this Committee as a Member of the Committee at that meeting. He also said that he was happy that Dr. P C Jain who had earlier also been a Member of this Committee but was presently abroad, and Shri P K Mittal who had conducted the elections of the Office Bearers of this Committee for the years 2009-2011 at the Annual General Body Meeting on 30th April 2009, had also accepted to be associated with the Committee as Nominated Members. He was also glad that Dr. A P Jain who had earlier been a Member of the Management Committee had now assumed the responsibility of Vice President.

The services rendered by Dr. O P Bahl, the Former Vice President of the Committee, Dr. Satya Vir Gupta who had also been the Chairman of the Rules & Regulations Committee, Dr. Ram Gopal Sharma, Dr. Sagar Pal Singal, and Shri Subhash Chandra as Office Bearers of the earlier Management Committee were gratefully acknowledged with the customary clapping of hands.

2. Introductory Remarks by the President: Dr. Bindal said that he was glad that while some new members of the Forum had volunteered to serve on the Management Committee, the Forum shall look forward to finding replacements to the number of Office Bearers and Members of the Committee who had been associated with the earlier Management Committee also. He hoped that new members of the Forum who have just attained the age of 60-plus will come forward to shoulder the responsibilities of the Members of the Committee who are much older than them, and also be associated with the working of the various Area Committees, and efforts should be made to identify competent substitutes for them

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of Twenty-Third Meeting of the Management Committee held on February 27, 2009: The members noted that since no comments had been received on the Minutes of the Meeting as detailed by the Secretary in his Status Report (Annexure 'B') circulated to the members at the time of the meeting, these were confirmed.

4. Follow-up Action on the various decisions taken at the above meeting; The follow-up action on the decisions taken at the above meeting as reported by the Secretary in his status report was noted.

5. Status Report by the Secretary: The Secretary presented briefly the report which had been tabled at the meeting.

6. Approval to the Induction of New Members to the Forum: The Committee approved the induction of all the five new members to the Forum as placed before it in the Status Report by the Secretary.

7. Reorganization of the Area Committees: To facilitate the reconstitution of the various Area Committees, their earlier composition had been presented by the Secretary in his Status Report.

Dr. Bindal felt that the effective functioning of some of the Committees had been handicapped as the Chairmen of the various Area Committees were unable to hold the meetings of their Committees on dates suggested by their Conveners on account of their other commitments. He, therefore, suggested having Co-Chairman for each Area Committee. Further, to ensure flexibility of operation it may be

left to the Chairman, the Co-Chairman and the Convener to involve other members of their Area Committees from not only the Members of the Management Committee, but also from the other members of the Forum.

Agreeing to the suggestion by the president, the various Area Committees were reconstituted as under:

COMPOSITION	Medical Facilities Committee (Med-C)	Programme Committee (Prog-C)	Publication Committee (Pub-C)	Welfare Committee (Wel-C)	Scientific Affairs Committee (SAC)	Sub-Committee of SAC on Superstition (SAC-Super)
Chairman	Dr. O P Bahl	Dr. S K Sharma	Dr. R Bhattacharyya	Dr. B N Srivastava	Dr. K Chandra	Dr. K Chandra
Co-Chairman	Dr. A P Jain	Dr. V R Singh	Dr. Shiv Nath Singh	Dr. S P Varma	Dr. S V Gupta	Dr. A P Jain
Convener	Dr. V S Panwar	Shri P K Mittal	Shri G K Arora	Dr. V S Panwar	Shri G K Arora	Shri G K Arora
Member	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Dr. A P Jain	Vacant	Vacant
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It was decided that the Welfare Committee shall also consider the issue relating to the utilization of the Room allotted to the Forum and as Dr. A P Jain was already attending to some aspects in this regard, he agreed to serve as Members of the Welfare Committee. This Committee shall also examine the issue of raising financial contributions by Members of the Forum in multiples of Rs, 100/- as suggested by Dr. Kailash Chandra and also mentioned by the Secretary in his Status Report.

It was also decided that the various Area Committees shall spell out their specific charters and ensure coordination wherever there was any overlap.

As regards, the **Scholarship Committee**, the President of the Forum was an Ex-Officio Chairman, The Treasurer of the Forum was Ex-Officio Convener, and the Secretary of the Forum was an Ex-Officio Member. In addition Shri Dev Kumar and Prof Suresh Chand Jain – the initiators of the First two Scholarships Instituted by the Forum – were members of that Committee from the side of the Forum.

