

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Management Committee

held on Tuesday, the 15th April, 2014 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 and invitees, vide his letter dated 06. 04. 2014, sent to Shri P K Mittal and Shri R C Dhawan by post and to the others by e-mail. Additionally, copies of this notice were sent to Shri S C Garg, Dr. V S Panwar, Dr. P C Jain, Dr. V N Bindal and Dr. A P Jain by post also, as well as placed on the table for ready reference for all the members and invitees at the time of the meeting:

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the President.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 5th December 2013.
3. Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the Meeting of the Management Committee held on 5th December 2013.
4. Status Report by the Secretary.
5. Status Report by the Treasurer
6. Nomination of a Member in place of Mrs. Urmil Dhawan as a Member of the Management Committee.
7. Induction of New Members to the Forum.
8. Status Reports by the Area Committees.
 - 8.1 Publications Committee
 - 8.2 Welfare Committee
 - 8.3 Scientific Affairs Committee
 - 8.4 Superstitions & Myths Committee
 - 8.5 Scholarships Committee
9. Calendar of meetings for the remaining part of the year 2014
10. Institution of an Annual Award for the Best Paper published in Vigyan Pragati and constitution of a Committee for this purpose.
11. Planning for Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture
12. Any other Item with the Permission of the Chair.

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance: The following attended the meeting

1. Shri S C Garg	President
2. Dr. V S Panwar	Joint Secretary
3. Shri Tripuirari Lal	Treasurer
4. Dr. Amitabha Basu	Member
5. Dr. P C Jain	Member
6. Shri H R Mehta	Member
7. Mrs. Santosh Manrai	Member
8. Mrs. Shashikala Shastri	Member
9. Shri S S Verma	Member
10. Shri R B Saxena	Member
11. Dr. Hari Kishan	Member
12. Dr. R K Garg	Member
13. Shri R C Dhawan	Member
14. Dr. Dr. S L Jain	Invitee
15. Dr. Pardee Mohan	Invitee
16. Shri G K Arora	Secretary

Dr. S K Halder and A P Jain (from among the members), and Prof. Vikram Kumar, Dr. V N Bindal and Dr. Kailash Chandra (from among the invitees) had regretted their inability to attend. Dr. Ashok Kumar, Shri V P Wasan and Shri P K Mittal were absent.

1. Introductory Remarks by the Chairman: Welcoming the members to the meeting, Shri S C Garg said that the meeting was being held after a long time in view of the weather conditions. The intervening period had also witnessed the demise of Shri Shiv Nath, Mrs. Urmil Dhawan, Shri M K Balchandani and Shri Subodh Kumar Singhal. It had not been possible to organize Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture at the time of his Birth Anniversary on 21st February 2014 as was being contemplated for want of a commitment and involvement of NPL for one reason or the other. Scheduling of this lecture at an appropriate time may also need to be incorporated in the Calendar that has been included as an item of the Agenda for the meeting.

2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 5th December 2013: The Minutes of that Meeting, had been circulated by the Secretary to the Members and Invitees vide his letter dated 16th December 2013 inviting comments by 31st December 2013. The minutes of the meeting, incorporating corrections in respect of the typographical errors pointed out by Dr. S L Jain and Shri V P Wasan, as also the comments by Dr. V N Bindal, were placed before the members at the time of the meeting and they were confirmed

3 Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the Management Committee Meeting held on 5th December 2013: The Committee noted the follow-up action taken as reported by the Secretary in his Status Report.

4. Status Report by the Secretary: The salient points of the Status Report (**Annexure 'A'**) were briefly presented by the Secretary.

5. Status Report by the Treasurer: Shri Tripurari Lal presented the Report for the year 2013-14. The status was as under:

Statement of Income & Expenditure for the Year Ending 31. 03. 2014

INCOME (Rs.)		EXPENDITURE (Rs.)	
Subscription	28,100.00	Meeting Expenditures	22,661.00
Donations for Refreshments	14,345.00	Photostats	4,458.00
Contribution for Get-together on 08. 11. 2013	6,600.00	Expenditure in Get-together on 08. 11. 2013	7,600.00
Donations – Subscriptions & Awards	2,06,200.00	Stationery	4,314.00
Advertisements	40,000.00	Scholarships	49,600.00
Interest		Newsletter	66,450.00
SB A/Cs	6,680.53	Postage	10,001.00
FDs A/Cs	1,04,091.55	Miscellaneous	4,625.00
		Sub-Total	1,69,709.00
		Excess of Income over Expenditure	2,36,308.08
TOTAL	4,06,017.08	TOTAL	4,06,017.08

