

# NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

## Minutes of the Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Management Committee

[First Meeting of the Re-constituted Management Committee with the Out-going Management Committee for take-over of charge]  
held on Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 at 10.30 A.M.  
in the TEC 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 August 28, 2011 sent to them by e-mail except Shri P K Mittal who was informed about it on phone. Copies of this notice were placed on the table for ready reference at the time of the meeting.

### Agenda

1. Introductory Remarks by the President of the Out-going Management Committee.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011 under the Chairmanship of the Out-going President.
3. Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the last Meeting of the Management Committee
4. Handing over the Charge to the New Management Committee.
5. Welcome by the President of the Re-constituted Management Committee and Introductory Remarks
6. Formal Invitation by the President to Dr V N Bindal to accept to be a Patron of the Forum.
7. Status Report by the Secretary.
8. Induction of New Members to the Forum
9. Resolution regarding operation of Bank Accounts in the Syndicate Bank, NPL, New Delhi.
10. Re-constitution of the Various Area Committees.
11. Planning for the Function in honour of Prof. A R Verma scheduled to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011.
12. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

### Attendance

The following attended the meeting

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Shri S C Garg        | President                |
| 2. Dr. V N Bindal       | President (Out-going MC) |
| 3. Dr. A P Jain         | Vice President           |
| 4. Dr V S Panwar        | Joint Secretary          |
| 5. Shri Tripurari Lal   | Treasurer                |
| 6. Shri V P Wasan       | Treasure (Out-going MC)  |
| 7. Shri K N Bhatmagar   | Member                   |
| 8. Shri R C Dhawan      | Member                   |
| 9. Mrs. Urmil Dhawan    | Member                   |
| 10. Shri A C Gupta      | Member                   |
| 11. Dr. P C Jain        | Member                   |
| 12. Shri Joginder Singh | Member                   |
| 13. Dr. (Mrs.) N Kundu  | Member (Out-going MC)    |
| 14. Shri M K Mittal     | Member (Out-going MC)    |
| 15. Dr. S N Singh       | Member (Out-going MC)    |
| 16. Shri S S Verma      | Member                   |
| 17. Shri G K Arora      | Secretary                |

Dr. R Bhattacharyya, Dr. Kailash Chandra, Dr. K K Jain, Dr. S L Jain, Mrs. S Manrai, Dr. S K Sharma, and Dr. S P Varma, (Members of the Out-going Management Committee) and Dr. S K Halder, Mrs. Shashikala Shastri and Dr. Ved Ram Singh, (Members of the Management Committee Re-constituted at the Annual General Body meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011), had regretted their inability to attend the meeting.

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**1. Introductory Remarks by the President of the Out-going Management Committee:** Dr. V N Bindal, said that he had been associated with the Forum right from the formation of the Forum in 2003 as its President. During this long period, he had received great cooperation from Shri G K Arora and Shri V P Wasan in their capacity as the Secretary and the Treasurer in particular. With the reconstitution of the Management Committee of the Forum which had taken place during this period, he had the good fortune of getting cooperation from a number of Members who had joined the Forum not only in regard to the drawing up the Memorandum of Association and the Rules & regulations of the Forum for getting it registered as a Society, but also in the working of the various Area Committees that had been constituted and re-constituted from time-to-time. He would like to express his gratitude to all of them for bringing the Forum to the Status as it enjoys today. He also said that all this was possible only because the Forum and NPL worked together, and the Forum was regarded as an extended hand and a part of NPL. He would like to specially thank the NPL authorities for this support which the Forum received in ample measure.

He said the NPL Former Scientists Forum is a Society which is Social in Character, unlike the Group Housing Societies where the members have their personal interest in view in its functioning. He was very happy to note that in addition to Shri S C Garg, Six New Members have come forward to undertake the responsibility of running the Forum. He was also happy that a number of members of the Forum who had been earlier associated with the Management Committee have also been re-elected. This augurs well for the Forum as their experience in the running of the Forum will be a great help.

He also said that he was emotionally attached with the Forum, but with the advancing age and the associated health problems, he had requested Shri S C Garg to accept to take up the responsibility of steering the Forum as its President. He is a very straight forward, sincere and pleasant person and has also got all the qualities of a good manager. He expressed his hope that the Office Bearers of the New Management Committee which takes over today, shall provide full support to Shri Garg.

Closing his introductory remarks, he said that he shall continue to remain associated with the Management Committee now as an invitee, and shall be too happy to contribute towards the growth of the Forum in any manner that he can.

**2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011 under the Chairmanship of the Out-going President:** The two comments that had been received on the Minutes of the Meeting as detailed by the Secretary in his Status Report (Annexure 'A') were noted. A copy of the Minutes of that Meeting was also tabled at the time of the meeting.

