

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Management Committee of the NPL Former Scientists Forum, held on Tuesday, August 02, 2011 at 10.30 A.M. in Director's Conference Room, NPL

The following Agenda for the meeting had been notified by Shri G K Arora, the Secretary of the Forum to the members, vide his letter dated July 21, 2011 sent to the members by e-mail/ post. Copies of this notice were placed on the table for ready reference at the time of the meeting, as per the decision taken at an earlier meeting of the Management Committee:

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the Chairman.
2. Passing of Condolence Resolutions on the Demise of Shri J N Ojha
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Management Committee held on September 22, 2010
4. Follow-up Action on the various decisions taken at the above meeting.
5. Status Report by the Secretary.
6. Status Report by the Treasurer.
7. Reports of the following Area Committees:
 - 7.1 Medical Affairs Committee (Chairman – **Dr. Dr. A P Jain**/ Co-Chairman – **Shri A C Gupta**/ Convener – **Dr. V S Panwar**)
 - 7.2 Welfare Committee (Chairman – **Dr. B N Srivastava**/ Co-Chairman – **Dr. S P Varma**/ Convener – **Dr. V S Panwar**)
 - 7.3 Scientific Affairs Committee (Chairman - **Dr. Kailash Chandra**/ Co-Chairman – **Dr. S V Gupta**/ Convener – **Shri G K Arora**)
 - 7.3.1 Sub-Committee on Superstition (Chairman - **Dr. Kailash Chandra**/ Co-Chairman – **Dr. A P Jain**/ Convener – **Shri G K Arora**)
 - 7.4 Scholarship Committee (Chairman – **Prof. R C Budhani**/ Co-Chairman – **Dr. V N Bindal** / Convener – **Shri V P Wasan**)
 - 7.4.1 Tree Plantation Sub-Committee (Chairman – **Shri G K Arora**/ Convener – **Shri V P Wasan**)
 - 7.5 Publication Committee (Chairman – **Dr. R Bhattacharyya**/ Co-Chairman – **Dr. S N Singh**/ Convener – **Shri G K Arora**)
 - 7.6 Programme Committee (Chairman – **Dr. S K Sharma**/ Co-Chairman – **Dr. V R Singh**/ Convener – **Dr. V S Panwar**)
8. Approval to the Induction of New Members to the Forum.
9. Amplification of the Committees at 7.3.1 and 7.4 above.
10. Economic yet Effective Means of notifying various meetings of the Forum.
11. Continuation of spouses of the demised members as Members of the Forum and taking active interest in its activities.
12. Time & Agenda for the next Annual General Body Meeting of the Forum and appointment of the Returning Officer for holding elections for Office Bearers of the New Management Committee.
13. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

Attendance

The following attended the meeting

1. Dr. V N Bindal	President
2. Dr. A P Jain	Vice President
3. Dr V S Panwar	Joint Secretary
4. Shri V P Wasan	Treasurer
5. Shri K N Bhatmagar	Member
6. Dr. R Bhattacharyya	Member
7. Shri R C Dhawan	Member
8. Dr. P C Jain	Member
9. Dr. (Mrs.) N Kundu	Member
10. Mrs. Santosh Manrai	Member
11. Mrs. Shashikala Shastri	Member
12. Dr. Ved Ram Singh	Member
13. Shri S C Garg	Invitee
14. Shri G K Arora	Secretary

Dr. S K Sharma, Dr. Shiv Nath Singh, Dr. S L Jain, Dr. K K Jain and Dr. S P Varma had expressed their inability to attend the meeting. Dr. S V Gupta, Dr. Kailash Chandra (who was abroad), Shri P K Mittal (who was recovering from an operation) and Shri A C Gupta (invitee) were also absent. Prof. S S Mathur (Out of Station) and Dr. B N Srivastava (both of whom who had been invited to the meeting) had also regretted their inability to participate in the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the Chairman: Dr. V N Bindal, welcoming the members, said that it was after a long time that the Management Committee was meeting. In fact the tenure of this Committee has expired and election of the Office Bearers for the New Management Committee for the years 2011-13 has already become due. It is proposed to hold the next Meeting of the Forum as the Annual General Meeting on 24th August for conducting the elections.