From the side of NPL, Since Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta, who represented Director, NPL on this Committee as Chairman, had left NPL on appointment as Director, CSIR's Advanced Materials Research Institute, Bhopal [Earlier known as Regional Research Laboratory, Bhopal], Dr. Bindal shall be meeting Director NPL to either Chair the meetings of the Scholarship Committee himself or else nominate some other Scientist to represent him on that Committee in place of Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta. Shri Balraj Singh, S O, NPL represents the COA, NPL as a Member of the Committee, and attends to the various administrative issues relating to this Committee.

8. Role of the Members of the Management Committee: It was felt that while no specific roles could be assigned to the various members of the Management Committee, they should get associated with some Area Committee and contribute their best towards the realization of the Aims & Objects of the Forum.

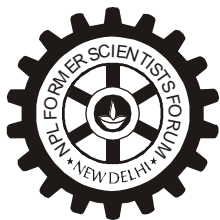
9. Highlights of the Meeting of the Scientific Affairs Committee and its Sub-Committee on Superstition held earlier at

9.30 A.M: Presenting the highlights of the meeting Dr. Kailash Chandra informed that the Draft of the Revised Chart of S I Units of Measurement was expected to be ready in a week's time and simultaneously action will be taken by NPL to get 5000 copies of it printed in the First Instance. He also informed that separate Committees had been constituted for (1) Initiation of a Dialogue with NCERT for incorporation of the correct definitions of the Base & Derived Units in their Text Books (2) Popularization of Science, and (3) Superstitions & Myths. A substantial amount of information on Superstitions & Myths had already been collected.

Dr. Bindal suggested that a Questionnaire may be prepared on the various Superstitions & Myths for the next meeting of the Forum seeking information as to whether they believed in it (**Yes**) or did not believe in it (**No**), or they had no specific views to offer (**None**). At the same meeting Dr. Kailash Chandra or Dr. A P Jain may also give a talk on the subject. This suggestion was welcomed

10. Audited Statement of accounts for 2008-2009: M/s N Sharma and Associates who had been appointed as the Auditors of the Forum's Accounts had submitted the Audited Statement of Accounts for 2008-2009 which were placed before the Committee. It was decided that after the same had been accepted by Shri V P Wasan, the Treasurer (who had expressed his inability to be present at the meeting) accepts it, the same may be adopted and reported at the next meeting of the Forum as per the decision taken at the Annual General Body Meeting held on 16th April 2009. This had been decided after obtaining the specific views in this regard from Shri P K Mittal who had done the internal audit of the accounts for the year 2008-2009.

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



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22nd April 2009

Subject: Twenty-Fourth Meeting of the Management Committee of the NPL Former Scientists Forum on **Thursday, 30th April 2009 at 11. 00 A.M** in the Director's Conference Room, Main Building, NPL

Dear

It has been decided to hold the **Twenty-Fourth Meeting** of the Management Committee of the NPL Former Scientists Forum on **Thursday, 30th April 2009 at 11. 00 A.M** in the Director's Conference Room, Main Building, NPL

The following will be the **Agenda** for this meeting:

1. Welcome by the President to the Members of the New Management Committee and Thanks-Giving to the Members of the earlier Management Committee
2. Introductory Remarks by the President
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twenty-Third Meeting of the Management Committee held on February 27, 2009
4. Follow-up Action on the various decisions taken at the above meeting.
5. Status Report by the Secretary
6. Approval to the Induction of New Members to the Forum
7. Reorganization of the Area Committees
8. Role of the Members of the Management Committee
9. Any other Item with the permission of the Chair.

This meeting will be preceded by a joint meeting of the Scientific Affairs Committee and its Sub-Committee on Superstition at the same venue from 9.30 A.M. to 11. 00 A. M. The highlights of that meeting may also be presented by Dr. Kailash Chandra, Chairman, Scientific Affairs Committee at this meeting.

Kindly schedule your other programmes accordingly and make it convenient to participate in this first meeting of the New Management Committee of the Forum.

An acknowledgement of the receipt of this letter by e-mail/ Telephone will also be highly appreciated.

With Best Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

G K Arora

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STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY

(Ref: Agenda Item 5)

1. Twenty Third Meeting of The Management Committee (Ref: Agenda Item 3): The Minutes of the Twenty-Third Meeting of the Management Committee held on 27th February 2009, (as approved by the Chairman), had been circulated by the Secretary vide his letter dated March 17, 2009 by e-mail/ post, inviting comments by March 31, 2009. Copies of this letter and the Minutes of that Meeting will also 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.

