

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Forty-fifth Meeting of the Management Committee

held on Wednesday, the 5th April 2016 at 10.30 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room, NPL

The following Agenda for the meeting had been notified by Secretary of the Forum to the members and invitees for meeting of the Managing Committee Members, vide his letter dated 20. 03. 2016.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the President.
2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 12th August 2015.
3. Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the Meeting of the Management Committee held on 12th August 2015.
4. Status Report by the Secretary.
5. Induction of New Members to the Forum.
6. Report on Second Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture held on 17th Nov., 2015
7. Report on Scholarships/Awards given on CSIR Foundation Day Celebration & Tree Plantation on 15th August 2015
8. Report on a Brief Introductory Meeting with Director CSIR-NPL on Sunday the 6th march 2016
9. Forthcoming issue of Forum's Newsletter – a brief report by Sh. G.K. Arora
10. To finalize the date & the Agenda for the next meeting of the Forum.
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. Dr. A. Sengupta	Vice-president
3. Shri R B Saxena	Secretary
4. Dr. Hari Kishan	Joint Secretary
5. Dr. V N Bindal	Invitee
6. Shri G K Arora	Advisor
7. Dr. V S Panwar	Member
8. Dr. P C Jain	Member
9. Dr. Amitabha Basu	Member
10. Shri V P Wasan	Member
11. Shri Vijay Sharma	Member
12. Dr. B R Chakravarty	Member
13. Mrs. Shashikala Shastri	Member
14. Dr. Joginder Singh	Member
15. Mrs. Santosh Manrai	Member
16. Dr. J.C. Sharma	Member
17. Mrs. Shashi Lekha Bhatnagar	Member
18. Shri Subhash Chander	Invitee
19. Shri P.K. Mittal	Invitee
20. Dr. S.K. Halder	Invitee

- 1. Introductory Remarks by the Chairman:** Shri S C Garg welcomed the members and invitees. He said that after a gap of about 8-9 months we are holding this meeting although we had forum's meeting in the month of October 2015 and Dr. A.P. Mitra memorial lecture on 17th November 2015. There have many events taken place like Tree Plantation on 15th August 2015 and Scholarship & Awards distribution on the occasion of CSIR foundation Day celebrations. During this period some of our distinguished colleagues of the forum have left for heavenly abode leaving behind some sweet memories of their association with us. Let us all pay our homage & condolences for the departed souls.

Our colleagues who have left us forever:

1. Sh. Ved Prakash Verma	expired on 22-06-2015
2. Sh. Ram Chand Bhateja	expired on 02-11-2015
3. Dr. Brahma Nand Srivasatava	expired on 27-11-2015
4. Mrs. Saroj Vasisth w/o L. Sh S.C. Vasisth	expired on 06-12-2015
5. Dr. Arun Kumar Agarwal	expired on 08-12-2015
6. Dr. R. Venkatachari	expired on 27-03-2016

The members observed 2 minute silence for praying eternal peace to the departed souls.
The following condolence resolution was passed and Secretary was asked to send the copy of the resolution to the families of them.

“It is resolved in the 45th Managing committee meeting of the NPL-Former Scientist Forum held on 5th April 2016 that the members feel deep sorrow on the sad and untimely demise of our distinguished colleague, Sh./Dr. ----- . The members convey their heart-filled condolences to the deceased family members and pray to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul. May God give strength to the family to bear such an irreparable loss.”

The President requested the secretary to discuss the agenda.

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 12th August 2015: The solitary comments that had been received from Dr. V.N. Bindal on the Minutes of that meeting and the action taken thereon as presented in the Status Report by the Secretary were noted where after the minutes of the meeting were confirmed.

3. Status Report & Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the 44th MC meeting held on 12th August 2015

3.1 The minutes of the forty-fourth meeting of the Managing Committee held on 12th August 2015 (as approved by the President) had been circulated by the secretary vide his letter dated 20th March 2016 for inviting comments by 4th April 2016. Comments have been received from few members, namely Dr. V.N. Bindal & Sh. G.K. Arora.

Dr. Bindal’s Comments:

1). One major thing which I find missing in the Agenda is about the 'Status Report by the Treasurer' and the presentation of 'Audited Statements of Accounts' for the last year, for approval.

Reply: The Treasurer has shown his inability to attend this MC meeting as he shall be at outstation (programme earlier had been finalized). He has requested that in the next MC meeting or Forum meeting he shall present the status of Accounts & also the 'Audited Statements of Accounts'.

2). Para 4.1, Para 4.5 & 4.7

I hope you will be giving the status of 'Stock Register' and It would be better that a list (if not already made) of all the relevant documents etc and keys be made. This would be helpful in future transfer of charge.

