

# NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Forty-second Meeting of the Management Committee. **5. Status Report by the Treasurer:** As Shri Tripurari Lal had expressed his inability to participate in the meeting, he had sent the following information to the Secretary for presentation at the meeting:

1. Statement of Accounts for the Year 2014-15 – Income & Expenditure.
2. Record of Receipts (Nos. 665 to 703) issued during 01. 04. 2014 to 31. 03. 2015.
3. Details of Receipts issued for Dr. B C Chakravarty Fund, and of the expenditure incurred on A P Mitra Memorial Lecture held on 16. 09. 2014.
4. Details of the payments made for the 18 Scholarships/ Awards during the year.
5. Details of the Premium Account with the Syndicate Bank, NPL, from 18. 12. 2014 to 31. 03. 2015

**held on Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 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 28. 03. 2015, 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 Shri Subhash Chander by post also. Copies of it were also placed on the table at the time of the meeting. In addition, for consideration of Item No. 8 of the Agenda in particular, invitation by e-mail was also sent to Dr. (Ms.) Mila Mitra (Daughter of Dr. A P Mitra), Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta, Dr. K K Mahajan, Dr. Mahesh Chander, Dr. D C Parashar and Dr. Chhemendra Sharma. by e-mail

## Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the President.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014.
3. Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the Meeting of the Management Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014
4. Status Report by the Secretary.
5. Status Report by the Treasurer.
6. Induction of New Members to the Forum.
7. Status Reports by the Area Committees, if any.
8. Planning for the Second A.P Mitra Memorial Lecture
9. Making Effective use of the Forum's Room and Management of the Records of the Forum.
10. Calendar of meetings for the remaining part of 2015 and the Next Foundation Day Get-together and Holi Milan
11. Appointment of Returning Officer for conducting elections of Office Bearers of the Forum for 2015- 17 and Agenda for the next Annual General Body Meeting.
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. 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. Hari Kishan	Member
12. Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
13. Shri R B Saxena	Member
14. Shri P K Mittal	Member
15. Shri V P Wasan	Member
16. Shri H R Mehta	Member
16. Dr. V N Bindal	Invitee
17. Shri Subhash Chander	Invitee
18. Dr. (Ms.) Mila Mitra	Invitee
19. Dr. Chhemendra Sharma ***	Invitee
20. Shri G K Arora	Secretary

\*\*\* **Note:** While Dr. S L Jain (Sr. No. 9) and Dr. Chhemendra Sharma (Sr. No. 19) participated in the meeting, they had not signed the Attendance Record Sheet.

Shri Tripurari Lal and Mrs. Shashikala Shastri (from among the Members. MC), and Prof. Vikram Kumar, Dr. Kailash Chandra and Dr. Mahesh Chander (from among the invitees) had regretted their inability to attend. Dr. Pardeep Mohan (Members, MC) and Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta, Dr. K K Mahajan and Dr. D C Parashar (Invitees) did not attend the meeting.

**1. Introductory Remarks by the Chairman:** Shri S C Garg, welcomed the members and invitees to the meeting which was the last meeting of the present MC, as it was proposed to be reconstituted at the next Annual General Body meeting proposed to be held in May 2015 as per the draft Calendar of Meetings/ Programmes for the remaining part of 2015 which is an item on the Agenda for today's meeting. For planning for the Second A P Mitra Memorial Lecture, which was another item on the Agenda, Dr (Ms.) Mila Mitra, Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta, Dr. Mahesh Chander, Dr. D C Parashar and Dr. Chhemendra Sharma had also been invited.

**2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014:** The Minutes of that meeting, had been circulated by the Secretary to the Members and Invitees vide his letter dated 08. 01. 2015, inviting comments by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015. The minutes of the meeting, were placed before the members at the time of the meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting were confirmed.

**3. Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the Management Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014:** The Committee noted the follow-up action taken as reported by the Secretary in his Status Report.

The Committee was happy to learn that as per the un-official information available, more than 10 hospitals have agreed to provide cashless facilities to the pensioners from NPL, and that acceptance of the cheque for Rs. 40,500/- contributed by the members for the treatment of Dr. B C Cakravarty had also been received by the Secretary by e-mail from his Sister, Ms. Shyamali Chakravarty.

