NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Fiftieth Meeting of the Management Committee
held on Tuesday, the 6th February 2018 at 11.00 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room, NPL

The following was the Agenda for the Meeting:

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1. Introductory Remarks by the Chairman
2. Condolence Resolutions on the Demise of Dr. J C Trehan, Dr. Subhas Chandra, Shri Mohinder Nath and Shri Ved Prakash
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the MC Meeting held on 06. 12. 2017 and the Follow-up Action thereon
4. Recovery of documents relating to the Accounts of the Forum and Treasurer in place of Shri Tripurari Lal
5. Request of Dr. Suresh Chand to relieve him of the responsibility of Secretary on grounds of health
6. Operation of Accounts of the Bank,
7. Fourth A P Mitra Memorial Lecture
8. Induction of New Members
10. Resolution for Operation of Forum’s Accounts with the Syndicate Bank, NPL
11. Felicitation of 90+ age members
12. Calendar of Meetings and Programmes for 2018
13. Any other Item with the permission of the Chair

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Attendance:** The following attended the meeting:

1. Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta President
2. Dr. J C Sharma Vice President
3. Shri S C Garg Adviser
4. Shri G K Arora Adviser
5. Dr. Pardeep Mohan Joint Secretary
6. Dr. Amitabha Basu Member
7. Mrs. Shashikala Shastri Member
8. Mrs. Shashilekha Bhatnagar Member
9. Shri T V Joshua Member
10. Dr. P C Jain Member
11. Shri O P Tagra Member
12. Dr. B R Chakraborty Member
13. Dr. B K Das Member
14. Shri Anil Kumar Suri Member
15. Shri R C Dhawan Member
16. Dr. R G Sharma Member
17. Shri Akhilesh Chandra Gupta Invitee
18. Dr. Joginder Singh Invitee
19. Shri Y P Punj Invitee
20. Shri S C Kalra Invitee
21. Dr. Suresh Chand Secretary

Dr. D P Bhatt who enrolled himself as a New Member at the time of the Meeting and Shri G L Malhotra were also present.

1. **Introductory Remarks by the Chairman:** Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta welcomed the members and invitees to the meeting and emphasized that the Forum’s activity needs to be uplifted with more effective and time targeted dedication. After that he mentioned about the demise of four of the Members of the Forum Dr. J C Trehan, Dr. Subhas Chandra, Shri Mohinder Nath and Shri Ved Prakash after the last meeting of the MC held on 06. 12. 2017.

2. **Condolence Resolutions on the Demise of Dr. J C Trehan, Dr. Subhas Chandra, Shri Mohinder Nath and Shri Ved Prakash:** Condolence resolutions in respect of them were passed where after the members observed two-minute silence to pay homage to their memory.

3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the MC Meeting held on 06. 12. 2017 and the Follow-up Action thereon:** In view of the remarks made by Dr. P C Jain the following change was made in the Minutes of the meeting relating to the
constitution of the Scholarships Committee under Para 7, and the Minutes of the meeting held on 06. 12. 2017 where after the minutes were passed:

(iii) Scholarships & Awards Committee

Same as in the previous years (including the initiators of the various Scholarships & Awards) with Director, NPL or his Nominee as Chairman, Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta, President, NPL-FSF as Co-Chairman, the Secretary/ Joint secretary as Convener, Shri Anil Kuar Suri as Co-Convener, and Shri G K Arora, Adviser, as Member.

Reporting on the follow-up action taken on the Minutes, Shri G K Arora that (i) the Letter Head had been finalized, (ii) Tentative Calendar of Meetings & Programmes for 2018 had been drawn and was an item of agenda for the meeting, and (iii) a list of Prospective Members of the Forum had been prepared and circulated to all the office bearers of the MC along with a copy of the membership Form.

4. Recovery of documents relating to the Accounts of the Forum and Treasurer in place of Shri Tripurari Lal: Action in this regards needs to be taken, and Shri Deak Kumat, S/O Shri Tripurari Lal has to be contacted in this regard.

5. Request of Dr. Suresh Chand to relieve him of the responsibility of Secretary on grounds of health: Dr. Amitave Sen Gupta informed that he had received a mail from Shri R B Saxena indicating that he shall be prepared to take up this responsibility after March 2018. It was decided to place the request of Dr. Suresh Chand before the General Body for which a meeting may be held towards the end of March or early April 2018.

6. Operation of Accounts of the Bank: It was decided that the formalities regarding the operation of Accounts with the Syndicate Bank will be completed after the General Body Meeting. Till that time the former President and the Secretary will continue performing this duty.

7. Fourth A P Mitra Memorial Lecture: Dr. Sen Gupta informed that Dr. Anantha Krishnan had indicated his suitability for delivering the Lecture either on the Afternoon of Monday the 12th March or on the Forenoon of Thursday the 15th March 2015. It was felt that the lecture on the forenoon of 15th March would be more appropriate. Dr. Suresh Chand was requested to ascertain the convenience of Dr. D K Aswal, Director, NPL and also reserve the venue for the lecture.

8. Induction of New Members: Induction of Dr. D P Bhatt as a new member of the Forum was approved.

9. Forum’s Newsletter & Directory: The issue was deferred for consideration

10. Resolution for Operation of Forum’s Accounts with the Syndicate Bank, NPL: This issue was deferred till after the next General Body Meeting.

11. Felicitation of 90+ age members: The Committee was in favour of this proposal. However, in view of the age, such members may have to be felicitated at their residence

12. Calendar of Meetings and Programmes for 2018: This issue was deferred for consideration.

13. Arrears of Pension: Shri Y P Punj and Shri S C Kalra were welcomed to the meeting and the President requested them to share the developments in the pay commission matter. Both of them and in particular Shri Punj gave a detailed update on the action taken by them in this direction and some positive outcomes that are likely to come. Their efforts were appreciated by all and requested them to work with the same dedication and vigour. The Forum will provide all the necessary support. In fact Dr. J.C. Shama and Shri A.C. Gupta were already working in tune with them for this cause.

The Members of the Forum were invited by Shri Punj & Shri Kalra, the President & The Secretary respectively of the Association for the welfare of pensioners of CSIR which had recently been formed, to enlist themselves as members of that Association also.

14. Scope of various Committees: Dr. B K Das said that there was no clarity about the role & scope of the Area Committees that had been constituted at the last MC meeting. It was decided to have another meeting of the MC as early as possible in this regard to enable them to function effectively.

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