

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Forty-first Meeting of the Management Committee

held on Thursday, the 11th December 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 29. 11. 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 and Dr. V N Bindal by post also. Copies of it were also placed on the table at the time of the meeting.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the President.
2. Condolence Resolutions on the Demise of Dr. Kanwar Bahadur on 01. 10. 2014, Shri S G Tewari on 07. 10. 2014 and of Shri J N Chaudhary on 28. 10. 2014.
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 24th September 2014.
4. Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the Meeting of the Management Committee held on 24th September 2014.
5. Status Report by the Secretary.
6. Induction of New Members to the Forum.
7. Status Reports by the Area Committees.
 - 7.1 Publications Committee
 - 7.2 Welfare Committee
 - 7.3 Scientific Affairs Committee
 - 7.4 Superstitions & Myths Committee
 - 7.5 Scholarships Committee and its Sub-Committee on Best Popular Science Paper published in Vigyan Pragati
8. A.P Mitra Memorial Lecture – Expenditure Account of the lecture held on 16. 09. 2014 and planning for future
9. Management of the Records of the Forum.
10. Planning for the 12th Foundation Day Get-together of the Forum and Calendar of meetings for the year 2015-16.
11. 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. S K Halder	Vice President
3. Dr. V S Panwar	Joint Secretary
4. Dr. P C Jain	Member
5. Shri S S Verma	Member
6. Dr. R K Garg	Member
7. Dr. Amitabha Basu	Member
8. Mrs. Santosh Manrai	Member
9. Dr. S L Jain	Member
10. Shri R C Dhawan	Member
11. Dr. Kailash Chandra	Invitee
12. Shri G K Arora	Secretary

Dr. Hari Kishan, Shri R B Saxena, Shri V P Wasan, Shri H R Mehta and Mrs. Shashikala Shastri (from among the members), and Dr. V N Bindal (from among the invitees) had regretted their inability to attend. Shri Tripurari Lal, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Shri P K Mittal and Dr. Pardeep Mohan (Members, MC) and Prof. Vikram Kumar (Invitee), did not attend the meeting.

1. Introductory Remarks by the Chairman: Welcoming the members to the meeting, Shri S C Garg said that this was the last meeting that had been scheduled for the current year. While registering increase in the membership of the Forum, the effective strength of the Forum had decreased with the demise of three more members since the last meeting held on 24th September 2014 during this year.

2. Condolence Resolution on the Demise of Dr. Kanwar Bahadur, Shri S G Tewari and Shri J N Chaudhary: The Secretary read out the Condolence Resolutions, where after the members observed two-minute silence to pay their homage to their memory. Their photographs were also projected on the screen, and write-ups on them, drafted by Shri G K Arora for publication in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter were also circulated for inviting suggestions for additions/ changes.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 24th September 2014: The Minutes of that meeting, had been circulated by the Secretary to the Members and Invitees vide his letter dated 29. 11. 2014, inviting comments by 14th October 2014. The minutes of the meeting, were placed before the members at the time of the meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting were confirmed.

4. Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the Management Committee Meeting held on 24th September 2014: The Committee noted the follow-up action taken as reported by the Secretary in his Status Report.

5. Status Report by the Secretary: The salient points of the Status Report (Annexure 'A'), circulated at the meeting, were briefly presented by the Secretary.

6. Induction of New Members to the Forum: The Committee approved the induction of Dr. R B Mathur and Shri Kuldeep Kaushik as new members of the Forum.

7.1. Status Report by the Publication Committee: The work on titling of photographs had been taken up. Work on compilation of matter for publication of the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter was also being done simultaneously. No action had, however, been taken so far in regard to Forum's website. Shri Vijay Sharma, who had recently joined the Forum as a member, had offered his help in this regard to the Secretary.

7.2 Status Report by the Welfare Committees: The Committee was very happy to note that Dr. Hari Kishan, who had expressed his inability to participate in the meeting, had informed the Chairman of the Committee that an Air Conditioner had been installed in the Forum's Room and that additional keys had been got made for providing access to the First Floor Annex of the Force Standards building as also to the Forum's Room, towards the efforts to make the room functional.

The Committee highly appreciated this work for which the credit goes entirely to Dr. Hari Kishan.

7.3 & 7.4 Status Reports by the Scientific Affairs Committee and the Superstitions & Myths Committee: As advised by Dr. Kailash Chandra, Chairman, Superstitions & Myths Committee, Shri G K Arora had compiled information about the working of this Committee during the last three years which Dr. V N Bindal had desired to know. However, since Dr. Bindal was also not present, this was not presented at the meeting. Further as Prof. Vikram Kumar, Chairman of the Scientific Affairs Committee was also not present no report on that Committee could be presented.

Dr. Amitabha Basu, who had been functioning as de-facto Chairman of the two committees, however, said that the Superstitions & Myths Committee, in his opinion, did not have anything worthwhile to contribute now, and suggested its dissolution. However, Shri G K Arora observed that keeping in view the fact that creating awareness against superstitions etc. was one of the stated objectives of the Forum, this Committee could perhaps again form a part of the Scientific Affairs Committee as in the past.