He said that he had been holding the position of the President ever since its formation in 2003. In the interest of ensuring a smooth and effective functioning of the Forum he and Dr. Krishan Lal (the Patron who had been giving sound advice and counsel – and to whom he had talked in this regard) felt that some person who had been intimately associated with the working of the Management Committee of the Forum for at least 2 years should come forward to take up the responsibility of the President of the Forum. Both Dr. A P Jain, and Dr. R Bhattacharyya who were sounded to take up the responsibility of the President of the Forum, declined.

He also informed the members that another significant development at the Scholarship Committee was the acceptance of the suggestion made by the Tree Plantation Sub-Committee that the lawn in front of Auditorium, be named as Prof. A.R. Verma Lawn on 20th November 2011, when he would have completed 90 years. It was decided to hold a function in the NPL Auditorium in the afternoon on that day, and also installation of a suitable plaque, for which the details shall be worked out.

He also informed the Committee that Mrs. Sadhana Verma, w/o Prof A R Verma also proposed to contribute a sizable amount of money towards the Scholarship Fund of the Forum on 20th September 2011.

Dr. Bindal said that it was not desirable to combine the programme of felicitation of some new members who had attained the age of 80 years since the last meeting of the Forum with the AGM of the Forum on 24th August for holding elections of Office Bearers of the New M C. It is also not to do so in the programme for 20th September 2011 which will involve participation of staff members from NPL as also special invitees. It would, therefore be appropriate to hold another meeting of the Forum some time in October 2011, when the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter could also be released.

Shri G K Arora suggested that since Prof. E S R Gopal had not so far been involved in a number of earlier meetings of the Forum, the proposed meeting of the Forum may be fixed, suiting his convenience. This suggestion was welcomed and Shri Arora was advised to ascertain the convenience of Prof. Gopal for a suitable date for the meeting.

Dr. Bindal also suggested (1) the re-consideration of the earlier proposal of having no more than 5 Patrons of the Forum at any point of time, and also (2) having another Vice-President of the Forum, with his role clearly spelt out. Both these suggestions were approved by the Management Committee and it was decided that suitable note on Additions & Amendments to the Rules & Regulations of the Forum may be drafted jointly by Dr. Bindal and Shri Arora for consideration and adoption at the General Body Meeting to be held on 24th August 2011.

The Committee highly appreciated the role that Shri G K Arora had been playing in the growth of the Forum. However, with advancing age and the accompanying health problems he would also need to have a replacement by a person who can manage the affairs of the Forum as its Secretary. It was felt that he may identify a replacement for himself who may get associated with him in discharge of his duties, and who may be invited to all the meetings of the Management Committee.

2. Passing of Condolence Resolutions: The members were informed that in addition to Shri J N Ojha who had expired on 25th May 2011, news had been received by the Secretary from Dr. Gautam Vemuri S/o Dr. V D P Sastry, that he too had expired on 28th July 2011. The Secretary read out the Condolence Resolutions on their demise where after the members observed a two-minute silence. He was advised to send the Resolutions passed on their demise to Shri V K Ojha and Mrs. Vemuri Savithri respectively.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Management Committee held on September 22, 2010: No comments had been received on the Minutes of the Meeting as detailed by the Secretary in his Status Report (Annexure 'A') circulated to the members at the time of the meeting. A copy of the Minutes of that Meeting was also tabled at the time of the meeting.

As there were no comments from any member, the Minutes of the meeting 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 with the following specific observations/ decisions:

(i) The action that had been taken by NPL in sending money drafts to the persons who had already paid their CGHS Contribution for 10 years for renewal of their CGHS Cards was highly appreciated especially because it helped not only the Members of the Forum but also all other Retirees from NPL. In case there were some inadvertent omission, the Secretary may bring it to the notice of NPL for up-dating the records for future.