It was decided that the error pointed out in the first comment may be rectified. As for the second comment it was decided that the Publication Committee may decide the number of copies of the next issue of the Newsletter to be published keeping in view the left over of 80 copies out of the 230 copies of the last issue of the Newsletter that had been published and were learnt to be left over.

**3. Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the last Meeting of the Management Committee:** 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:

1. To publish the *Memorandum of Association* incorporating the d (vii) Dr. in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter.
2. *Notification* of the various meetings and programmes of the Forum by *e-mail only* to the Members of the Forum who can be contacted as a measure of economy as also faster communication, and by ordinary post to all the other Members.
3. Release of the Chart on SI Units of Measurement at the time of the Function proposed on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 on Prof. A R Verma's 90<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary be incorporated as an item of the Programme.
4. To invite Prof. R C Budhani and Family for the Family Get-together planned for 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

**4. Handing over the Charge to the New Management Committee:** Dr. V N Bindal, handed over the Charge to Shri S C Garg as the President. Shri V P Wasan also handed over the charge to Shri Tripurari Lal as the Treasurer. However, till the time that this change is not effected in the records of the Syndicate Bank, National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi, Dr. Bindal and Shri Wasan shall continue to discharge their responsibilities.

**5. Welcome by the President of the Re-constituted Management Committee and Introductory Remarks:** Shri S C Garg, said that he had accepted to take up-the responsibility as the President of the Forum on Dr. Bindal's insistence and also his assurance that all help, advice and guidance from him, based on his long association with the Forum shall be available to him.

He said that one of the things that he considered very important as a contribution of the Forum was the feeling of togetherness that had been generated among its various members. Another very important aspect which deserves a special mention is the connectivity with the NPL with which most of us have had long and emotional attachment. The Forum also provides an opportunity to deliberate on issues of common interest to the members. These are handled by the various area committees that have been formed. One such issue which had been brought to his notice after the circulation of the Agenda, is the Central Administrative Tribunal Order in respect of persons who had retired as Scientist 'G' from DRDO regarding clubbing of the special pay that they had been drawing with the basic pay for purposes of fixation of pension/ family pension as per the recommendations of the 6<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission. The relevance of this Order to the members of the Forum may need to be considered. Dr. A P Jain, who had already been furnished a copy of this Order offered to do this.

Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu suggested that, it would be desirable if the Members of the Forum could also benefit from the document-loan facility of NPL.

Dr. V S Panwar invited attention to the inordinate delay in the re-imburement of medical claims, and this issue may be specifically addressed. Dr. A P Jain and Shri P K Mittal offered to help in the analysis of the issue, and to suggest the possible manner in which it could be brought to the notice of the NPL authorities who had been very co-operative and had already found satisfactory solutions to some of the medical problems referred to them earlier, as detailed by the Secretary in his Status Report.

The press notification by the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Central Pension Accounting Office, New Delhi, which had been published in the Hindustan Times on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011, inviting attention of Central Civil Pensioners/ Family Pensioners regarding the 6<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission, was also brought to the notice of the MC. It was pointed out by Shri A C Gupta that in so far as the members of the Forum (including those who had expired) are concerned the relevance of this notification appeared to be for those members who had not furnished details of their spouses as per Item 11 (a), (b) and (c) of the advertised application form, so that they could avail of the provision of the increased family pension on attaining the age of 80 years or more. Dr. A P Jain offered to look into this issue also. For this, Shri G K Arora gave him copies of the complete set of OMs bearing on the subject, including those specifically mentioned in the Press Notification.

**6. Formal Invitation by the President to Dr V N Bindal to accept to be a Patron of the Forum:** Shri S C Garg, on behalf of the Management Committee, handed over a letter to Dr. V N Bindal, inviting him to be an additional Patron of the Forum, for which he had informally been invited by him in deference to the unanimous opinion of the members attending the Annual General Body Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

Dr. V N Bindal, accepting the honour that had been given to him as a Patron of the Forum, said that he was highly moved by the love and affection expressed by the members at the Annual General Body Meeting in responding to the surprise suggestion made by Shri G K Arora at that meeting. He re-iterated that he would continue to render any help that the Forum may desire from him.

**7. Status Report by the Secretary:** The Secretary presented, in brief, the highlights of report which had been circulated at the meeting (Annexure 'A'). It was decided that in addition to the felicitating nine members of the Forum as New Members of 80-Plus Fraternity, the next issue of the Newsletter with Superstitions & Myths as its main theme may also be released by Prof. E S R Gopal.

**8. Induction of New Members to the Forum:** The Committee approved the induction of the new members to the Forum as detailed in the Status Report by the Secretary.