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

The sample prints that Shri Subhash Chander had got prepared from the titled photographs of the Members of the Forum in Passport size, and of the activities of the Forum in 5'x7' size, were also approved and the go-ahead signal was given to the Publications Committee for getting the Albums ready. The Committee appreciated the efforts put in by Shri G K Arora and Dr. Amitabha Basu for the stupendous task of titling of photographs and incorporating them below the photographs.

The Committee also approved continuation of the work on the Next Issue of the Forum's Newsletter as also on the revised edition of the Directory of Members of the Forum. It also suggested that the Publications Committee may explore the possibility of bringing out the next issue of the Newsletter for its release at the next meeting of the Forum.

The Committee was happy to note that some members of the Sub-Committee of the Scholarships Committee which had been constituted for the Annual Award for the Best Popular Paper published in Vigyan Pragati have started receiving copies of this journal. However, Dr. S T Lakshmikumar who had been nominated by Director, NPL, as a member of this Sub-Committee had informally regretted his inability to serve on this Committee as he was due to retire from NPL shortly on 31.05. 2015.

**5. Status Report by the Treasurer:** As Shri Tripurari Lal had expressed his inability to participate in the meeting, he had sent the following information to the Secretary for presentation at the meeting:

6. Statement of Accounts for the Year 2014-15 – Income & Expenditure.
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8. Details of Receipts issued for Dr. B C Chakravarty Fund, and of the expenditure incurred on A P Mitra Memorial Lecture held on 16. 09. 2014.
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As the hard copies of the above had not been received by the Secretary before the meeting, only copies of the document at Sr. No. 1(downloaded from the Computer) were circulated at the meeting (Copy Attached). It was pointed out by Dr. V N Bindal that the receipts for A P Mitra Lecture need to be indicated specifically. Accordingly it was decided that the amount of Rs. 14,600/- shown as receipts on account of General/ Refreshment may be split into two headings viz. (i) Rs. 1,100- towards Refreshment and (ii) Rs. 13,500 towards Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture. As Dr. Bindal had not been able to participate in the MC Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at which the details of expenditure incurred on A P Mitra Memorial Lecture held on 16. 09. 2014 had also been placed before the Committee, he was informed that the expenditure on the lunch served that day was not met by the Forum. The clarification was also provided to the amount of Rs. 19,050 on account of receipts as Membership Fee pointed out by Dr. Amitabha Basu, by informing that the amount of Rs. 50 over and above the membership fee of Rs. 19,000/- @Rs. 1,000/- per member had been received as Bank Collection Charges for the Out-station cheque that had been received from Shri N Narayanaswamy towards his Membership Fee.

Shri G K Arora said that in the second document listed above (Not Circulated), the Receipt of Rs. 1,000/- from Prof. Vikram Kmar (Receipt No. 688) also required to be corrected as receipt towards the Membership Fee of Dr. B C Chakravarty.

The Committee felt that, the Accounts of the Forum may be processed for getting them audited, after incorporating the changes indicated above.

**6. Induction of New Members to the Forum:** The Committee approved the induction of Shri Ramesh Panjwani, Shri Anil Kishore Saxena, Shri Om Prakash Arora, Shri Balraj Singh, and Dr. Bhuwan Chandra Arya as new members of the Forum as per the Status Report from the Secretary. In addition, the Committee also approved the induction of Dr. Rashmi and Mrs. Shiv Kumari Bhatia, whose membership Forms were placed before the committee at the time of the Meeting, as new members.

**7. Status Report by the Area Committees:** Apart from the status indicated above relating to the Printing of Titled Photographs and the Status of compilation of the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter and of the Revised edition of the Directory of Members (In respect of the Publications Committee), and Cashless facility (In respect of the Welfare Committee), there was nothing else to report.

**8. Planning for the Second A P Mitra Memorial Lecture:** Shri S C Garg informed that Prof. Vikram Kumar had suggested inviting Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam for the Lecture. This suggestion was highly welcomed.

