

NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Fifty first Meeting of the Management Committee held on Friday the 16th November 2018 at 11.00 A.M. in the TEC Conference Room, NPL

The following was the Agenda for the Meeting:

1. Introductory Remarks by the Chairman
2. To condole the death of Prof. E.S.R. Gopal, Patron of NPL-FSF & Former Director. NPL
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the MC Meeting held on 06. 02. 2018 and the Follow-up Action / status report thereon
4. Report on the financial status of NPL-FSF by the Hony. Treasurer & operation of accounts of the Bank
5. Discussion on Scholarship & Awards distribution / circular
6. Discussion on Area committees
7. Induction of new members
8. 7th CPC arrears / modified PPOs
9. Renewal of CGHS cards – December 2018
10. Forum's Newsletter & Directory
11. Calendar of Meetings and Programs for next few months
12. 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 R.B. Saxena	Secretary
4. Dr. Hari Kishan	Treasurer
5. Shri G K Arora	Adviser
6. Mrs. Shashikala Shastri	Member
7. Dr. P C Jain	Member
8. Dr. B R Chakraborty	Member
9. Shri Anil Kumar Suri	Member
10. Shri O.P. Tagra	Member
11. Shri T V Joshua	Member
12. Dr. Amitabha Basu	Invitee
13. Shri N.K. Wadhwa	Invitee
14. Shri M.C. Singh	Invitee

The following members were absent:

Dr. Pradeep Mohan, Sh. S.C. Garg, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Dr. V.S. Panwar, Dr. R. Bhattacharya, Dr. R.G. Sharma, Dr. S.K. Dhawan, Mrs. Shashi Lekha Bhatnagar.

Sh. R. C. Dhawan was not well and his son had shown his disability to attend.

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. About the next A.P. Mitra memorial lecture he suggested that since the attendance during the event is not very encouraging, so if we club this with Radio Science conference as an evening or special lecture, we can have better response and attendance.

After that he mentioned about the sad demise of one of our Patrons Prof. E.S.R. Gopal, Former Director of NPL on 15th November 2018.

2. **Condolence Resolution on the Demise of Prof. E.S. Rajagopal:** A Condolence resolutions was passed where after the members observed two-minute silence to pay homage to his memory.

3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the MC Meeting held on 06. 02. 2018 and the Follow-up Action / status report thereon.**

Minutes of the MC meeting held on 06-02-2018 were circulated in the meeting and had also been sent to the MC members before. The minutes were confirmed.

The Secretary presented the Status Report & Follow-up Action on the decisions taken at the 50th MC meeting held on 6th Feb., 2018. (report circulated also)

- a. **Request of Dr. Suresh Chand to relieve him of the responsibility of Secretary on grounds of health:** Dr. A Sen Gupta had received a mail from Shri R B Saxena indicating that he shall be prepared to take up this responsibility after March 2018. The matter was decided after placing the request of Dr. Suresh Chand before the General Body meeting held on 24th July 2018. Shri R. B. Saxena as Secretary and Dr. Hari Kishan as Treasurer were approved.
 - b. **Recovery of documents relating to the Accounts of the Forum and Treasurer in place of Shri Tripurari Lal:** An Action in this regard had been taken by Dr. Hari Kishan by contacting Shri Deepak Kumar S/O Late Shri Tripurari Lal. Since then Dr. Hari Kishan has very well streamlined the accounts, vouchers, bank accounts/FD's etc and soon shall get the accounts audited for the FY year 2017-18.
 - c. **Operation of Accounts of the Bank:** The formalities regarding the operation of Accounts with the Syndicate Bank has been completed after passing a resolution by the General Body Meeting. Now the new signatories are: Dr. A. Sengupta – President, Sh. R.B. Saxena – Secretary and Dr. Hari Kishan – treasurer.
 - d. **Fourth A P Mitra Memorial Lecture:** Dr. Ananthakishnan had delivered the 4th A.P. Mitra Memorial lecture on the Thursday the 15th March 2018 at NPL auditorium. Dr. D K Aswal, Director, NPL presided the function.
 - e. **Scholarship & Awards 2018:** This year Six scholarships sponsored by NPL-FSF members, three scholarships by Forum and three awards sponsored by FSF members were awarded to children/grand-children of NPL staff members on the CSIR foundation day celebrations held on 27th September 2018 at NPL.
 - f. **Tree Plantation:** This year again tree plantation could not be done.
 - g. **7th CPC implementation and payment of Arrears to retired persons:** With the efforts of Dr. Hari Kishan in particular and partially helped by Sh. R.B. Saxena, most of the forum members got their revised PPOs and also the arrears, although delayed due to paucity of staff in the pension cell of NPL.
- 3b. Secy. informed that Dr. B.K. Das has requested to quit as MC member. Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta nominated Dr. A. Basu as a member in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. B.K. Das as a member of the MC.
4. **Report on the financial status of NPL-FSF by the Hony. Treasurer & operation of accounts of the Bank.**

Dr. Hari Kishan presented the financial status of the NPL-FSF. (**Annexure 1**)

Dr. Hari Kishan informed that Amount in savings A/c is Rs. 43,570=08, Amount in 22 FDRs is Rs.12,87,420=13 and Amount in premium A/c is Rs. 8,96,000=00, totaling to **Rs. 22,26,990=21**. He further proposed that FDRs relating to Dr A P Mitra Memorial Lecture may be linked in premier account, FDRs relating to NPL-FSF Funds may be linked with donation fund account, FDRs contributed by all other individual members may be linked with Main account and LET Membership fee goes to premier account. He further added that all the Scholarship/Awards should

be for one year only. Let the meritorious candidates apply in subsequent years. It will solve problem of pending cases. He also suggested that No yearly contribution should be taken, by categorization it will help in audit work too.