(ii) Dr. Bindal may suggest to Director, NPL the possibility of the release of the Chart on S I Units of Measurement at the function proposed to be organized on 20th September 2011 in honour of Prof. A R Verma.

(iii) Dr. A P Jain was requested to locate the two keys of the Forum's Room which he had given to Shri S S Verma, Incharge, Central Mechanical Workshop, (who had subsequently retired), for making rings for their being kept with the NPL Reception for accessing the Room, failing which he may arrange to get their copies made from the key available with Dr. V S Panwar. It was reiterated that the Welfare Committee may consider the suggestion made by Dr. Kailash Chandra regarding raising of funds through financial contributions by Members of the Forum in multiples of Rs, 100/-, and also other possible options for making functional the room allotted to the Forum, and present its views at the next meeting of the Management Committee.

(iv) The Forum was not in a position to afford a website of its own. Possibility of getting the Forum on the NPL website which had been indicated by Dr. Vikram Kumar may be explored with Prof. R C Budhani.

(v) The filled up Self Assessment Forms (SAS-1) used by Dr. P C Jain in getting response from some teachers of Ramjas School and the Residents of Prasad Nagar, MIG Phase -I was passed on to the Convener of the Superstitions Sub-Committee.

It was suggested that the Superstitions Sub-Committee may study the response of the surveys that had been conducted so far, and advise regarding the further course of action.

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

6. Status Report by the Treasurer: Shri V P Wasan informed the Committee that the Auditor's Report dated for the year 2010-2011, was proposed to be placed before the members of the Forum at the General Body Meeting scheduled for 24th August 2011. The following status report as on 01.08.2011, which was circulated at the time of the meeting was noted.

The Committee specially took note of the substantial increase in the fixed deposits under the General Donation Scholarship Fund. However, it was suggested that efforts should be continued in soliciting generous donations towards this Fund so that the interest earned on the same could be utilized for providing support to more school-going children of the members of NPL Staff who had unfortunately expired during their service of the Laboratory.

Sr. No.	NPL-FSF A/c	Deposits in the Syndicate Bank, NPL	
		Savings Fund Account	Fixed Deposits
(1)	(2)		
1.	Sh. Dev Kumar	31,233.39	20,000
2.	Prof. S C Jain	8,647.09 (-) 1,800 (Paid towards Scholarship for 6 months)	42,198.77
3.	Prof. S K Joshi	4,525.07	49,500
4.	Dr. P C Jain	3,364.20	15,000
5.	Sh V P Wasan	3,424.58	15,000
6.	Sh Sohan Lal Gupta	9,287.25	60,000
7.	Sh. J N Chaudhary	1,683.69	2,500
8.	Mrs. Sushila Verma	4,953.50	28,000
9.	Sh Balraj Singh	4,359.98	19,000
10.	Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta	3,952.05	19,000
11.	Dr. V N Bindal	3,206.65	20,000
12.	Sh. N K Kohli	5,352.71 (-) 2,100 (Paid towards Scholarship for 6 months)	65,000
13.	General Donation Scholarship Fund	14,362.13	61,000
14.	NPL-FSF (Main)	50,137.71	1,11,631.87
15.	Total	1,44,590.00	5, 27,830.64

7. Reports of the Area Committees:

7.1: Medical Affairs Committee: There had been no meeting of the Committee since the last meeting of the Management Committee but efforts had continued in concentrating on the follow-up action (e.g. issue of Money Drafts by NPL in respect of the renewal of CGHS cards in advance of the expiry of their validity in December 2010 and June 2011, and their dispatch by Speed Post to those members who had made full payment for 10 years contributions).