It was felt that a joint meeting of the two Committees may be held to chalk out the programme to be pursued.

7.5 Status Reports by the Scholarships Committee and its Sub-Committee on Best Popular Science Paper published in Vigyan Pragati: The Committee noted the presentation of the Scholarships & Awards – 2014 by Prof. R C Budhani, Director, NPL at the time of the CSIR Foundation Day Celebrations held on 29. 09. 2014., as per the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 12th September 2014 and approved by the Scholarships Committee at its meeting held on 18th September 2014.

As Dr. V N Bindal, Chairman of the Sub-Committee on Best Popular Science Paper published in Vigyan Pragati was also not present at the meeting no report on it was available.

8. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture: The Committee noted the expenditure incurred on the A P Mitra Memorial Lecture as furnished by Shri Tripurari Lal and presented in the Status Report by the Secretary. It was observed that in addition to the expenditure of Rs. 42,103 met by the Forum, a donation of Rs. 8.50 lakhs had been made by Dr. Mahesh Chander Gupta. It was also noted that the expenditure on the Lunch served on 16th September 2014 was not met by the Forum. However, it would have only been appropriate if this information was also available to get a complete picture.

The Committee noted that while Dr. V N Bindal had also been nominated by Director, NPL on the Organising Committee for A P Mitra Memorial Lecture, Shri S C Garg - the only other member on this Committee from the side of the Forum had to shoulder all the responsibility on behalf of the Forum.

It was felt that, for A P Mitra Memorial Lecture to be arranged in future, the Forum should have its own Organizing Committee also.

9. Management of Records of the Forum: This item had been put on the Agenda for the meeting at the suggestion of Dr. V N Bindal. As he was unable to participate in the meeting, consideration on this item was deferred for the next meeting.

10. Planning for the 12th Foundation Day Get-together and Calendar of Meetings during 2005: It was decided to have the 12th Foundation Day Get-together of the Forum on 12th March 2015 and that it may also be celebrated as HOLI MILAN. In addition, Dr. B M Reddy, Dr. A P Jain, Shri G Govindaswamy and Dr. Kailash Chandra, who had completed 80 years of age, may also be inducted as new members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum.

It was also decided to have the first meeting of the Management Committee next year on 7th April 2015 at which the Calendar for the Future Meetings/ Programmes may be drawn up, and returning officer for conducting elections for the Office Bearers of the Management Committee for the years 2015-17 be appointed.

It was felt that since A P Mitra Memorial Lecture was also added as a programme, the number of other meetings may be reduced while deciding on the Calendar.

It was also decided that the Annual General Body Meeting for 2015 may be held sometime in May at which, in addition to the election of Office Bearers of the Management Committee of the Forum for the years 2015-17, the Audited Accounts for the year 2014-15 could also be placed before it for approval. A presentation by Dr. J C Sharma on health tips could also perhaps be had on that day.

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STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY

(Ref: Agenda Item 5)

1. Condolence Resolutions *(Ref: Agenda Item 2):* The Meeting, as notified will be started by passing resolutions on the demise of Dr. Kanwar Bahadur, Shri S G Tewari and Shri J N Chaudhary – all members of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum.

2. Fortieth Meeting of the Management Committee *(Ref: Agenda Item 3):* The Minutes of the Fortieth Meeting of the Management Committee held on 24th September 2014, (as approved by the Chairman), had been circulated by the Secretary vide his letter dated 29th September 2014 by post (as also by e-mail to those who could be so contacted), inviting comments by 14th October 2014. In the light of the Comments received from Dr. Mahesh Chander, and also suggested by Dr. V N Bindal, Item No. 8 relating to A P Mitra Memorial Lecture has been included in the Agenda for the meeting. Dr. V N Bindal had also suggested that year wise progress/ contribution of the Superstitions & Myths Committee during the last three years may be reviewed by the MC. This had been brought to the notice of the concerned persons for their reaction.

3. Follow-up Action on the Decisions taken at the above Meeting *(Ref: Agenda Item 4):* The action taken, as reported in the Status Report by the Secretary circulated to the members was noted.

4. Induction of New Members to the Forum *(Ref: Agenda Item 6):* Induction as New Members of the following is proposed:

Sr. No.	Name & Date of Birth	Amount Received	Last Post Held	Remarks
1.	Dr. Rakesh Behari Mathur [26. 09. 1952]	Rs. 1,000/- (Cheque)	Chief Scientist	Retired with effect from 30. 09. 2014
2.	Sh. Kuldeep Kaushik [01. 10. 1954]	Rs. 1,000/- (Cash)	Stores & Purchase Officer	Retired with effect from 30. 09. 2014

Some more prospective members, 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.