**9. Resolution regarding operation of Bank Accounts in the Syndicate Bank, NPL, New Delhi:** The following information and the Resolution were placed before the Management Committee:

*Para 15.3 of the Rules & Regulations of the Forum, reads as under:*

*All the cheques and other financial documents shall require the signatures of any two of the following Office Bearers of the M C:*

- (i) *President*

- (ii) Secretary  
(iii) Treasurer

The following changes in the composition of the above three posts have been made as per the re-constitution of the Management Committee of the Forum at its Annual General Body Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011:

| Sr. No | Post      | Name of the member of the Forum holding the Post prior to the Annual general Body Meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2011 | Name of the member of the Forum elected for the Post at the Annual general Body Meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2011 |
|--------|-----------|--|--|
| (1)    | (2)       | (3)  | (4)  |
| 1.     | President | Dr. Vishwa Nath Bindal   | Shri Satish Chand Garg   |
| 2.     | Secretary | Shri Gyanendra Kumar Arora   | Shri Gyanendra Kumar Arora   |
| 3.     | Treasurer | Shri Ved Parkash Wasan   | Shri Tripurari Lal   |

### RESOLUTION

*The Office Bearers Mentioned in column (4) of the above Table are authorized to sign the cheques and other financial documents in place of the Office Bearers mentioned in Column (3).*

The above resolution was passed and the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Re-constituted Management Committee, as mentioned in column (4) of the above Table, were requested to complete the necessary formalities to enable them to operate the various accounts with the Syndicate Bank, NPL, and also any other financial documents that they may need to execute for operation of the funds of the Forum.

**10. Re-constitution of the Various Area Committees:** It was felt that it would only be proper to invite suggestions from the members, regarding the existing Area Committees and their Sub-Committees with which they would like themselves to be associated before deciding upon their re-constitution, and defer this issue for the present except the Scholarship Committee which is re-constituted as under to enable it to meet to scrutinize the applications for the Scholarships & Awards 2011, and finalize the list of persons to be given the various Scholarships & Awards on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011, as per the suggestion given by the Secretary in **Attachment II** of his Status Report:

| Composition     | Scholarship Committee (Sch-C)                      |
|-----------------|--|
| Chairman        | Prof. R C Budhani, Director, NPL (Or his Nominee ) |
| Co-Chairman     | Shri S C Garg, President, NPL-FSF (Ex-Officio)     |
| Convener        | Shri V P Wasan , Member                            |
| Member          | Shri T V Joshua COA, NPL (Or his Nominee)          |
| Member          | Shri Tripurari Lal ,Treasurer NPL-FSF (Ex-Officio) |
| Member          | Shri G K Arora, Secretary, NPL-FSF (Ex-Officio)    |
| Member          | Dr. V N Bindal                                     |
| Member          | Dr. P C Jain                                       |
| Member          | Prof. S K Joshi                                    |
| Member          | Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta                               |
| Member          | Shri J N Chaudhary                                 |
| Member          | Shri Balraj Singh                                  |
| Member          | Shri Sohan Lal Gupta                               |
| Member          | Shri N K Kohli                                     |
| Member          | Mrs. Madhu Lata                                    |
| Co-opted Member | Dr. V S Panwar                                     |

It was also decided that the other existing Area Committees/ Sub-Committee shall continue to function till they are re-constituted

**11. Planning for the Function in honour of Prof. A R Verma scheduled to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011:** The Members were informed about the constitution of a Joint Committee that had been constituted by Director, NPL, vide OM No. 10.11.2011-Gen dated 05. 09. 2011. Dr. V N Bindal, Dr. A P Jain , Shri S C Garg and Shri G K Arora, represented the Forum on this Committee. A meeting of this Committee had been fixed for 12.30. P.M. soon after this meeting was over.

The suggestions that had been made by the Forum for this meeting have already been circulated to the members as **Attachment I** of his Status Report to which the attention of the members was invited to make their own observations & suggestions so that the same could be considered at the joint meeting.

It was felt that Dr. V N Bindal may give a brief presentation on the functioning of the Forum, and Dr. Krishan Lal may be requested to give a talk on Prof. A R Verma. He may also mention about the cheque that Mrs. Verma was proposing to present to the Forum for its Scholarship activity. It was also suggested that the following changes may be made in the text of the Plaque:

- (1) **Replace** “Park” by “Lawn”; (2) **Correct the Date** 20.9.2011 to 20.9.2012; and (3) **Replace** “Sponsored by” by “and”

As there was no other item, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

**Annexure – ‘A’**

**NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM**

**Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Management Committee on  
Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 10.30 A.M in the TEC Conference Room, NPL**  
[First Meeting of the Re-constituted Management Committee with the Out-going Management Committee for take-over of charge]  
**STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY**  
(*Ref: Agenda Item 7*)

**1. Twenty Eighth Meeting of The Management Committee (*Ref: Agenda Item 2*):** The Minutes of the Twenty-Eighth Meeting of the Management Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011, (as approved by the Chairman), had been circulated by the Secretary vide his letter dated August 22, 2011 by post as also by e-mail to those who could be so contacted, inviting comments by 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2011. Copies of this letter and the Minutes of that Meeting will be tabled at the time of the meeting.