Dr. P C Jain informed the Committee about the e-mail that he had sent to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat on Parliamentary Sub-committee on CGHS, on 26th June 2011 in response to the advertisement in the Times of India, dated 25. 06. 2011, suggesting (1) Cashless treatment facility may be provided to CGHS beneficiaries belonging to the Autonomous organisations, similar to the Central Government employees/pensioners; (2) Lifelong CGHS Token Card may be issued to the Pensioners belonging to the Autonomous organisations, similar to the Central Government Pensioners. At present Token Cards of Pensioners of Autonomous organisations have got to be renewed every year; and (3). In case of Emergency, a CGHS beneficiary may be allowed to get emergency treatment at the nearest Private Hospital/ Clinic/ Nursing Home, even though it is not in the CGHS approved List. The 'Emergency' can be defined.

Dr. Bindal said that he had already requested COA, NPL for the guidelines to be followed for treatment under emergency conditions, but the same were still awaited. Shri Arora pointed out that already provision exists in getting treatment from any hospital under emergency conditions, but in such cases the reimbursement of expenditure incurred is limited to the CGHS approved rates if they exceed that amount. Further, what constitutes an emergency has also been clarified in an OM already published in the Forum's Newsletter. He offered to compile all the relevant information in this regard.

7.2 Welfare Committee: The status had already been discussed. Refer Para 4(iii) above

7.3 Scientific Affairs Committee: Both Dr. Kailash Chandra and Dr. S V Gupta having missed the meeting Shri G K Arora informed the Committee about the status. As regards the Chart on *SI Units of Measurements* the status had been indicated in the Secretary's Report. In regard to *Initialization of Science in School Level* there had been no progress.

Dr. Bhattacharyya strongly recommended the preparation of CDs for popularization of Science. It also did not involve much expenditure. He was requested to initiate the preparation of such a CD in the first instance.

7.3.1: Sub-Committee on Superstition: The Status had already been indicated in the Secretary's Report. under Item 5. It was felt that the status of the details furnished by the Secretary in the Status Report under Para 2.7 may be placed before the Sub-Committee for detailed consideration and for advising the Management Committee for further necessary action.

7.4 Scholarship Committee: Dr. V N Bindal had already mentioned about the main highlights of the Scholarship Committee meeting held on 28. 07. 2011 relating to the organization of a function in the NPL Auditorium on 20th September 2011 in honour of Late Prof. A R Verma.

The other significant highlight of that meeting was the throwing open of the eligibility of the Scholarships to children of all the Staff members of NPL without any pay restrictions and also to the Grand Children of the members of the Forum, keeping in view the limited response in the past. However, these Scholarships will be awarded on the means-cum-merit basis to the children of the staff members of NPL, and the Grand Children of the members of the Forum will be awarded Scholarship only if there were no applicant from among the children of the NPL staff. Out of the 5 Scholarships, it was decided not to invite any applications for the Brij Bala Memorial Scholarship for lack of sufficient funds.

Draft Advertisements for the Scholarships & Awards shall be issued inviting applications up to 30th August 2011.

7.4.1 Tree-Plantation Sub- Committee: The Tree plantation sub-Committee met on 20th July 2010 to finalize the names of persons to be honoured through tree-plantation on 15th August 2011. At the Scholarship Committee meeting held on 28th July 2011 under the Chairmanship of Prof. Budhani, it was decided to do this on alternate year basis.

As regards the suggestion of this Committee for honouring Prof. A R Verma on his Birthday on 20. 09. 2011, Dr. Bindal had already covered it under his introductory remarks

7.5 Publication Committee: It had been decided to have “Superstitions & Myths” as the main theme for the next issue of the Newsletter and to have it ready in time for release at the Forum Meeting proposed to be held in October, suiting the convenience of Prof. E S R Gopal.

Dr. V S Panwar said that a substantial number of copies of the last issue of the Newsletter were still lying in the Forum’s Office, and economy could be effected by printing lesser number of copies of the next issue. He was requested to indicate the number of such copies to Shri G K Arora, Convener of the Committee.