Details of Funds available as on 31. 03. 2014

PARTICULARS	Amount (Rs.)
Fixed Deposits	
Fixed Deposit with Syndicate Bank in the Name of NPL Former Scientists Forum (Rs. 1,29,915.25 + 61,000.00)	1,90,915.25
Fixed Deposit in the Names of various Scholarship Funds	11,84,065.96
In Saving A/Cs in the Name of various Scholarship Funds	67,000.38
Saving Bank A/C as on 31.03. 2014 : Rs. 59,714.57	
Minimum Balance in Premium Account : Rs. 10,679.49	71,854.06
Cash in Hand as on 31. 03. 2014 : Rs. 1,460.00	
Total Funds available with NPL Former Scientists Forum	15,13, 835.65

6. Nominations of Members on the Management Committee: Dr. Pardeep Mohan was nominated as a Member of the Management Committee to fill the vacancy created by the demise of Mrs. Urmil Dhawan. The Secretary informed that while conveying his inability to participate in the meeting, Dr. A P Jain had also indicated to him his inability to continue as a member of the Management Committee in view of his health problems and had suggested the nomination of some other member of the Forum as a Member of the Management Committee. The President nominated Dr. S L Jain as a member of the Management Committee, and requested the Secretary to thank Dr. A P Jain for his very valuable contributions to the Forum

7. Induction of New Members to the Forum: The Committee approved the induction of the five new members of the Forum as detailed by the Secretary in his Status Report as also of Shri Vishwa Deepak Arora, whose Membership Form had been received by the Secretary at the time of the meeting.

8. 1. Publications Committee Meeting: The highlights of the Publications Committee Meeting that had been held at 9.30 A.M. preceding the Management Committee meeting, were presented by Dr. Amitabha Basu. The Following were the specific observations/decisions taken at the meeting:

1. The questionnaire (**Annexure 'B'**) may, be sent to (1) Shri S N Segal, (2) Dr. Kanwar Bahadur, (3) Dr. S R Das (4) Shri K S Sarma and (5) Shri Satish Chandra Vasishth, and action for printing the interviews with them in the Forum's Newsletter on their attaining the age of 90 years or earlier (in case they expire before that) may be taken by the Publications Committee. In addition, the President or his nominees may also visit the member at his residence, and he be suitably felicitated if his age does not permit him to come for a felicitation function that may be organised by the Forum.

2. The Committee approved the opening of Forum's own website as also the expected expenditure of Rs. 3,000/- and the expenditure on its maintenance. The Secretary was requested to approach Director, NPL for a link to the Forum's website on NPL's website. Shri R B Saxena will take action relating to the institution of the Website and its maintenance.

3. The Committee approved the printing of the photographs of individual members of the Forum in Passport size, with their names (as rendered in the Membership List) on the print itself. For selection of photographs relating to the activities of the Forum in 5" x 7" size for printing, Dr. Pardeep Mohan, who had been nominated as a new member on the Management Committee offered to be associated with this task and the setting up of the Committee with (1) Shri R C Dhawan, (2) Shri Subhash Chander, (3) Dr. P C Jain, (4) Dr. Amitabha Basu, (5) Shri G K Arora, (6) Dr. Hari Kishan and (7) Dr. Pardeep Mohan as Members was approved. This Committee will also ensure the appropriate captioning of the various photographs and their sequencing in the album.

4 The Committee also welcomed the suggestion made by Dr. B M Reddy for improving the quality of printing of the photographs of the members even if it is more expensive, and voluntary donations by members for meeting the enhanced cost. In this regard, Shri G K Arora

suggested that this may be done for the new edition of the Forum's Directory after up-dating it and adding the contact particulars of the Members in the main body of the Directory. The publications committee may decide about the scheduling of publication of the next edition of the Forum's Directory and give its suggestions for raising of funds for its publication.