What happened to the 'Information to be given by the office, about the Medical claim money deposited in Bank'. These two points refer to the points, which have been mentioned in Para 4.1 of the minutes.

Reply: It is an important point. The Stock Register is here with all details e.g. list of all relevant documents, registers and keys etc.as advised by Dr. Bindal.

The secretary had talked to Accounts people for the information to be sent to individual pensioner about his medical claim money deposited in bank. They were of the opinion that in most of the cases internet banking/mobile information facility is there and one gets the information from bank. From NPL it will be difficult but we will try.

Para 4.2 -I doubt that many of our members have Identity card issued by Authority of CSIR-NPL. Do you think that some effort in this direction is needed?

Sh. G.K. Aroraji, Advisor, has informed that the OM Dated 12. 08. 2015 which is proposed to be published in the next issue of the Forum's Newsletter as P12-02 in respect of Para No. 4.2.

Para 4.9 What is the budget for this activity (photographic album)?

It was presented in the “Status report that had been submitted at the MC Meeting held on 09. 07. 2015: 6. Photographic Album of the Forum: (Ref: Agenda Item 8): Photographic Prints of the members of the Forum (in Passport size @Rs. 3.00per print) and of the activities of the Forum up to the Diwali Family Get-together held on 5th November 2014 (in 5”x7” size @Rs. 12.00 per print), as approved by the Forum, have been got made by Shri Subhash Chandra who had been advanced Rs. 6,000/- for this purpose.

Para 6

It is not clear-what are the discrepancies in 'Form 16' and who are facing it?

The discrepancies were like TDS information was not correct in few columns in the table, date given was incorrect, etc.

Sh. G.K. Arora’s comments: Please see Annexure – comments by Sh. G.K. Arora

3.2 Second Dr. A.P. Mitra Memorial Lecture: As informed in the previous MC meeting held on 12th August, 2015 that in view of the sad & sudden untimely death of Dr. A.P.J. Kalam, other possibilities were explored and President Sh. Garg had contacted Dr. K. Kasturirangan and got his confirmation. Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta had coordinated with the organizers of the INCURSI (radio science conference) and the Second A P Mitra Memorial Lecture was organized as an evening lecture at the Convention Centre, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, on 17th November 2015, as a part of the 2nd Regional Conference on Radio Science (RCRS-2015) organized by the Indian National Committee of URSI (INCURSI) from 16th to 19th November 2015. The lecture was organized jointly by INCURSI and the NPL Former Scientists Forum. Invitation cards were printed and distributed and sent to many distinguished persons from INSA, NPL, and earlier list of Invitees. Some cards were also given to Dr. Chhamendra Sharma of RASD, NPL. The lecture information was well publicized in NPL and a banner was also put at NPL main Gate. Banners were also put at the Venue at JNU by the organizers of the INCURSI. There was a good gathering of delegates in the Auditorium with only about 8-10 members of the NPL Former Scientist Forum. The lecture was started with lighting of lamps, garlanding of Dr. Mitra’s Portrait and Floral tributes to his memory.



The lecture was followed by Felicitating Dr. Kasturirangan. As a token of appreciation for and in memory of the lecture, Shri S C Garg presented him a shawl on behalf of the NPL Former Scientists Forum.