Dr. Bhattacharya suggested sending soft copies of the Newsletter to the interested persons in case the requirement exceeded the number of copies printed. Shri Arora informed that this was not possible in the present method of preparation of the Master copy for its publication through xeroxing.

7.6: Programme Committee: It was decided to have a Family Get-together again this year on Sunday the 6th November after the members were through with the usual hectic programmes near Dewali, with a contribution of Rs. 150/- per head, and to notify it in the Programme for the General Body Meeting on 24th August when collection of the contribution could be made.

8. Approval to the Induction of New Members to the Forum: The Committee approved the induction of all the thirteen new members to the Forum as detailed in the Status Report by the Secretary. In addition induction of Dr. (Mrs.) Menakshi Kar, retired Scientist ‘F’ (whose name could not be included in the list appearing in the Secretary’s Status Report), as a new Member of the Forum, was also approved.

9. Amplification of the Scholarship Committee and the Superstitions Sub-Committee: The amplification of these two committees as proposed in the Secretary’s Status Report was approved. The composition of the re-constituted committees is as under:

Composition	Sub-Committee of SAC on Superstition (SAC-Super)	Composition	Scholarship Committee (Sch-C)
Chairman	Dr. K Chandra	Chairman	Prof. R C Budhani, Director, NPL (Or his Nominee)
Co-Chairman	Dr. A P Jain	Co-Chairman	Dr. V N Bindal, President, NPL-FSF (Ex-Officio)
Convener	Shri G K Arora	Convener	Shri V P Wasan , Member & Treasurer, NPL-FSF
Member	Dr. R Bhattacharyya	Member	Shri T V Joshua COA, NPL (Or his Nominee)
Member	Dr. Prakash C Jain	Member	Dr. P C Jain
Member	Shri R C Dhawan	Member	Prof. S K Joshi
Member	Shri S G Tewari	Member	Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta
Member	Dr. Ashok Kumar Gupta	Member	Shri J N Chaudhary
Member	Prof. S S Mathur	Member	Shri Balraj Singh
Member	Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu	Member	Shri Sohan Lal Gupta
Member	Shri V P Wasan	Member	Shri N K Kohli
		Member	Mrs. Madhu Lata
		Member	Shri G K Arora, Secretary, NPL-FSF (Ex-Officio)

10. Economic yet Effective Means of notifying various meetings of the Forum: It was decided to send notices for the meetings of the various meetings of the Forum by ordinary post, supplemented by notification by e-mail to the members who could be so contacted, and to ascertain from them whether it will suit them if these were sent to them by e-mail only.

11. Continuation of spouses of the demised members as Members of the Forum and taking active interest in its activities: The Committee felt that the spouses of the deceased members of the Forum may be sent copies of the Forum’s Newsletters carrying information about them, and also invited on special occasions e.g. the proposal for holding a function in honour of Prof. A R Verma on 20. 09. 2011.

12. Time & Agenda for the next meeting of the next Annual General Body Meeting of the Forum: The Committee approved the proposal of appointing Dr. V Mohanan as the Returning Officer for conducting elections of the Office Bearers of the New Management Committee for the years 2011-2013, and holding the General Body Meeting of the Forum on 24th August 2011. It was also decided to notify the proposal for the Family Get-together on 6th November 2011 to enable the collection of contributions from the members for it at the time of that Meeting. The Committee authorized the President to finalize the Agenda for General Body Meeting as per the Rules & Regulations of the Forum.

13. Facilitating Family Relationships among the Members: Shri R C Dhawan observed that the Forum served a very useful purpose by holding periodical meetings where they can socialize over a cup of tea after the meeting. As some of the members may be having children/grand-children of marriageable age he suggested that the Forum could perhaps also help in their matrimonial alliances with other members.

The Committee observed that the Forum could not play this role. However, as all the contact details of the members were provided in the Newsletter (including their e-mail addresses where available) which they could make good use of this information on person-to-person basis.