8.2. Welfare Committee: The Minutes of the Welfare Committee meeting held on 01. 04. 2014 (**Annexure 'C'**) as also the suggestions that had been made by Shri G K Arora for consideration of the Enlarged Welfare Committee including the functions of the Programme Committee and the Medical Affairs Committee, which had been circulated at the time of the meeting, were noted.

It was observed that the Committee had been able to consider only some of the medical related issues. It was decided that all medical reimbursement claims which were pending for two months or more may be brought to the notice of Director, NPL in writing, and also a reminder may be sent to him in respect of those claims which remained to be settled even after three months. The information in this regard may be compiled by the Welfare Committee and passed onto the Secretary.

It was also decided that the other suggestions that had been made by Shri G K Arora may also be considered by the Welfare Committee at its future meeting

8.3 & 8.4. Scientific Affairs Committee and the Superstitions & Myths Committee: The Committee was informed by Shri G K Arora about the e-mail from Dr. Kailash Chandra which he had received on the morning of 15th April 2014 wherein he had suggested that the following may be discussed at the Management Committee that day:

1. Explore the possibility of printing the document on Superstitions in English and Hindi through Science Reporter/ Any other Agency.
2. Arrange a visit by a team of Members of our Forum to the Science Centre at Pragati Maidan to explore how our Forum can assist in updating the displays and finding space and funds for a display on SI Units. The transport arrangements may be made by the Forum/ NPL.
3. Any progress made towards up-dating the Chapter on SI Units in NCERT Books.
4. ZEE TV telecasts a programme on Science Topics every Sunday at 10.30 A.M. Can the Forum provide Scientific Input/ Ideas to this programme.

The following were the observations/decisions of the Management Committee:

i) Printing of the Document on Superstitions: Dr. Basu informed that no meeting of the Superstitions & Myths Committee had been held as Dr. Kailash Chandra had earlier been abroad and had not been able to indicate as to when it could be held. Since the idea of publication of the book had been mooted by him, no decision in the matter could be taken by the Superstitions & Myths Committee, in his absence. The Committee decided that the matter may be considered by that Committee first as had already been decided at an earlier meeting

ii) Visit to the National Science Centre at Pragati Maidan: It was felt that it was desirable for Dr. Kailash Chandra to have his proposed meeting with Prof. Budhani in this regard which he had planned to have with him before any further action could be taken in this regard.

iii) Status of Up-dating the Chapter on S I Units in NCERT Books: No information was available for reporting to the Committee.

iv) Scientific Inputs/Ideas for the Telecasts by ZEE T V: It was felt that this may be considered by the Scientific Affairs Committee which has also presently been looking after the aspect of Science Popularization.

8.5: Scholarships Committee: The Committee was informed that a New Award – Radhey Kishan Memorial Award – had also been instituted, for which an amount of Rs. 25, 000/- had been received from Shri Pankaj Khanna.

9. Calendar of Meetings: The Calendar of Meetings (which had already been circulated by the Secretary in advance to the Members and invitees to the meeting who could be contacted by e-mail and also formed **Appendix 1** to the Status Report by the Secretary) was approved with any modifications that may be necessary to accommodate Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture.

10. Institution of an Annual Award for the Best Paper published in Vigyan Pragati and constitution of a Committee for this purpose: The Committee endorsed the suggestion of Prof. Vikram Kumar to have a separate Committee with members from various disciplines. It was also decided that a letter may be sent by the Secretary to Director, NISCAIR, about the proposal of instituting an annual award of Rs. 5,000/- by the Forum for publication of the Best Paper published in Vigyan Pragati, and the desirability of the association of the Editor of the Journal or any other officer of NISCAIR with the Committee that maybe setup for this purpose, as also the publication of an announcement for the institution of this Award in Vigyan Pragati.

11. Planning for Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture: The Committee felt that if NPL has some problem in meeting the expenditure on the organization of the Lecture, this may be done from out of the Forum funds, and also to consider the possibility of the First Lecture being delivered by Rajendra K Pachari (NL). It was also felt that keeping in view the past experience about the vagaries of the climate, it may not be desirable to hold the lecture on 21st February – the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Mitra. It may be held on any other date suiting the convenience of the person invited to deliver the lecture. It was also felt that if it is not possible to raise enough funds to have it as an annual feature, it may be held in alternate years, and that this suggestion may be passed on to the Chairman of the Scholarships Committee for consideration, with the involvement of Dr. (Ms.) Patra Lekha Mitra as a member in place of Mrs. Sunanda Mitra.