The only comments that had been received by e-mail from Shri V P Wasan are placed below:

- 1. On page 2, you have mentioned the date at one place as 20<sup>th</sup> November with regard to function in connection with Prof. Verma. Please correct it to 20<sup>th</sup> September.*
- 2. Under any other item, I had pointed out that the number of copies of Newsletter being printed should be reduced to 125-130 as we do not have space to store the left over copies. There is lot of effort made by Sh. G.K. Arora in the production of these copies. It was agreed that the number may be reduced to 125-130. I hope you would like to include this in your minutes.*

As for the Comment at Sr. No. 1 above, the correction rightly pointed out, appears in the First Paragraph of Page 2 of the Minutes of the Meeting and the error is regretted.

As for the suggestion at Sr. No. 2 above, it is true that Shri Wasan advised regarding the reduction of the number of copies of the Newsletter to about 125-130, but as had been indicated in the second para under 7.5 of the Minutes of the Meeting, Dr. Panwar had been advised by the Committee to indicate the number of such copies to Shri G K Arora, Convener of the Committee.

The point is taken note of, and it is suggested that the issue relating to reduction in the number of copies of the next issue of the Newsletter may be left to the Publication Committee to decide, keeping in view that there has been an increase of 13 more members since the release of the last issue of the Newsletter and also the anticipated increase in this number in the near future, as also the expected participation from the members at the Forum's Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 when it is proposed to be released. The number of printed copies of the next issue of the Newsletter shall definitely be less than 230 of the last issue that had been printed.

**2. Follow-up Action on the Decisions taken at the above Meeting (*Ref: Agenda Item 3*):** This is given below:

**2.1. Forum's Annual General Body Meeting on 24. 08. 2011 – Election of the Office Bearers Of the Management Committee for 2011-2013 and Amendments in the Rules & Regulations of the Forum:** The notice for the Annual General Body Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011, with its main Agenda being the reconstitution of the Management Committee of the Forum for the years 2011-2013 was issued by ordinary post to the various members as per the decision taken by the Management Committee. This was supplemented by notification of the Agenda for that meeting also by e-mail to the members of the Forum who could be so contacted. This was also followed by a reminder to those members who had not responded to the earlier e-mail.

It is proposed to publish the Memorandum of Association incorporating the Changes in Para 3 thereof, (as per the Resolution passed by the Forum at its Annual General Body Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008) and the addition of Para 4.3 in the Rules & Regulations as per the Resolution passed at this meeting, in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter.

**2.2. Re-Designing of the Forum's Letter-head:** The Forum's Letter-head has been re-designed in accordance with the composition of the Re-constituted Management Committee. This has been used for notification of the Agenda for the present meeting by e-mail only, except to those members whose e-mail addresses were not available or else had not responded to the notice for the Annual General Body meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011 meeting referred to above. They were notified this meeting through telephone calls.

**2.3. Notification by e-mail only as a measure of economy as also faster communication:** All the members of the Forum whose e-mail addresses were available were specifically approached to indicate whether it will suit them if such notices were issued to them by e-mail only.

**2.4. Suggestions for the Programme on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in honour of Prof. A R Verma:** At the initiative taken by Dr. A P Jain regarding the Plaque to be unveiled by Prof R C Budhani and the Pillar on which it could be installed, Dr. V N Bindal had prepared the detailed designs and specifications of the Plaque & the Pillar. These have been sent to Shri T V Joshua, COA, NPL along with the other suggestions relating to the Function. Constitution of a joint NPL- Forum Committee to work out the detailed programme, and apportionment of the responsibilities has also been suggested. (**Attachment 1**).

**2.5. Chart on SI Units of Measurement:** Proposal for the Release of the Chart on S I Units of Measurement recently published by NPL as a result of the initiative of the Forum has also been suggested for the function on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011. This is the result of the efforts of a Joint Committee that had been constituted by Dr. Vikram Kumar, the then Director NPL, with Dr. Kailash Chandra and Dr. S V Gupta as Members of that Committee from the side of the Forum.

**2.6. Write-ups on Shri J N Ojha and Dr. V D P Sastri:** Shri V K Ojha S/O Shri J N Ojha and Dr. Gautam Vemuri S/O Dr. V D P Sastri have been approached for suitable write-ups as also the Photographs of their Fathers for publication in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter.

**2.7. Forum's Meeting in October 2011:** Prof. E S R Gopal was contacted personally by the Secretary at the time of his visit to NPL to deliver the Veena Roonwal Memorial Lecture on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011, for which invitation received from Dr. (Mrs.) S A Agnihotry had also been sent to the Members who could be so contacted by e-mail. Prof. Gopal had indicated that it would suit him if the proposed meeting

was fixed for 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in the forenoon. Accordingly, the TEC Conference Room has been booked for that meeting and Prof. Gopal he has been informed about it.