2. Follow-up Action on the Decisions taken at the above Meeting (Ref: Agenda Item 4):

2.1. **Demise of Dr. P K Iyengar H/o Dr. (Mrs.) S Z Ali & of Dr. T K Saksena:** The Condolence Resolution passed at the meeting was sent to Dr. Mrs. S Z Ali and to Mrs. Kanak Saksena W/o Dr. T K Saksena by the Secretary, vide his letters dated February 28, 2009..

2.2. **Opening of Accounts in respect of New Awards:** Saving Fund Accounts in respect of the New Awards, as per the resolution passed at the M C Meeting held on 06. 06. 2008 have been opened

2.3. **Membership List Up-dating:** The names of the 11 members who had defaulted by way of non-payment of arrears of membership Fee due from them had been removed from the Membership List and this was reported in the Status report circulated by the Secretary at the Annual General Body Meeting of the Forum held on 16th April 2009..

2.4. **Honouring Members of the Age of 80 years & above:** A meeting of the Forum was held on March 16 2009 for initiating the 80-Plus Club of the at which 15 members of the Forum who had already attained the age of 80 years or more were presented Citations, 80-Plus Certificates and Mementoes by Dr. Vikram Kumar, Director, NPL As had been pointed out by the President in his Introductory Remarks at the last meeting there was lack of awareness among the Members of the Forum that the Grand-children of the Members of the Forum were also eligible for the Awards instituted by the Forum.

Shri V P Wasan gave a Power-Point presentation informing the members about the procedure for applying for the Awards by the Members of the Forum for which their Grand children were also eligible. The minutes of that meeting had also been circulated to all the Members of the Forum along with the notice for the Annual General Body Meeting held on 16th April 2009.

2.5. **Collection of Information about the Members of the Forum:** The guidelines approved by the MC for collecting information of historical significance relating to NPL and the highlights of specific contributions made by them in this regard were brought to the notice of the Members of the Forum by the Secretary in his report circulated at the time of the General Body Meeting held on 16th April 2009.

2.6. **Elections for the Office Bearers of the Management Committee for the years 2009-2011:** The elections of the Office Bearers of the Management Committee of the Forum were for the years 2009-2011 held at the Annual General Body Meeting of the Forum held on 16th April 2009, and these were conducted by Shri P K Mittal as the Returning Officer. This is the first meeting of the New Management Committee fixed as per the Calendar of Meetings for the year 2009, as approved at the last meeting of the Management Committee.

3. Induction of New Members (Ref: Agenda Item 6): 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. Surinder Dutt Sharma [04. 08. 1947]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 31. 08. 2007
2.	Shri Mohinder Kumar Chhibber [05. 12. 1947]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Tech Offcr (E-1)	Retired from NPL on 31. 12. 2007
3.	Dr. Rajendra Kumar Sharma [05. 02. 1949]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'E-II'	Retired from NPL on 28. 02. 2009
4.	Dr. Sujit Kumar Halder [07. 08. 1948]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'G'	Retired from NPL on 31. 07. 2008
5.	Dr. Kamlesh Kumar Jain [04. 02. 1949]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'G'	Retired from NPL on 28. 02. 2009

4. Area Committees (Ref: Agenda Item 7): The Composition of the Area Committees as it stood prior to the Annual General Body Meeting held on 16th April 2009 is given below:

COMPOSITION	Medical Facilities Committee	Programme Committee	Publication Committee	Welfare Committee
Chairman	Dr. O P Bahl	Dr. S K Sharma	Dr. R Bhattacharyya	Dr. Ram Gopal Sharma
Co-Chairman	Dr. A P Jain	-	-	-
Secretary/ Convener	Dr. V S Panwar	Dr. V S Panwar	Shri G K Arora	Dr. V S Panwar
Member	Shri Mohinder Nath	Shri V P Wasan	Shri P C Jain	Dr. K C Joshi
Member	Shri R C Dhawan	Shri F C Khullar	Dr. V S Panwar	Shri Sohan Lal Gupta
Member			Shri V P Wasan	Shri F C Khullar
Member			Shri K N Bhatnagar	Mrs. Urmil Dhawan
Member			Dr. (Mrs.) N Kundu	Shri Dev Kumar
Member				Shri G L Malhotra