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

Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Management Committee on
Tuesday, 2nd August 2011 at 10.30 A.M in the Director's Conference Room, NPL.

STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY

(Ref: Agenda Item 5)

1. Twenty Seventh Meeting of The Management Committee (Ref: Agenda Item 3): The Minutes of the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Management Committee held on 22nd September 2010, (as approved by the Chairman), had been circulated by the Secretary vide his letter dated October 6, 2010 by e-mail/ post, inviting comments by October 16, 2010. 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 member had been received, the minutes of that meeting may be confirmed.

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

2.1 Condolence Resolutions in respect of Shri Dev Kumar and Mrs. Sushila Verma: The condolence resolutions passed at the meeting were sent to Mrs. Madhu Lata and Shri Tribhawan Verma respectively, under Certificate of Posting on September 29 2010.

As Passport Size Photographs of Prof. S C Jain could not be arranged by Dr. K K Jain, a scanned photograph of his appearing in the Document "47...The Legacy Continues: Diamond Jubilee Volume ... National Physical Laboratory, 97" was published in the Forum's Newsletter No. 7, dated November 2009.

2.2 CGHS Contributions in advance before the expiry of the validity of the Cards: E-I Section, NPL has already taken action, and Drafts for renewal of CGHS Cards had been sent to the persons who had retired from NPL and had already paid their contributions for ten years for renewal of their cards for **January to December 2011 and July 2011 to June 2012**. This has helped not only the members of the Forum falling in this category but **all the retiree CGHS Beneficiaries from NPL**.

2.3 Status of Publication of the Revised Chart on "SI Units of Measurement: It is learnt that 500 copies of the Chart have been published for distribution to secondary school children as a part of CSIR 800 Programme as intimated by Dr. A K Bandyopadhyay. The release of the Chart is awaited pending a suitable opportunity. As the idea for this revised chart had been raised by the Forum, the Secretary has also been approached by Dr. Bandyopadhyay for suggesting an appropriate occasion (suited to the convenience of Prof. R C Buhani, Director, NPL) for the release of the Chart.

2.4 Utilization of the Forum's Room in NPL: No action has so far been reported by the Welfare Committee in the light of the following reference made to it by the Management Committee at the last meeting held on 22. 09. 2010:

"The Committee may consider the suggestion made by Dr. Kailash Chandra regarding raising of funds through financial contributions by Members of the Forum in multiples of Rs, 100/-, and also other possible options for making functional the room allotted to the Forum, and present its views at the next meeting of the Management Committee."

2.5 Putting NPL-FSF on NPL's Website: Report from Dr. S N Singh on the following decision is awaited:

"The Forum may have its own website under the name npl-fsf.org, if the expenditure involved was within Rs. 1,000/-. Dr. S N Singh was requested to collect the relevant information in this regard, and regarding the Forum's website being provided a link by NPL on its own website. However, in the event of the expenditure exceeding Rs. 1,000/-, the matter may be put up again to the Management Committee."

2.6 Initialization of Science in School Level: No action has been reported so far by Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu, or Prof. S S Mathur. However, the Forum's involvement in the proposed programme is only limited to providing "Resource Persons" who may be willing to offer their services for giving talks in schools, for which the following had offered their services:

1. Dr. S L Jain 2. Shri V P Wasan 3. Dr. V R Singh 4. Dr. (Mrs.) N Kundu 5. Dr. S N Singh

2.7 Superstitions: With the cooperation of Miss Manisha Wasan, Daughter of Shri V P Wasan, another self assessment survey was conducted at the Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya, using the SAS-1 Survey form which had earlier been used for the self assessment Survey from among the Members of the Forum. Report on the detailed analysis of this survey made by the Convener of the Superstitions Sub-Committee will be placed before the Committee at the time of the Meeting.