**2.8. Family Get-together on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011:** As decided, the proposal to hold a Family Get-together on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011 had been notified in the notice for the Annual General Body Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011. At that meeting Dr. Ved Ram Singh had collected Rs. 2100/- towards contribution for it @ 150/- per head, with commitments from some other members who were willing to participate in it but shall be paying later after consulting their spouses and other members of the family whether they too would like to participate in it. Some members who had not been able to attend the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> August had also indicated to the Secretary their interest in participation in the get-together and this information shall also be passed on to the Programme Committee.

The list of the members who had contributed for the Get-together held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2009 had also been given to Dr. Ved Ram Singh, as they and their other family members might be interested in participating in this Get-together also. The TEC Conference Room has also been booked accordingly.

It is suggested that Prof. R C Budhani and Family may also be invited to participate in this get-together.

**2.9. Liaison between Members of the Forum and the Management Committee:** Dr. S K Halder has agreed to undertake the work of ensuring Liaison between the Members of the Management Committee and the Forum to help in collecting (1) Filled-up Membership Forms and the Membership Fee, and (2) Contributions for the Family Get-together planned for 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011, as also (3) Availability of the Blank Membership Forms, and (4) the Availability of the copies of the Forum's Newsletter not collected/ received by them.

Dr. Halder had, however, regretted his inability to attend the present meeting as he had already planned to be away during September 2011. During this period, Dr. S K Gupta has accepted to discharge that responsibility.

Shri Tripurari Lal, Shri V P Wasan and Dr. V S Panwar and Dr. Ved Ram Singh have been informed about this arrangement.

**3. Induction of New Members to the Forum (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.      | Dr. Swapan Kumar Sarkar [01. 01. 51]  | Rs. 700/- (Cheque) | Scientist 'G'  | Retired from NPL on 31.12.2010   |
| 2.      | Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta [02. 04. 51]     | Rs. 700/- (Cheque) | Scientist 'G'  | Left NPL 08. 04. 2009 to take over the Charge of Director, AMPRI, Bhopal |
| 3.      | Shri S Uma Maheshwar Rao [20. 08. 51] | Rs. 700/- (Cash)   | Scientist 'F'  | Retired from NPL on 31. 08. 2011   |

**4. Resolution regarding operation of Bank Accounts (Ref: Agenda Item 9):** Para 15.3 of the Rules & Regulations of the Forum, reads as under:

*All the cheques and other financial documents shall require the signatures of any two of the following Office Bearers of the M C:*

- (iv) *President*
- (v) *Secretary*
- (vi) *Treasurer*

The following changes in the composition of the above three posts have been made as per the re-constitution of the Management Committee of the Forum at its Annual General Body Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011:

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| 1.     | President | Dr. Vishwa Nath Bindal   | Shri Satish Chand Garg   |
| 2.     | Secretary | Shri Gyanendra Kumar Arora   | Shri Gyanendra Kumar Arora   |
| 3.     | Treasurer | Shri Ved Parkash Wasan   | Shri Tripurari Lal   |

### **RESOLUTION**

*The Office Bearers Mentioned in column (4) of the above Table are authorized to sign the cheques and other financial documents in place of the Office Bearers mentioned in Column (3).*

**5. Re-constitution of the Various Area Committees (Ref: Agenda Item 10):** The Constitution of the various Area Committees prior to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011 is attached (**Attachment II**). The following suggestions are made for consideration of the Management Committee:

#### **(A) General Suggestions**

A.1 To encourage the use of e-mail for communication among members, it would be desirable to have members on the various Area Committees such persons who can be so contacted through their e-mail addresses indicated in the Membership List of the Forum. This will ensure faster communication and exchange of views, besides economy in expenditure of the Forum and the workload on the Convener in particular.

A.2 The practice of having Co-chairmen of the various Area Committees should continue, as it had been found useful.

A.3 The responsibility of Chairmanship of the various Area Committees and their Sub-Committees may be assigned to the Office Bearers of the Forum declared elected at the General Body Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011,

or to the members whom the President may like to invite for filling up the four vacant positions. This may also help the Management Committee in the formulation of a properly worded resolution for having two Vice-Presidents of the Forum with their roles clearly spelt out, as had been decided at the last meeting of the Management Committee, on which the matter is pending.

A.4 Every Member of the Forum, whether elected or nominated by the President, may be associated with at least one Area Committee.