Whether the Lecture should be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September – the International Ozone Day, was debated. It was felt that this depended on a number of factors viz., the availability of the NPL Auditorium on that day and the time of the Lecture, suiting the convenience of the invited lecturer and also of Director, NPL. etc. It was decided that the Lecture may be held in the month of September and preferably on the 16<sup>th</sup> September. This will provide flexibility in arranging the Lecture.

The other possible names that were suggested, in the event of Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam not being able to deliver the lecture included:

Prof. Veerabhadran Ramanathan, Director, Centre for Atmospheric Sciences at Scripps's Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego, USA;  
Dr. Sibaji Raha, Director, Bose Institute, Kolkata; and  
Prof. C N R Rao, National Research Professor & Director, International Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore. .

Shri S C Garg said that, out of the persons specifically invited for consideration of this item in particular, only Dr. Mila Mitra and Dr. Chhemendra Sharma could attend the meeting. Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta had indicated to him that he shall be participating in the meeting and also enrolling himself as a member of the Forum at that time but was perhaps unable to do so for some unforeseen circumstances. Dr. K K Mahajan had indicated that he would participate if he is well enough to do so as he had not been keeping well.

It was decided to constitute the following Organizing Committee of the Forum for the Second A P Mitra Lecture:

1. Shri S C Garg
2. Dr. S L Jain
3. Dr. Hari Kishan
4. Dr. S K Halder
5. Dr. (Ms.)Mila Mitra
6. Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta
7. Dr. K K Mahajan
8. Dr. Mahesh Chander

It was also decided that the concurrence of Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta, Dr. K K Mahajan and Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta for the membership of this Committee and also Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta assume the responsibility of the Convener of the Committee may be sought by the Secretary.

Dr. Mila Mitra contributed Rs. 1,50,000/- for augmenting the funds for A P Mitra Memorial Lectures for which Rs. 1,00,000/- had earlier been given by (Late) Mrs. Sunanda Mitra. This announcement of this was greeted with the clapping of hands and it was highly appreciated. It was felt that a suitably drafted letter may also be issued by the Organizing Committee for raising additional funds so that this lecture could be an annual feature for which the expenditure could be met on the interest earned thereon.

**9. Making Effective use of the Forum's Room:** The Committee was informed by Dr. Hari Kishan, Convener of the Welfare Committee that the with the installation of the Air Conditioner and shifting of some additional furniture (Three Chair, One Table and a Steel Almirah), the room had been made usable and he himself had offered to be available there frequently. Provision had also been made for the availability of the keys of the Gate of the Force Standards Annexe as also of the Forum's Room to other members of the Forum. He said that facilities for a Computer, Printer and Internet were also planned to be installed shortly. He invited the members to visit the room after the meeting.

**10. Calendar of Meetings/ Programmes for the remaining part of 2015:** The Calendar as proposed by the Secretary in his Status Report was approved.

**11. Appointment of Returning Officer for conducting elections of Office Bearers for 2015-17 at the Annual General Body Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and the Agenda for that meeting:** It was decided that Shri P K Mittal will be the Returning Officer for conducting the elections, which may be held on the same pattern as was being followed in the past by inviting nominations on the spot at the time of the meeting. It was also decided that the Agenda for the Annual General Body Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 may, in addition to the election of Office Bearers of the Management Committee of the Forum for the years 2015-17, include the Audited Accounts for the year 2014-15 and felicitation of the Members who have attained the age of 80 years after 19. 03. 2015 as New Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity. These include Shri G K Arora (d.b. 04. 04. 1935) and Shri Ram Narain (db. 15. 05. 1935)

**NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM**

**Forty-second Meeting of the Management Committee on  
Tuesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 10.30 A.M in the TEC Conference Room, NPL**