COMPOSITION	Scientific Affairs Committee	Scholarship Committee
Chairman	Dr. Kailash Chandra	Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta, Scientist 'G', NPL (Director, NPL's Representative)
Co-Chairman	Dr. Satya Vir Gupta	Dr. V N Bindal, President, NPL- FSF (Ex-Officio)
Convener	Shri G K Arora	Shri V P Wasan, Treasurer, NPL- FSF (Ex-Officio)
Member	Dr. P C Jain	Shri Balraj Singh S.O., NPL (Ex-Officio) (COA, NPL's Representative)
Member	Dr. R Bhattacharyya	Shri Dev Kumar (or his Nominee)
Member	Dr. S S Mathur	Prof. S C Jain (or his Nominee)
Member	Dr. (Mrs.) N Kundu	Shri G K Arora, Secretary, NPL- FSF (Ex-Officio)

NOTE 1: As Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta, who represented Director, NPL as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee has left NPL to take over as Director of the CSIR's Advanced Materials Research Institute, Bhopal [Earlier known as Regional Research Laboratory, Bhopal], Director, NPL will now have to be requested to either Chair the meetings of the Scholarship Committee himself or else nominate some other Scientist to represent him on that Committee in place of Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta.

NOTE 2: The Management Committee at its meeting held on 06. 06. 2008 also constituted the following 'Sub-committee on Superstitions' of the Scientific Affairs Committee:

Dr. Kailash Chandra	Chairman	Dr. A P Jain	Co-Chairman
Dr. P C Jain	Member	Dr. R Bhattacharyya	Member
Shri R C Dhawan	Member	Shri G K Arora	Member and Convener

It was decided that this Committee would compile information on the prevailing Superstitions & Myths and the real facts about them, as they worked as a Cancer in Society, against which younger generation in particular required to be safeguarded.

5. Role of the Members of the Management Committee(Ref: Agenda Item 8) : While the Rules & Regulations of the Forum under which it is registered as a Society, have spelt out the roles of the five Office Bearers viz. President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and the Treasurer, no mention is made of the Role of the Members of the Forum.

When the Forum got started, the Members served as Coordinators with a group of members as per the lists provided to them by the Secretary, and information about the activities of the Forum were disseminated to the Members through these Coordinators. This had both its advantages and disadvantages as often the communication was not timely or complete and often not directly with the members.

Now that the information is being communicated directly to the member either through post/ courier/ e-mail, it is considered desirable that at least the **sorrows and joys of the members** – in particular of those members who cannot be contacted by e-mail - may be done by revising the concept of the Members of the Forum assuming the role of Coordinators, and also keeping the Secretary informed in this regard. In addition the Members of the Management Committee could be associated with the various area committees of the Forum, and generally contribute towards the Aims & Objects of The Forum listed below for ready reference:

1. To organize lectures / talks of common interest to the Members and to the General Public, by experts in various fields for exchange of ideas and opinion.
2. To contribute towards the promotion of science by arranging talks and demonstration-lectures on career counseling in schools & colleges to create interest in pursuing science.
3. To publish articles, books and arrange talks for the popularization of science and for creating awareness against social drawbacks like 'superstition' etc. in the interest of society, in general.
4. To associate with NPL and other organizations for undertaking scientific/ technical projects of relevance to the socio-economic fabric or development of the country.
5. To organize independently, or in association with other scientific and technical institutions/ organizations, activities like symposia, seminars, conferences, raining courses and workshops and to publish the proceedings etc. for the advancement of knowledge and education.
6. To invite any Indian/ Foreign Scientist/ Dignitary to share his/ her expertise with Members, and to interact with them from time-to-time in the interest of General Public.
7. To institute awards and scholarships for the advancement of education.

The issue has therefore been brought before the Committee for consideration

6. Revised Memorandum of Association of the Forum: The detailed information that was required to be submitted to the Registrar of Societies for approving the Memorandum of Association replacing the existing Aims and Objects of the Forum by the Re-formulated Aims & Objects as per the Resolution passed at the General Body Meeting of the Forum, held on 30th April 2008 has been sent by the Secretary to the Registrar of Societies by Registered A.D. on 8th April 2009.

7. Utilization of the Room Allotted to the Forum: The President, in his introductory remarks made at the Annual General Body Meeting of the Forum held on 16th April 2009, that action is being taken by Dr. V S Panwar and by Dr. A P Jain to make the Room functional. At that meeting Dr. Kailash Chandra had suggested that the members may voluntarily contribute in multiples of Rs. 100/- so that the room could be properly equipped. The room had been designed keeping in view the availability of an air-conditioner, in the absence of which there is no proper ventilation. Members were requested to make voluntary contributions and suggestions to make effective use of this room and to offer usable furniture and computer which they could spare for the Forum's Room.