## **(B) Area Committees**

B.1 **Scholarship Committee:** Applications for Scholarships & Awards 2011 had been invited by 30th August 2011. The Scholarship Committee will need to meet in the very near future to decide about the persons to be given the Scholarships & Awards on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011. By virtue of Shri S C Garg being now the President of the Forum, he will be the Co-Chairman of that Committee. Shri Tripurari Lal will also be a member in his ex-officio capacity as the new Treasurer. Dr. V N Bindal will continue to be a member of that Committee now in his capacity of having initiated an award. Shri V P Wasan who had been the Member Convener of this Committee both as an initiator of an award as also in his ex-officio capacity as the Treasurer may now continue as a Member-Convener. Dr. V S Panwar who has been assisting the Convener in the Short-listing of applications for the various Scholarships & Awards and has so far been an invitee to the various meetings of this Committee may also be co-opted as a Member of this Committee.

B.2 **Tree-Plantation Sub-Committee of the Scholarship Committee:** As the Scholarship Committee is to meet very shortly, the issue regarding its re-constitution could perhaps be included as an item of Agenda for that meeting.

B.3 **Scientific Affairs Committee:** This Committee had been having Dr. Kailash Chandra as its Chairman. He was also a Member of the Management Committee of the Forum. As he is presently abroad, his candidature for election as an Office Bearer could not be considered at the General Body Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011. He has expressed his desire to remain associated with this Committee, under whose Chairmanship the Chart on S I Units of Measurements had been finalized and has also been published by NPL as a joint effort. He also desires to work on the implementation of some programmes which he had visualized.

It is suggested that Dr. Kailash Chandra may continue to be the Chairman of this Committee, and may be requested to suggest any alterations in the composition of the existing Committee.

B.4 **Superstition Sub-Committee of the Scientific Affairs Committee:** Dr. Kailash Chandra was the Chairmanship of this Sub-Committee also. He has already prepared the Document "*Superstitions & Myths – Not to be Believed or Practised - Scientific Basis & Explanations*", and this Committee has done considerable amount of other good work also, on the basis of which it had been decided to have Superstitions & Myths as the main theme for the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter.

It is suggested that Dr. Kailash Chandra may continue to be the Chairman of this Sub-Committee also, and may be requested to suggest any alterations in the composition of the existing Sub-Committee.

B.5 **Medical Affairs Committee:** Dr. A P Jain is presently the Chairman of this Committee, which has to its credit (i) Waver to seeking advance permission from Director NPL for undergoing Diagnostic Investigations and (ii) Getting money-drafts by speed post in advance of the expiry of the validity of the CGHS Cards in respect of the CGHS Beneficiaries who have already made their full 10-year contribution.

It is suggested that Dr. A P Jain may also continue to be the Chairman of this Committee, and may be requested to suggest any alterations in the composition of the existing Committee.

B.6 **Publications Committee:** This Committee, under the Chairmanship of Dr. R Bhattacharyya has to its credit the compilation/ publication of the following issues of the Forum's Newsletter:

- (i) Number 3, August 2006 – *NPL Diamond Jubilee Issue*
- (ii) Number 4, September 2007 – *Holistic Health Care Issue*
- (iii) Number 5, September 2008
- (iv) Number 6, September 2009 – *Special Issue on Being Eighty*
- (iv) Number 7, November 2010 – *Special Issue on Medical and Pension Issues & Environment*
- (v) Number 8, October 2011 (Planned) – *Special Issue on Superstitions & Myths.*

In addition a *Draft Directory of the Members of the Forum* had been presented to Prof. R C Budhani at the First Meeting of the Forum held with him on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 as an offshoot of the project on "**Directory of R & D Associates of NPL**" as originally envisaged. Work on finalization of this Directory and further work on the project has been continuing.

Dr. Bhattacharyya had regretted his inability to participate in the General Body Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011. It is suggested that he may be continue to be the Chairman of this Committee and may be requested to suggest any alterations in the composition of the existing Committee.

B.7 **Programme Committee:** Dr. S K Sharma who was the Chairman of this Committee has not been keeping good health and when contacted by the Secretary for participation in the General Body Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> August, expressed his inability to take active participation in the activities of the Forum. This Committee has planned a Family Get-together on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011 for which Dr. Ved Ram Singh, Co-Chairman of the Committee has been collecting Contributions. This Committee may therefore be re-constituted.

B.8 **Welfare Committee:** Dr. B N Srivastava, the present Chairman of this Committee was not present at the General Body Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011. Dr. S P Varma, the Co-Chairman of this Committee, had expressed his inability to attend that meeting. While the Committee, with a very active part played by Dr. A P Jain, had done an elaborate exercise in regard to the apparent anomaly in regard to the fixation of Pension of the Pre-1996 Pensioners as per the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission, there was no definite out-come of that effort. This was because of the two Office Memoranda dated 11. 02. 2009 and 10. 03. 2010 issued by Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare on the subject "*Representations regarding revision of pension of pre-1996 pensioners*" to the effect that the pension fixation of pre-1996 pensioners had been done in accordance with the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission and that all references/ representations received in that Department on the issues mentioned therein stand disposed off.