**STATUS REPORT BY THE SECRETARY**

***(Ref: Agenda Item 4)***

**1. Forty-first Meeting of the Management Committee** (Ref: Agenda Item 2): The Minutes of the Forty first Meeting of the Management Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014, (as approved by the Chairman), had been circulated by the Secretary vide his letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 by post (as also by e-mail to those who could be so contacted), inviting comments by 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015. In this letter members and invitees to the meeting, they had been reminded about the Get-together and Holi Milan on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 as had been decided, however subsequently it was decided to have these celebrations on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

The comments received and the action taken thereon is reported below:

**Dr. S L Jain (E-mail dated 09.01. 2015)**

Apart from some typographical errors pointed by Dr. S L Jain, which have been corrected, his comments were:

It will be better to send a copy of the letters regarding cashless medical facilities to Acting Director which you have sent to Dr. Bhudani. Once you send the copies I shall talk to Dr. Sen Gupta about it. Kindly inform me accordingly.

**Action Taken:** The text of the mail sent to Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta on 09. 01. 2015 is given below:

This mail is to draw your attention to the attached two letters dated 29. 09. 2014 and 09. 10. 2014 that had been sent to Prof. R C Budhani, following the introduction of Cashless Facility for CSIR (HQrs.) Pensioners by CSIR. This is to request you for the status of action taken on these letters.

Copy of the mail sent to Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta was also sent to Dr. S L Jain on the same day.

**Prof. Vikram Kumar (E-mail dated 12. 01. 2015)**

Yesterday I finally visited the Chakravarty household again. I met both his sister and nephew. Bidhan is still in the same state. Though his sister said he is responding more. I will send his membership form separately by post. Initially they said they would not accept the contribution from our members since they have enough funds now. But finally after persuasion they have agreed to take the contribution. They are grateful for the gesture as a token of support from his colleagues. The cheque can be made in the name of Bidhan Chakravarty as his account is operated by his sister.

They will be very pleased if occasionally someone from Bidhan's former colleagues visits them.

**Action Taken:** The Membership Form of Dr. Bihan Chakravarty has subsequently been received.

A Cheque for Rs. 40,500/- drawn on Syndicate Bank drawn in favour of Dr. Bidhan Chakravarty was sent to his sister Shyamali by Speed Post on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 after the Get-together and Holi Milan held on 19. 03. 2015

**2. 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 is presented below:

**2.1 Condolence Resolutions:** Condolence Resolutions passed at the meeting on the demise of Dr. Kanwar Bahadur, Shri S G Tewari and Shri J N Chaudhary were sent to their family members (Mrs. Rajeshwari Devi, Ms. Renu Tewari and Shri Vijay Chaudhary respectively) , by the Secretary as enclosures to appropriately drafted letters.

**2.2 Titling of Photographs:** The work on Titling of Photographs of Members for getting uniformed sized prints in Passport Size, and of activities of the Forum till the time of the Dewali Get-together held on 05. 11. 2015 in 5"x7" has been completed. These have been passed on to Shri Subhash Chander for getting the prints made. Shri Subhash Chander will also be arranging for the albums for these photographs.

In regard to the Scholarships & Awards, the parents/ grand-parents were approached by the Secretary for the photographs of the awardees. Barring a few photographs of all had been received. It was decided that where the awardee was not present personally, his/ her photograph may be inserted as an inset in the photograph taken at that time.

Whether a separate album of passport size photographs of each awardee should also be made is an issue which could be decided by the Scholarships Committee.

**2.3 Next Issue of the Forum's Newsletter:** The last issue of the Newsletter was issued at the time of the Foundation Day Get-together held on 20. 03. 2014. For meeting the expenses of publication, financial support by way of Advertisement from NPL and another from Swastik Thermometer Company (Through personal efforts of Shri V P Wasan) was possible. No support from CSIR was received. While the work of compilation of information has been continuing and a substantial progress has been made, it has not been possible to take any decision on the publication of the next issue of the Newsletter.

**2.4 Revised Edition of the Directory of Members:** Since the release of the Directory of Members on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013 about 35 more members have joined the Forum and some more are likely to join in future. Some up-dating of information is also required in the light of the changes that have subsequently taken place. Up-dating is also being made in the light of the observations made in respect of that Directory, by providing the contact particulars in the entry itself instead of in the Membership List which carried that information and had been published as a separate section in the Directory. Decision also needs to be taken in regard to its publication and the funds for meeting the expenditure that may be incurred.