Dr. Kailash Chandra had prepared a draft of the document "SUPERSTITIONS & MYTHS – NOT TO BE BELIEVED OR PRACTISED" which had been considered at the meeting of the Superstitions Sub- Committee, held on 25. 02. 2011. A copy of the Finalized document will be placed before the Committee at the time of the Meeting.

Dr. V N Binald has prepared another Self Assessment Survey Form (SAS-2) which was also finalized at the meeting of the Superstitions Sub- Committee, held on 25. 02. 2011. A copy of the Finalized Form will be placed before the Committee at the time of the Meeting.

2.8 Inviting Dr. J V Narlikar for a popular talk on superstition: Dr. Ved Ram Singh's efforts in this regard did not result in anything concrete.

2.9 Publication of a Brochure/ Souvenir for raising funds for the Forum: No report has been received from the Committee consisting of Shri P K Mittal, Dr. S N Singh and Shri V P Wasan, which had been constituted to examine the feasibility of the proposal made by Shri Mittal.

2.10 Scheme of Writing Books with Financial support from DST: A copy of the DST-SERC Scheme on Utilization of Scientific Expertise of Retired Scientists downloaded from the DST's website is attached to this Report.

3. Induction of New Members (Ref: Agenda Item 8): 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.	Shri Amarjit Singh [15. 08. 1950]	Rs. 700/- (Cash)	Tech Offcr (A) Gr II	Retired from NPL on 31.08.2010
2.	Shri Vinod Kumar Gogia [08. 01. 1947]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'C'	Resigned from NPL on 01.07.1981
3.	Dr. Pradeep Kumar Pasricha [02. 01. 1951]	Rs. 700/- (Cash)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 31. 01. 2010
4.	Shri Prabhu Shankar Tripathi [22. 02. 1951]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Sr. Tech Offcr (2)	Retired from NPL on 31. 12. 2010

5.	Dr. Vasant Dattatraya Dandawate [10. 03. 1937]	Rs. 750/- (Demand Draft)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 31. 03. 1997
6.	Dr. Amitabha Basu [01. 03. 1951]	Rs. 700/- (Cash)	Scientist 'G'	Retired from NPL on 28. 02. 2011
7.	Shri Surendra Singh Verma [11. 12. 1950]	Rs. 700/- (Cash)	Scientist 'G'	Retired from NPL on 31. 12. 2010
8.	Mrs. Shikha Mandal [07. 12. 1950]	Rs. 700/- (Cash)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 31. 12. 2010
9.	Dr. Tarsem Lal Dhami [17. 03. 1951]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'G'	Retired from NPL on 31. 03. 2011
10.	Mrs. Madhu Bahl [21. 02. 1951]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 28. 02. 2011
11.	Shri B V Kumaraswamy [06. 02. 1951]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 28. 02. 2011
12.	Shri Deepak Kumar Tewari [21. 08. 1950]	Rs. 700/- (Cash)	Scientist 'F'	Retired from NPL on 31. 18. 2010
13.	Shri T R K Menon [23. 09. 1932]	Rs. 700/- (Cheque)	Foreman	Voluntary Retirement w.e.f. 31.10.1079

4. Amplification of Committees (Ref: Agenda Item 9): The Committee may kindly accord approval to addition of the following to the Membership of the **Superstitions Sub-Committee of the Scientific Affairs Committee:**

1. Dr. Ashok Kumar Gupta 2. Prof. S S Mathur 3. Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu 4. Shri V P Wasan

The constitution of **the Scholarship Committee** as notified on page 4 of the Forum's Newsletter No. 6 dated September 2009 included Shri Dev Kumar and Prof. S C Jain or their nominees as Members of this Committee in their capacity of being the first two to institute scholarships for children of NPL Staff. Since both of them have expired, it is suggested that the all Persons who have instituted the Scholarships and Awards or may do so in future should be Members of the Scholarship Committee as had been recommended by this Committee at its 20th meeting held on 20. 06. 2007 and reported on page 5 of the Forum's Newsletter No 4, dated September 2007.