The very recent Notification from the Chief Controller (Pensions), Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Central Pension Accounting Office, Trikoot-II, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi, inviting attention of Central Civil Pensioners/ Family Pensioners regarding 6<sup>th</sup> Central Pay Commission, published in the Hindustan Times dated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011, inviting applications for

revision of pension/ family pension of Pre-2006 Pensioners/ Family Pensioners within one month from the date of issue of the Notification, appears to be an issue which may deserve consideration by the Welfare Committee. This would perhaps be relevant to the Pre-1996 Pensioners & Family Pensioners also. A copy of this Notification will be placed before the Management Committee at the time of the meeting.

Another issue which relates to the clubbing of the Special Pay drawn by the persons who retired as Scientist 'G', with their basic pay for fixing their pension in the light of a Central Administrative Tribunal Order passed in respect of Scientists 'G' of DRDO, has been brought to the notice of the Secretary by Dr. S L Jain. Copies of this have been sent to Dr. V N Bindal, Shri S C Garg, Dr. V S Panwar, and Dr. A P Jain. As advised by Shri S C Garg, Dr. S L Jain has been invited to give a briefing in the matter to the Members of the Management Committee at this meeting.

**6. Planning for the Function in honour of Prof. A R Verma scheduled to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 (Ref: Agenda Item 9):** Please see Sub-Para 2.4 of Para2 above and **Attachment I** to this Status Report.

**7. Members to be felicitated as 80-Plus Members at the Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011:** It is proposed to felicitate the following members of the Forum 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] |
| 9. Dr. Prakash Chand Jain      | [05. 10. 1931] |

Prof. E S R Gopal has been approached to confirm the suitability of the date for holding the meeting in the forenoon.

As in the past, Citations drafted by Shri G K Arora in respect of the above members shall be sent by him to Shri V P Wasan for composing on the Forum's Letter-head and arranging for their printing on glossy paper, and their lamination. It is proposed to publish these citations in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter planned to be released on that day.

Shri Wasan shall also arrange for the preparation of laminated 80-Plus Certificates, and Dr. V S Panwar shall arrange for the Mementoes for presentation to these new Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum.

**Attachment I**

## **NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM**

### **Suggestions for the Joint Programme between NPL and NPL-FSF on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in honour of Prof. A R Verma**

#### **Relevant Extracts from the Minutes of the Scholarship Committee Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

Dr. Bindal informed that Prof. A.R.Verma had planted a tree him self in the lawns outside NPL Auditorium. He had been the Director NPL for the longest period. There is a suggestion that this lawn may be named after him. He also informed that Mrs. Vera has promised to donate about 50,000 to 1 Lac for the scholarships on Prof. Vera's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday which falls on 20<sup>th</sup> September. He asked if some sort of function may be organized on that day.

Prof. Bhudani agreed to the suggestion and said it was a good idea to honour Prof. Verma and we may take this opportunity to release his recently published book also on that day. The out come of the discussions was that a function will be organized by NPL in the NPL Auditorium on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in the after noon at about 3 p.m. for the release of the book and there after a suitably designed plaque giving the name of the park/ground erected at a suitable place will be unveiled by Prof. Budhani.

#### **SUGGESTIONS**

**1. Unveiling of the Plaque by Prof. R C Budhani:** This suggestion is given on the basis of an existing similar plaque installed in a Park in Green Park Extension near the residence of Dr. A P Jain, and the draft design and dimensions of the Plaque and the Pillar prepared by Dr. V N Bindal. The following text of the Plaque has been proposed by Dr. Bindal:

**Prof. A. R. Verma Park**  
(20.9. 2011- 4. 3.2009)  
**DEDICATED ON HIS**  
**90<sup>th</sup> BIRTH ANNIVERSARY BY**  
**Prof. R. C. BUDHANI, Director, NPL**  
Sponsored By  
**NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM**

In this connection the following action needs to be taken by NPL:

- (i) The exact place where the pillar is to be constructed has to be identified

- (ii) Suitable arrangement for unveiling the Plaque by Prof. Budhani has to be provided.  
 (iii) It would be appropriate if a Photograph of Prof. A R Verma is also displayed in the Background in the Auditorium.

The Design and Dimensions of the Plaque and the Pillar for its installation are being sent separately.

**2. Release of the Recent Book Authored by Prof. A R Verma:** Details of the book and the person to be invited, if any for its release.

**3. Release of the Chart on S I Units of Measurement:** The Management Committee of the Forum at its meeting held on 2nd August 2011 decided that a suggestion for the recently published Chart on SI Units of Measurement, at the initiative of NPL-FSF, as a joint effort by a Committee comprising of Members of the Forum and the Scientists of NPL by Prof. R C Budhani, would be very appropriate.