**2.5 Award for the Best Popular Paper Published in Vigyan Pragati:** The work could start only after the members of the Sub-Committee of the Scholarships Committee members started getting copies of Vigyan Pragati. With the efforts made by NPL and the Secretary of the Forum in this regard some members are learnt to have received the April 2015 Issue of Vigyan Pragati from NISCAIR.

Dr. S T Lakshmikummar, who had been nominated as a Member on this Sub-Committee from the side of NPL has informed Shri G K Arora, that he plans leaving for his home state soon after his retirement due on 31. 05. 2015 and shall not be able to serve on this Committee.

**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.	Shri Ramesh Panjwani [24. 10. 1954]	Rs. 1,000/- (Cheque)	Private Secretary	Retired w.e.f. 31. 10. 2014
2.	Shri Anil Kishore Saxena [20. 12. 1954]	Rs. 1,000/- (HEFT)	Chief Scientist	Retired w.e.f. 31. 12. 2014
3.	Shri Om Prakash Arora [22. 02. 1944]	Rs. 1,000/- (Cheque)	Technician Gr II(5)	Retired w.e.f. 28. 02. 2004
4.	Shri Balraj Singh Yadav [08. 06. 1953]	Rs. 1,000/- (Cash)	Administrative Officer	Retired as Under Secretary from CSIR Complex, Delhi w.e.f. 30. 06. 2013
5.	Dr. Bhuwan Chandra Arya	Rs. 1,000/- (Cheque)	Chief Scientist	Retired w.e.f. 31. 12. 2014

Some more prospective members, have also been approached for enlisting as members of the Forum, and if their membership forms are received before or at the time of the meeting, the same shall also be placed before the Committee for approval.

**5. Planning for the Second A P Mitra Memorial Lecture (Ref: Agenda Item 8):** Dr. K K Mahajan, Dr. Mahesh Chander, Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta and Mila D/O Dr. Mitra, Dr. Chhemendra Sharma and Dr. D C Parashar have also been invited for this meeting. As had been decided earlier, Forum's own Organization Committee may also be constituted for this purpose.

**6. Calendar of Meetings/ Programmes for the remaining part of 2015 (Ref: Agenda Item 10):** The following Tentative Calendar is proposed:

1. May 19, 2015 (Tuesday) - **Annual General Body Meeting** (Elections for 2015-2017, Approval of Audit Report for 2014-15 and felicitating members who have completed 80-years after the get-together held on 19. 03. 2015, as New Members of the 80-Plus Fraternity)
2. July 9, 2015 (Thursday) - **M C Meeting** (Joint Meeting of the New & Out-going Committees & Handing over of charge)
3. August 12, 2015 (Wednesday) - Meeting of the Forum
4. September 16, 2015 (Wednesday) - **A P Mitra Memorial Lecture**
5. October 15, 2015 (Thursday) - **Meeting of the Forum** (Collection of Contributions for the Dewali Family Get-together)
6. November 18, 2015 (Wednesday) - **Dewali Family Get-together** (Dewali falling on 12<sup>th</sup> November)
7. December 10, 2015 (Thursday) - **M C Meeting** (Planning for the 13<sup>th</sup> Family get-together and the First M C Meeting – to be held in 2016)

*All the Meetings/ Programmes (other than A P Mitra Memorial Lecture) will be held in the TEC Conference Room*

Members are requested to indicate any changes in this Calendar before it is finalized for scheduling these meetings/ programmes, subject to changes as may be necessary in the light of the availability of the venue and other considerations.

**7. Appointment of Returning Officer for the Election of Office Bearers of the Forum for 2015-17 (Ref: Agenda Item 11):** It is suggested that if agreeable to him, Shri P K Mittal may be appointed as the Returning Officer for conducting the Election of Office Bearers of the Forum for 2015-17 in the manner that has been followed hereto, viz. inviting nominations at the time of the General Body Meeting proposed for 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 itself.