- 3.3 **Felicitation of Prof. S.K. Joshi** - Patron of NPL Former Scientist Forum, Former DGCSIR and former Director NPL as **New Member of the 80-Plus Fraternity of the Forum**. Felicitation was done in the 36th meeting of the forum on 27th October 2016. Sh. S.C. Garg, President, NPL-FSF presented a Memento to Prof. Joshi at this occasion. Dr. Krishan Lal, Prof. Vikram Kumar, Dr. V.N. Bindal and other members of the Forum conveyed their appreciation and regards to Prof. Joshi
 - 3.4 **Next issue of Forum's Newsletter & revised Edition of the Forum's Directory:** Sh. G.K. Aroraji, chairman of this committee, has been doing a marvelous exercise of drafting, compiling, gathering information & inputs from various sources in consultation with other committee members and individuals. He is also working hard towards the revised & updated edition of the Forum's Directory.
 - 3.5 **Meeting with New Director CSIR-NPL:** We were trying to meet director CSIR-NPL since he joined NPL. Finally we met him on **Sunday, the 6th March 2016** in the Director's conference room. From the forum, we were, Sh. S.C. Garg (President), Dr. A. Sen Gupta (Vice-president), Dr. V.N. Bindal (Patron), Sh. G.K. Arora (Advisor), Dr. Hari Kishan (Jt. Secy.) and R.B. Saxena (Secy.). It was an introductory meeting for the forum and we briefed the Director about the Forum and its main activities. A formal invitation was also given to him for gracing our Forum meeting in near future.
 - 3.6 **Award of the best popular Science paper published in Vigyan Pragati:** The nomination for the NPL representative for this committee will be pursued with the Director by the new Scholarship committee soon. After that we shall have a meeting in this regard.
 - 3.7 **Taking over charge by new Managing committee:** The new managing committee had taken charge by taking stock of all relevant documents, inventories etc. A stock Register had been made having all information about the Assets, documents, registers, books and the mementoes.
 - 3.8 **Photographic Albums of the Forum:** In the last Forum's meeting on 27th October 2015, a formal release/presentation of the Albums was done. The members had appreciated the efforts of Sh. G.K. Arora, Dr. Amitabh Basu and Sh. Subhash Chandra. A soft copy is also being prepared as per the suggestion of Dr. B.R. Chakraborty. This activity will be continued by the earlier Sub-committee formed in the last MC meeting.
 - 3.9 **Status report by Sh. Wasan, Convener Scholarship/Awards committee and Tree Plantation committee:** Please see Annexure 1 & 2.
 - 3.10 **Reconstitutions of Area Committees:** New committees had been finalized in the last MC meeting on 12th august 2015. As per the useful suggestions of Sh. G.K. Aroraji, a discussion on the formation of the committees may be done keeping in view "The Aims & objectives of these committees".
4. **Induction of New Members to the Forum:**
Five new members (membership no. in brackets) were inducted in the forum viz. 1. Ms Arundhati Chatterjee (330), 2. Dr. K.K. Saini (331), 3. Dr. V.K. Hans (332), 4. Sh. I.S. Taak (333) and 5. Dr. A.M. Biradar (334)
 5. **Report on Second Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture held on 17th Nov., 2015:**
Reported above in col. 3.2.
 6. **Report on Scholarships/Awards given on CSIR Foundation Day Celebration & Tree Plantation on 15th August 2015.:**
Reported above in col. 3.9.
 7. **Report on a Brief Introductory Meeting with Director CSIR-NPL on Sunday the 6th march 2016:**
Reported above in col. 3.5.
 8. **Forthcoming issue of Forum's Newsletter – a brief report by Sh. G.K. Arora:**
Sh. G.K. Arora, chairman Newsletter committee briefed the members about the tentative contents of the forthcoming issue of the Forum's Newsletter, which will include the updated membership list also. Further he is collecting information to be included in this issue. The secretary brought to the notice of the members that at the Forum's office at NPL we have copies of previous issues in very large number of each issue. The members discussed that the number of copies to be made should not be very large around 140-150 copies only. Sh. Aroraji was also requested to consider that duplicate exercise of preparing Directory of members may be avoided if the list of members in the Newsletter may have all the information included, which is there in the directory. The Superstitions & Myth committee formation was deferred for the next meeting.

9. To finalize the date & the Agenda for the next meeting of the Forum:

It was decided that the date for the next Forum's meeting should be fixed seeing the convenience of Prof. E.S. Raja Gopal, our Patron, who will be entering the 80+ club of the forum in May 2016. Secy. was requested to coordinate.

10. Financial position of the forum: The Treasurer could not attend the meeting as he was out of station for some urgent domestic work. However he had sent the finance position. The Secretary informed that the forum has little money. The members felt that we must keep a check on the expenditure. The only income of the forum is through new memberships. Donations are for a particular cause i.e. for Scholarship & Awards. Some members proposed that an appeal could be made to all the members in the next General body meeting to donate and also to generate resources for funds to Forum. The President said that it is not a very lucrative idea as if we take money, how to and on what concrete purpose it will be spent and also we cannot force any one. Sh. P.K. Mittal suggested that we may start by donation by each EC member of some amount today. This move was appreciated and Sh. G.K. Aroraji initiated by giving Rs. 2000/-. The following donations were received.

Name	Amount in Rs.
1. G.K. Arora	2000.00
2. R.B. Saxena	500.00
3. Amitava Basu	1000.00
4. A. Sen Gupta	1000.00
5. J.C. Sharma	1000.00
6. V.N. Bindal	1000.00
7. Mrs. S. Manrai	500.00
8. Hari Kishan	500.00
9. S.C. Garg	1000.00
10. V.P. Wasan	1000.00
11. Ms. Shashi kala Shastri	1000.00
12. Joginder Singh	500.00
13. Ms. Shashi Lekha Bhatnagar	500.00
14. P.K. Mittal	2000.00 (by Cheque)

Total collection --- Rs. 11500.00 in cash and Rs. 2000.00 by cheque

11. Any other item with the permission of the Chair:<https://mg.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=012ts9cf4rm1v>

Since there was no other item to be discussed, the meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Scholarships & Awards – 2015

The following Scholarships & Awards for the year 2014 were presented by Prof. S K Joshi, Patron NPL-FSF, on 28th September 2015 – the CSIR Foundation Day Celebrations held in the NPL Auditorium – based on the recommendations made by the Screening Committee at its meeting held on 22.09.2015.