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

ANNEXURE –‘A’

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

**Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the Management Committee on
Tuesday, the 15th April 2014 at 10.30 A.M in the TEC Conference Room, NPL**

STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY

(Ref: Agenda Item 4)

1. Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Management Committee (Ref: Agenda Item 2): The Minutes of the Thirty-Seventh Meeting of the Management Committee held on 5th December 2013, (as approved by the Chairman), had been circulated by the Secretary vide his letter dated 16th December 2013 by post/ courier (as also by e-mail to those who could be so contacted), inviting comments by 31st December 2013. Some typographical errors were pointed out by Dr. S L Jain and Dr. Amitabha Basu. Dr. Bindal also pointed out that the decision of the Scholarships Committee at its meeting held on 20th September 2013 was regarding ‘Institution of an Award for the Best Paper published in Vigyan Pragati’ and that in the minutes of the meeting, “Best Popular Science Article” may be replaced by “Best Paper” in Item Numbers 8 and 10. The Corrections pointed out by Dr. S L Jain, Dr. Amitabha Basu and Dr. V N Bindal have been made in the Minutes of the Meeting. A copy of the same will be tabled at the time of the meeting.

The Management Committee may confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th December 2013 in the modified form.

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

2.1 Condolence Resolution: Condolence Resolutions which was passed at the meeting in respect of Shri Kishan Lal (Son – Shri Harish Kumar) and Shri Radhey Kishan Khanna (Son – Shri Pankaj Khanna) were sent by the Secretary to the persons indicated against each as enclosures to suitably drafted letters.

2.2 New Membership List: The Membership List in the re-cast form with the photographs of the members in Black & White (up-dated as on 07. 03. 2014) has been published in the Forum’s Newsletter No. 11, dated March 2014, which was released by Prof. R C Budhani, Director, NPL, at the 11th Foundation Day Celebrations Get-together held on 20th March 2014.

2.3 Cashless Facility to CGHS Beneficiaries: The issue had been referred to the Welfare Committee for appropriate follow up action.

2.4: Treatment Under Medical Emergency: The issue had been referred to the Welfare Committee for follow-up with the NPL Administration.

2.5: Photographic Album of the Forum: As regards the photographs of individual members, suitable soft copies of the members enlisted up-to the time of the last meeting held on 05. 12. 2014 have been prepared. Additions of the new members to be approved for induction at today’s meeting will be made and one hard copy of each of these is proposed to be got made in passport size. As for the photographs relating to the various meetings/ functions of the Forum, the selection from the available soft copies of photographs is yet to be made. Members of the MC and invitees to the MC meeting who may like to volunteer to be associated with this task are welcome.

2.6 Opening of Website of the Forum: At the time of the Get-together held on 20th March 2014 Prof. R C Budhani was requested to consider a slot for the Forum on NPL’s Website. It is proposed to approach him in writing for consideration of our request. Further action will depend upon his response.

2.7 Dewali Family Get-together: A brief report on the Dewali Family Get-together held on 8th November 2013 appears on page 76 of the Forum’s Newsletter No. 11. The next Dewali Family Get-together is proposed to be held on Wednesday the 5th November 2014.

2.8 Geographical Area Coordinators: Shri S S Verma has initiated action in this regard. Already Shri Ganga Prasad, Mrs. Santodh Manrai and Dr. V S Panwar had collected additional copies of the Newsletter No. 11, for passing on the same to the other members of the Forum residing in their geographical areas who could not attend the Get-together at the time of its release on 20th March 2014. Out of the prospective members of the Forum about which a list had been sent to Shri S S Verma, Shri D R Nakra had applied for the membership of the Forum. The following are the other prospective members of the Forum who were covered in this list:

(1) Aggarwal, NK; (2) Agrawal, V K (Dr.); (3) Ahmed, Iqbal; (4) Arora, Gulshan (Mrs.); (5) Arora, N K ; (6) Babbar, N K ; (7) Bawa, S S (Dr.); (8) Bajwa, S K (Mrs.); (9) Bhakri, S S (10); Goel, M K (Dr.); (11) Goswami, M B; (12) Gurmukh Singh; (13) Haider, Hasan; (14) Harbans Singh; (15) Hukam Singh; (16) Kamalasanan, M N (Dr.); (17) Khanna, Ravi Mohan ; (18) Kulshreshtha, S K ; (19) Lal, Ratan; (Dr.) (20) Malik, I A ; (21) Meni, O P; (22) Mohan Lal, (Dr.); (23); Narlikar, A V (Dr.); (24) Negi, B S ; (25) Negi, Y P S ; (26) Om Kar Nath (Khanna) (Dr.); (27) Parameshwaran, T K ; (28) Pran Nath; (29) Raghavendra T, (30) Rajbeer Singh; (31) Ram Sarup; (32) Rastogi, S K; (33) Rawat, B S; (34) Saxena, G M (Dr.); (35) Sethi, N K ; (36) Sharma, D R (Dr.); (37); Sharma, M M ; (38) Sharma, Mukul; (39) Sharma, Satya Pal; (40) Sharma, Shakuntala (Mrs.); (41) Singh, B P (Dr.); (42) Singh, Hari Raj; (43) Singh, Janardan (Dr.); (44) Singh, Mohinder Pal; (45) Singh, Risal (Dr.); (46) Sukhbir Singh; (47) Tripathi, R B (Dr.); (48) Upreti, U C; (49), Verma, Nathu Singh; (50) Verma, Shri Chand; (51) Vohra, V K; (52) Yadav, Vijendra Singh, (53) Yadava, R S (Dr.)

A copy of the list that had been sent to Shri S S Verma, giving the available information about their contact particulars will be placed on the table at the time of the meeting. Other members of the MC who may also like to additionally serve as Geographical Area Coordinators are requested to volunteer themselves for the four activities viz.

- (i) Distribution of copies of the Forum’s Newsletter and other Publications of the Forum
- (ii) Mobilizing participation in meetings of the Forum
- (iii) Reaching out to other prospective members of the Forum for enrolling them as members
- (iv) Periodical socializing among members in the area enquiring about their welfare.

3. Induction of New Members to the Forum (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.	Shri Deoraj Nakra	Rs. 1,000/- (Two Cheques for Rs. 700/-and Rs. 300/-)	Scientist ‘F’	Retired with effect from 31. 03. 2011.
2.	Shri Virendra Babu	Rs. 1,000/- (Chegue)	Principal Technical Officer	Retired with effect from 31. 01. 2014
3.	Dr. S K Jain	Rs. 1,000/- (Chegue)	Chief Scientist	Retired with effect from 31. 01. 2014

4.	Shri T V Joshua	Rs. 1,000/- (Chegue)	COA	Retired with effect from 30. 11. 2013
5.	Mrs. Kiran Jain	Rs. 1,000/- (Cash)	Chief Scientist	Retired with effect from 28.02. 2014

Some more recent retirees from the Service of NPL, (on attaining the age of superannuation), have also been approached for enlisting as members of the Forum, and if their membership forms are received before the meeting, the same shall also be placed before the Committee for approval.

4. Status Reports by the Area Committees (Ref: Agenda Item 8): The Welfare Committee had held a meeting on 1st April 2014. A meeting of the Publication Committee has also been fixed at 9.30 A M before the meeting of the MC. Their reports shall be placed before the Committee at the time of the Meeting. Chairmen of the other Area Committees may also like to present the status and programmes envisaged for the future.

5. Calendar of meetings for the remaining part of the year 2014 (Ref: Agenda Item 9): Copy of the Draft Calendar of Meetings proposed for the remaining part of the year 2014 has already been e-mailed to the Members and invitees to the meeting so that they have time enough to study it in advance A copy of it is also attached with this status report. (**Appendix – I**).