5. Medical Issues: The following are specifically brought to the notice of the Committee:

(1) In the light of the decisions that had been taken at the meeting of the Welfare Committee, a letter had been sent by the Secretary on 1st October to Hon'ble Dr. Harsh Vardhan, the then Union Health Minister, Govt. of India, a copy of which will be placed before the Committee at the time of the Meeting. The Committee will be glad to learn that a Memo Dated 21st October has been issued whereby medicines under CGHS can be issued for up to 3 months at a time in chronic diseases of a valid prescription and for 6 months for those beneficiaries who are going abroad, as was the case prior to issue of OM dated 25. 08. 2014. This was one of the issues mentioned in that letter in that letter.

(2) In the light of the introduction of Cashless Facility in respect of CGHS Beneficiaries of CSIR, in respect of some hospitals the issue was placed before the committee again vide a letter dated 29th September from the Secretary for reconsideration of the proposal of introducing it in respect of CGHS beneficiaries of NPL. Following the notification of the new list of Health Care Organizations vide OM dated 01. 10. 2014 (Proposed to be reported in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter), a revised list of hospitals (excluding those which were not included in the new list) was sent by the Secretary to Director, NPL vide his letter dated 9th October 2014. There has been no response so far.

(3) E-I Section, NPL was provided a copy of the up-dated Membership List of the Forum by the Secretary, to facilitate the issue of money drafts for renewal of their CGHS Cards for the year 2015.

6. Publications Committee *(Ref: Agenda Item 7.1):* Following the meeting of the Photograph Selection Sub-Committee of the Publications Committee held on 16. 09. 2014, the work on titling the selected photographs has been taken up and substantial progress has already been made.

7. Welfare Committee *(Ref: Agenda Item 7.2):* Dr. Hari Kishan has reported that he has got spare copies of the keys for the Room allotted to the Forum as also of the main door of the Force Standards Annex made to enable accessing the room. He has also got an Air Conditioner installed in the room.

8. Scholarships Committee (Ref: Agenda Item 7.5): The Scholarships & Awards for the year 2014 were given by Prof. R C Budhani at the time of the CSIR Foundation Day Celebrations at NPL held on 29. 09. 2014, on the recommendations of the Committee at its meeting held on 18. 09. 2014.

9. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture (Ref: Agenda Item 8): The following is the Statement of Account furnished by Shri Tripurari Lal, Treasurer of the Forum, on the basis of the records available with him:

Date	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)	Balance (Rs.)
15-09-2014	Cash Advance Given from NPL-FSF Fund		40 000.00
15-09-2014	Flower Bouquets -2 (2x Rs. 300)	600.00	
	Gainda and Rose Flowers	50.00	
	Puja Items (Candles, Camphor, Oil, Match Box and Cotton etc.)	120.00	39,230.00
15-09-2014	Shawl for Prof. Govind Swarup	1,600.00	37,630.00
15-09-2014	Payment to Bikaner for 450 Packets of Refreshment items (450 x Rs. 50)	22,300.00	15,330.00
16-09-2014	Air Fare paid to Prof Govind Swarup (Delhi-Pune-Delhi)	9,163.00	6,167.00
16-09-2014	Memento for Prof. Govind Swarup	4,500.00	1,667.00
16-09-2014	Payment to Mr. Subhash Chander Photographer for arranging Video Coverage of the Lecture	3,000.00	-1,333.00
16-09-2014	Banners - 3 (balance paid in cash from NPL-FSF Fund)	3,500.00	
16-09-2014	Printing of Invitation cards and Envelopes	5,000.00	
	Total Expenditure	50,603.00	
	Donation received from Dr Mahesh Chandra Gupta	8,500.00	
	Total Expenditure from NPL-FSF Fund	42,103.00	

The matter is placed before the Committee for consideration for planning for A P Mitra Memorial lectures to be held in future.

10. Management of Records of the Forum (Ref: Agenda Item 9): The Reconstitution of the Management Committee for 2015-17 becomes due next year and it is high time that the records of the Forum generated since 2003 when the Forum was founded are put in order. There is also need to have a record of the non-consumable items in particular. This issue is brought before the Committee so that a procedure for management of records may be evolved.

11. Planning for the 12th Foundation Day Get-together (Ref: Agenda Item 10): Since it is generally too cold in January, the 10th Foundation Day Get-together was held on 5th April 2013. Last year it was held on March 20th March 2014. It is suggested that the next Foundation Day Get-together may also form a Holi Milan event (Holi Falling on 6th March 2015), and may be planned accordingly. This in fact would be the 12th and not the 13th Foundation Day Get-together as it had inadvertently been notified.

As by that time some more members of the Forum would also have completed the age of 80 years, they may also be felicitated at that time as new members of the 80 Plus Fraternity. This will include the following members of the Forum who have already attained this age:

1 Dr. B M Reddy	d.b. 29. 09. 1934	2. Dr. AP Jain	d.b. 21. 10. 1934
3. Shri G Govingsawmy	d.b. 27. 10. 1934	4. Dr. Kailash Chandra	d.b. 10. 11. 1934

Calendar for the remaining meetings to be held during 2015 may also be drawn out accordingly.