<u>Scholarship/ Award</u>	<u>Initiator</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Awardees(s)</u>
1. Astronaut Kalpana Chawla Samman Chatravritti	Late Shri Dev Kumar	Rs.400/- p.m. Rs.400/- p.m.	1. Ms. Apoorva Puri D/o Mrs. Archana Puri 2. Shri Kabir Manrai S/o Shri Dependra Manrai GdS/o Mrs. Santosh Manrai (Member NPL-FSF)
2. Sudha Jain Memorial Scholarship	Late Prof. S C Jain	Rs.300/- p.m	Ms. Pragya Yadav D/o Dr. Sanjay Yadav
3. Bawa Barkha Nath Scholarship & NPL-FSF	Shri Ram Krishan	Rs.400/- p.m. Rs.400/- p.m.	1. Shri Rijul Kumar S/o Shri Bhikham Singh 2. Shri Mishkat Ali S/o Shri Iqbal Ali GdS/o Shri Abdul Hamid (Member NPL-FSF)
4. Ashutosh Joshi Memorial Scholarship	Prof. S K Joshi	Rs.300/-p.m.	Ms. Ritika Joshi D/o Shri Pushkar Joshi
5. M R Verma Memorial Award	Late Mrs. Sushila	Rs. 1,000/-	Shri Nikhil Saini S/o Mrs. Usha Kiran Verma
In addition, the following children of NPL employees who expired before retirement, were given scholarships:			
1. Brij Bala Memorial Scholarship	Shri N K Kohli	Rs. 350/-	Ms. Nibha Kumari D/O Late Shri Upender Rai
2. NPL-FSF Scholarship	NPL-FSF	Rs. 300/-	Shri Aman Rai S/o Late Shri Upender Ra
3. NPL-FSF Scholarship	NPL-FSF	Rs. 300/-	Shri Rohit Negi S/o Late Shri Dinesh Singh Negi
4. NPL-FSF Scholarship	NPL-FSF	Rs. 300/-	Ms. Janita D/o Late Shri Mohd. Naseem.
5. NPL-FSF Scholarship	NPL-FSF	Rs. 300/-	Ms. Uzaifa D/o Late Shri Mohd. Naseem
6. NPL-FSF Scholarship	NPL-FSF	Rs. 300/-	Shri Kartik Yadav S/o Shri Sunil Kumar GdS/o Late Shri Mahinder Singh
7. NPL-FSF Scholarship	NPL-FSF	Rs. 300/-	Shri Anuj Kumar S/o Late Shri Ajay Kumar
8. NPL-FSF Scholarship	NPL-FSF	Rs. 300/-	Shri Ankush Kumar S/o Late Shri Ajay Kumar

Annexure 2.

Tree Plantation on 15. 08. 2015

Dr. A M Biradar, Acting Director, NPL ,inaugurated the Tree Plantation programme by planting one sapling of Amaltas. Six more saplings of Amaltas (arranged by Dr. Harish Chandra) and one sapling of a Palm tree (contributed by Dr. Mahesh Chander) in respect of Dr. Sharwan Kumar, were planted in honour/ memory of persons in the sequence indicated in the Table Below:

Sr. No.	Name of the person in whose honour/ memory the tree is to be planted	INVITEES		
		From the Family, if Any	From NPL	From NPL-FSF/ Prospective Members
1.	Prof. R C Budhani	Abroad	Dr. Suresh Chand	Shri G K Arora
2.	Dr. K D Kundra	Abroad	Dr. R P Pant	Dr. Dharam Pal Singh
3.	Dr. T K Saksena	Expired. Mrs. Kamna Saksena * * (Daughter)	Dr. Yudhishter Kumar Yadav	Dr. Mukesh Chandra
4.	Dr. (Mrs.) D R Lakshmi	Stationed in Hyderabad Mrs. Geeta Madhuri (Daughter-in-Law) & Shri Aswini Shrikumar (Son)	Dr. Rupesh M Das	Shri S C Garg
5.	Shri. K C Gupta	Expired. Shri Jagdish Kumar Gupta (Son)	Shri Mahesh Kumar	Shri J D Batra
6.	Shri P K Kohli	Expired	Shri Vinod Sharma* *	Shri T K Chakravarty* *
7.	Dr. Sharwan Kumar	Stationed in Bengaluru	Dr. V N Ojha	Dr. Sita Ram Gupta

NOTE: The three persons against whom the sign (* *) appears in this table reached a little late and could not participate, as the starting of the programme had to be advanced by about 20 minutes , as desired by Dr. A Biradar

With the addition of the seven trees planted in honour/ memory of the above listed persons stands increased to 78.