6. Institution of an Annual Award for the Best Paper published in Vigyan Pragati and constitution of a Committee for this purpose (Ref: Agenda Item 10): As no decision in this regard could be taken at the last meeting of the Management Committee, it is placed before the Committee keeping in view the following reaction from Prof. Vikram Kumar on the minutes of that meeting:

As for the best article in a CSIR publication, we should first seek the permission of the Director NISCAIR to institute an award of this nature. It should be agreed by them and also announced in their magazine. It is a good idea to involve the editor. Also the articles may involve biology and other sciences for which NPL FSF members may not have sufficient expertise. Therefore it will be proper to make a separate committee for this purpose with members from various disciplines.

7. Planning for the Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture (Ref: Agenda Item 11): It had not been possible to organize the First Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture which was being planned jointly with the NPL for 21st February 2014 – Dr. Mitra’s Birth Anniversary. The Forum’s financial commitment in regard to these lectures is limited to the interest on the Fixed Deposit of Rs. 4 lakhs that had been opened with the Syndicate Bank, NPL. With Mrs. Sunanda Mitra, wife of Dr. Mitra who had contributed Rs. 1 lakh for this purpose having expired, it may be desirable to associate, their Daughter, Dr. Patralekha Mitra with the Committee that had been constituted by the Scholarships Committee.

Appendix I

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS/ GET-TOGETHERS DURING 2014 -15

(Area Committee Meetings to be decided by the Chairmen of the Committees)

(Venue – TEC Conference Room for all the meetings subject to its availability)

(Draft Calendar for consideration at the Management Committee Meeting to be held on 15th April 2014)

April 15, 2014 (Tuesday)	Management Committee Meeting, 10.30 A.M
May 22, 2014 (Thursday)	Annual General Body Meeting of the Forum, 10.30 A.M
July 15, 2014 (Tuesday)	Management Committee Meeting, 10.30 A.M
August 22, 2014 (Friday)	Meeting of the Forum, 10.30 A.M.
September 24, 2014 (Wednesday)	Management Committee Meeting, 10.30 A.M
November 05, 2014 (Wednesday)	DEWALI Get-together, 11.00 A.M. (DEWALI on 23 rd October 2014)
December 11, 2014 (Thursday)	Management Committee Meeting, 10. 30 A.M

NOTE 1: No meeting is planned for the Month of June when normally it is very hot, and also for the month of October 2014, which is the month full of various Holidays, which include Gandhi Jayanti/ Maha Ashtami on 2nd October, Vijay Dashmi/ Maha Naumi on 3rd October, Bakri Id on 6th October, Birthday of Maharshi Balmiki on 8th October, Karva Chauth on 11th October, Dhanteras on 21st October, Makar Chaturdashi on 22nd October, Dewali on 23rd October, Goverdhan Puja on 24th October, Bhai Duj on 25th October and Chhat Puja on 29th October.

NOTE 2: Barring the meeting on 22nd August 2012 (the week having 4 Working Days other than Monday the 18th August – Krishna Janmashtami) and the Dewali Get-together on 5th November (the week having three working Days other than – Tuesday the 4th – Muharram; and Thursday the 6th November – Guru Nanak Jayanti), all the other meetings are planned on days where the Working days are 5 in the month. This has been done to provide flexibility in scheduling the meetings on another day during the week in case the TEC Conference Room is not available on the particular day when the meeting is planned.

NOTE 3: Members of the Forum who attain the age of 80 years during the period intervening the Forum meetings are proposed to be felicitated as new members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum. The 6 Members who are due to complete 80 since the 11th Foundation Day Celebration Get-together of the Forum held on 20th March 2014, and who may be felicitated during the year 2014 are:

Date of Birth	Name	Date of Birth	Name
01. 06. 1934	Vashisht , Avadh Raj Singh	01. 07. 1934	Khandekar , Ramakrishna Sitaram
29. 09. 1934	Reddy , Borra Madhava (Dr.)	21. 10. 1934	Jain , Adeshwar Preshad (Dr.)
27. 10. 1934	Govindaswamy , G	10. 11. 1934	Chandra , Kailash (Dr.)

NOTE 4: The Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31. 03. 2014 will be included as an item of Agenda for the Annual General Body Meeting on 22nd May 2014

NOTE 5: Invited Talks/ Interactive Participation of the members with experts may be included as items of Agenda for the Forum meetings as may be recommended by the Welfare Committee.