5. Economic Yet Effective Means of notifying various Meetings (Ref: Agenda Item 10): Hitherto the practice had been to send notices for the various meetings mostly Under Certificate of Posting, followed additionally by e-mails and telephonic communication by the Secretary/ Convener to ensure economic and maximum reach-out, and effective participation of members of the Forum/ Committees in the various meetings. However, the Postal Authorities have discontinued their service "Under Certificate of Posting". Sending notices by Courier will be an expensive affair. It is therefore suggested that notices for the meetings may be sent by ordinary post, followed additionally by e-mails and telephonic communication, and for accounting of expenditure incurred by the Secretary/ Conveners on postage and telephones be reimbursed to them against their certificates for the same.

6. Continuation of spouses of the deceased members of the Forum (Ref: Agenda Item 11): It is suggested that the spouses of the deceased members of the Forum may be invited to take active interest in the activities of the Forum. Mrs. Sushila Verma, W/o Shri M R Verma had instituted an Award in Memory of Shri M R Verma. Mrs. Madhu Lata has also instituted an award in the Memory of Shri Dev Kumar. Spouses of other deceased members can also be involved with this the other activities of the Forum against their membership. Particulars of the spouses and other family members of the deceased members of the Forum are attached to this Report.

7. Time and Agenda for the Annual General Body Meeting (Ref: Agenda Item 12): The following had been elected as the Office Bearers of the Management Committee at General Body meeting held on 16. 04. 2009, for the two-year period 2009-11, for which elections were conducted by Shri P K Mittal as Returning Officer

President	Bindal, Vishwa Nath (Dr.)	
Vice President	Jain, Adeshwar Preshad (Dr.)	
Secretary	Arora, Gyanendra Kumar	
Joint Secretary	Panwar, Vinay Singh (Dr.)	
Treasurer	Wasan, Ved Parkash	
Members	1. Bhattacharyya, Raghunath (Dr.)	2. Varma, Satya Prakash (Dr.)
	4. Kundu, Namita (Dr. Mrs.)	3. Shastri, Shashikala (Mrs.)
	7. Dhawan, Ramesh Chandra	6. Singh, Ved Ram (Dr.)
	10. Bhatnagar, Kamleshwer Nath	9. Chandra, Kailash (Dr.)
		11. Manrai, Santosh (Mrs.)

Subsequently, Dr. V N Bindal, President nominated the following as additional Members of the Committee as provided for under rules:

1. Dr. P C Jain 2. Shri P K Mittal 3. Dr. K K Jain 4. Dr. S L Jain

It is tentatively proposed to hold the Annual General Body on 24th August 2011 at 10. 30. A.M in the TEC Conference Room for which the following Agenda is proposed:

- To confirm the minutes of the General Body meeting held on 10. 12. 2010;
- To consider the Annual Report for the 2010-2011;
- To consider the Auditor's Report for the Financial Year 2010-11;
- To elect the Office Bearers of the M C for the period 2011-13; and
- To consider any additions or amendments in the Rules and Regulations of the Forum and any other issue of common interest to the Members.

In addition to the above items of Agenda, at this meeting it is proposed also to facilitate the following members of the Forum (who have completed 80 years since the last meeting of the Forum held on 10.12.2010), as New Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity. Their dates of birth have been indicated against their names:

1. Dr. V N Bindal [25. 12. 1930] 2. Shri Ram Prasad [01. 01. 1931] 3. Shri Mohinder Nath [23. 03. 1931]
4. Shri C B L Gautam [26. 05. 1931] 5. Dr. V V Shah [05. 07. 1931] 6. Shri Sohan Lal Gupta [06. 07. 1931]
7. Shri G L Malhotra [11. 07. 1931] 8. Shri Chattar Singh (Bharti) [17. 07. 1931]

Management Committee is requested to approve the proposal.