**4. Presentation of the Cheque by Mrs. Verma to the Forum:** It is felt that the Cheque for supporting the Scholarship activity of the Forum may be received by Prof. R C Budhani in his capacity as the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

**5. Arrangements in the Auditorium:** The booking of the Auditorium for this joint programme has been made by the Secretary of the Forum for the whole day, so that the exact time for the function could be decided, suiting the convenience of all the concerned persons involved in the programme indicated above.

Necessary arrangements relating to the decoration of the Auditorium, its air-conditioning, arrangements for the Dias and Projection of Prof. A R Verma's photograph on the screen in the Background etc. Shall need to be taken care of by NPL.

**6. Details of the Function & Sharing of Responsibilities between NPL and the Forum:** It is suggested that a joint Committee be constituted by Director, NPL for sharing of responsibilities for executing the Programme. From the side of the forum it is suggested that Dr. V N Bindal, Dr. A P Jain and Shri S C Garg – who has taken over as the New President of the Forum – G K Arora may be included as members of this Committee.

## Attachment II

# NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

## Composition of the Area Committees as on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2011

| Composition        | Publication Committee (Pub-C) | Welfare Committee (Wel-C) | Programme Committee (Prog-C) | Scientific Affairs Committee (SAC) | Sub-Committee of SAC on Superstition (SAC-Super) |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Chairman</b>    | Dr. R Bhattacharyya           | Dr. B N Srivastava        | Dr. Surjeet K Sharma         | Dr. K Chandra                      | Dr. K Chandra                                    |
| <b>Co-Chairman</b> | Dr. Shiv Nath Singh           | Dr. S P Varma             | Dr. Ved Ram Singh            | Dr. S V Gupta                      | Dr. A P Jain                                     |
| <b>Convener</b>    | Shri G K Arora                | Dr. V S Panwar            | Shri Promod K Mittal         | Shri G K Arora                     | Shri G K Arora                                   |
| Member             | Dr. P C Jain                  | Dr. A P Jain              | Mrs. Shasikala Shastri       | Prof. S S Mathur                   | Dr. R Bhattacharyya                              |
| Member             | Dr. V S Panwar                | Shri P K Mittal           | Dr. Ashok Kmnar Gupta        | Dr. R Bhattacharyya                | Dr. Prakash C Jain                               |
| Member             | Shri V P Wasan                | Shri G L Malhotra         | Shri Mohd. Izhar Alam        | Dr. P C Jain                       | Shri R C Dhawan                                  |
| Member             | Dr. (Mrs.) N Kundu            | Mrs. Santosh Manrai       | Shri Sudarshan Kumar         | Dr. (Mrs.) N Kundu                 | Shri S G Tewari                                  |
| Member             | Dr. S C Garg                  | Shri V P Wasan            |                              | Dr. A P Jain                       | Dr. Ashok Kumar Gupta                            |
| Member             | Dr. S K Gupta                 |                           |                              | Dr. Ram Gopal Sharma               | Prof. S S Mathur                                 |
| Member             | Shri K N Bhatnagar            |                           |                              | Dr. Sohan Lal Jain                 | Dr. (Mrs.) Namita Kundu                          |
| Member             |                               |                           |                              |                                    | Shri V P Wasan                                   |

| Composition        | Medical Facilities Committee (Med-C) | Scholarship Committee (Sch-C)                      | Sub-Committee of Sch-C on Tree-Plantation (Sch C-Tree) |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Chairman</b>    | Dr. A P Jain                         | Prof. R C Budhani, Director, NPL (Or his Nominee ) | Shri G K Arora   |
| <b>Co-Chairman</b> | Shri Akhilesh Chandra Gupta          | Dr. V N Bindal, President, NPL-FSF (Ex-Officio)    | Shri TV Joshua, COA, NPL                               |
| <b>Convener</b>    | Dr. V S Panwar                       | Shri V P Wasan , Member & Treasurer, NPL-FSF       | Shri V P Wasan   |
| Member             | Dr. O P Bahl                         | Shri T V Joshua COA, NPL (Or his Nominee)          | Dr. V N Bindal   |
| Member             | Shri F C Khullar                     | Dr. P C Jain                                       | Dr. P C Jain   |
| Member             | Mrs. Urmil Dhawan                    | Prof. S K Joshi                                    | Dr. R P Singhal  |
| Member             | Dr. Prasun Kumar Banerjee            | Dr. Anil Kumar Gupta                               | Dr. (Mrs.) S A Agnihotry                               |
| Member             | Shri R C Dhawan                      | Shri J N Chaudhary                                 | Dr. J C Sharma   |
| Member             |                                      | Shri Balraj Singh                                  | Dr. Harish Chandra                                     |
| Member             |                                      | Shri Sohan Lal Gupta                               |  |
| Member             |                                      | Shri N K Kohli                                     |  |
| Member             |                                      | Mrs. Madhu Lata                                    |  |
| Member             |                                      | Shri G K Arora, Secretary, NPL-FSF (Ex-Officio)    |  |