NOTE 6: The 12th Foundation Day Celebrations Get-together could also perhaps be a “HOLI Get-together” and scheduled accordingly. Perhaps the next Issue of the Forum’s Newsletter No. 12 or any other publication as may be decided by the Publication Committee could also be released at that time.

NOTE 7: The First Meeting of the Management Committee for the year 2015 could be planned for one month after the 12th Foundation Day Get-together at which the Calendar for the meetings to be held during the remaining part of 2015-16 could be decided.

NOTE 8: First Dr. A P Mitra Foundation Day Lecture may also be suitably scheduled in this Calendar, in consultation with Director, NPL, as a joint programme between NPL and the Forum, as may be decided by the Scholarships Committee and the Committee that had been constituted for organizing this series of lectures.

Interview with the following Very Senior Members of the Forum approaching 90 years of age, and their publication in the Forum's Newsletter

Shri Swami Nath Segal	[d.b.06. 03. 1923]
Dr. Kanwar Bahadur	[d.b.13. 04. 1925]
Dr. Satya Ranjan Das	[d.b.01. 06. 1926]
Shri K S Sarma	[d.b. 05. 06.1926]
Shri Satish Chandra Vasishth	[d.b. 21. 10.1926]

1. Some details of life in school and college, earlier employment, etc.

Please tell us about your childhood Days – Your Birth, Parents and other members of the Family – Brothers, Sisters, Uncles etc

What was their influence in shaping your life and career?

Where did you have your schooling and your specific interests as also the influence of your teachers in your career in college?

Your academic record – Degrees, Universities, Years, Special Recognitions

What made you to decide joining NPL?

2. Date of joining NPL / CSIR, in which position and in which area of work.
3. Personal achievements (honours, awards, fellowships, etc.) during NPL career
4. Some notable experiences of yours during NPL career as regards the work engaged in Interactions with other scientists and co-workers

Any information that you can recall about your contemporaries at NPL – Name, Date of Birth, Qualifications, Specialization and Contact particulars from where additional information about the Project on “Directory of R & D Associates of NPL” could be gathered

Laboratory atmosphere and life in general

Any event which you cherish to remember

5. Your duration of affiliation with NPL, Position last held and Reasons for leaving
6. Your Hobbies
7. Influence of your spouse in particular
8. Life and career after superannuation
9. Secret of your life relating to longevity of life and whether you would like to share it with the member of the NPL Former Scientists Forum at a meeting of the members.
10. Any other details e.g. travel abroad, proficiency in languages etc.

Minutes of the Welfare Committee Meeting

First meeting of the welfare committee was held on 1st April 2014 at 2.30 pm in the NPL Conference Room. Following members were present:

1. Dr. S.L. Jain
2. Dr. P.C. Jain
3. Dr. Hari Kishan

Other members of the Welfare Committee could not attend due to their prior commitments.

Dr. P.C. Jain informed the following suggestions sent to him by Dr. V.N. Bindal to be discussed in the welfare committee.

1. After the claim is settled, NPL may inform the claimant by SMS
2. When the claim application is submitted, NPL may give the Acknowledge No or Diary No. on the photocopy to facilitate the chasing
3. A serving employee of NPL may be approved by Former Scientist Forum (FSF) for chasing the claim cases of FSF members

The members discussed the above issues and reached to the following conclusions:

It would not be possible for NPL to inform the claimant through SMS after the claim is settled. Rather we should ask NPL authorities to settle the claims within reasonable time for the pensioners. E-I section always puts the receiving signature on the photocopy of the claims, thus there is no need to get the Acknowledge No./Diary No. Regarding third issue we feel that an honorarium (amount) may be fixed to approach a serving employee for chasing the claims and other information regarding the FSF members.

Members also discussed the various suggestions made by Dr. G.K. Arora regarding cash- less facility etc. (**Appendix I**).

Through NPL administration we came to know that the competent authority has declined the offer of proving cash-less facility to the serving employees or pensioners. Hence the concerned section did not pursue with the suggested hospitals for providing cash-less facility to the pensioners.

Regarding renewal of CGHS plastic cards we have to fill the forms supplied by NPL (and not BB form) and submit it either to the wellness centre or to Bikaner House. These days CGHS authorities are issuing life long yellow cards for the Autonomous Bodies.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.