The matter was discussed in detail. Sh. G.K. Arora, Adviser also gave useful information about the relevant decisions taken on financial management in the earlier MC meetings from time to time. MC in principal agreed and requested the treasurer to go ahead in consultation with Sh. G.K. Arora.

5. Discussion on Scholarship & Awards distribution / circular:

The Secretary presented that since the inception of the Scholarship & Awards distribution, Forum has been following that once the scholarship has been awarded for studying class IX/X, XI/XII, Engg. Degree and medical degree, it had been continued for the entire duration of that course. So at any instant of time there could be more than one person for a respective scholarship (new & renewed).

It is proposed:

- i. that for studying class IX/X, XI/XII, Engg. Degree, medical degree – Applications should be invited for consideration by the Scholarship/Awards committee, of their renewal along with mark sheets etc. The committee will decide for the renewal.
- ii. Funds management of various scholarships & awards in Bank: Instead of having so many accounts of each donor, Forum can have only one Scholarship & Awards account.

Both the above points were discussed in length. Sh. G.K. Arora, Adviser also gave some useful suggestions and both the above were approved in principal. The new Scholarship/Awards Committee may look into these suggestions and decide.

6. Discussion on Area committees:

Constitution of various Area Committees viz. (i) **Scientific and Publications Cte.** (ii) **Welfare CTe. had been done in the last MC meeting.** Dr. B K Das had raised the issue 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 and discussion be there in this regard to enable them to function effectively.

Scholarship and Award Cte: The Secy. Informed that the **Earlier constituted Main Committee was: Chairman** – Director, CSIR NPL, **Co-chairman** – Sh. S.C. Garg (Ex-officio), **Convener** - Dr. Hari Kishan, **Co-convener** - Sh. Anil Kumar Suri, **Members** – COA, NPL (Ex-officio), AO NPL (Ex-officio), Sh. Tripurari Lal (Treasurer, NPL-FSF), Dr. V.N. Bindal, Dr. P.C. Jain, Sh. G.K. Arora, Dr. B.R. Chakravorty, Sh. V.P. Wasan, and all the distinguished persons as invitees, who have sponsored various Scholarship & Awards.

Proposed Committee in the 6th February 2018 MC meeting: Director CSIR-NPL or his nominee as Chairman, Dr. Amitava Sen Gupta President NPL FSF, as Co-Chairman, Secretary/Joint Secretary as Convener, Shri Anil Kr. Suri as Co-Covener, and Sh. G.K. Arora, Adviser as member and and all the distinguished persons as invitees, who have sponsored various Scholarship & Awards.

The Secretary emphasized that since Director, CSIR NPL has earlier stated that NPL does not have any role in this activity except that this distribution is at NPL on CSIR Foundation Day, so he feels that they should not be involved. Sh. Anil Kr Suri has opted out. Hence the following Policy committee was proposed and approved.:

Chairman – Dr. A. Sengupta (Ex-officio), **Convener** – Dr. Hari Kishan, Treasurer, Dr. P.C. Jain, Sh. R.B. Saxena and Sh. G.K. Arora.

7. Induction of new members:

MC approved the induction of Dr. V.N. Ojha and Dr. S.K. Sarkar. Consideration of Sh. N. Balani as new members of the Forum was discussed. Dr. B.R. Chakravarty had raised objection regarding induction of persons retiring from group II on case to case basis. Dr. J.C. Sharma suggested that

the Pay & grade at the time of retirement may be seen for consideration for induction as member of the forum. Consideration of Shri Balani's Membership of the forum was deferred..

8. 7th CPC arrears / modified PPOs

With the sincere efforts of Dr. Hari Kishan and Secretary, most of the FSF members have received modified PPOs with exception of few. Arrears of persons, except some retd. Sci. G's have also been paid. Since this problem of recovery of transport allowance and the action by the Sci G's of sending RTIs or any legal action, it is individually to be handled, Forum as such should not be involved.

9. Renewal of CGHS cards – December 2018: The Secy. informed:

- (a) With the help of the members list of FSF members prepared by Sh. G.K. Aroraji, a list of CGHS beneficiaries for December has been prepared by the Secy. in the same lines as Dr. B.K. Das had prepared for June. This list will be sent to the beneficiaries for their confirmation and correctness and then shall be forwarded to Sh. Giri of E-1 section of NPL. This exercise is being done at very fast pace.
- (b) A letter has been drafted with the help of Dr. Hari Kishan and sent to DG, CGHS to let NPL transfer the total amount to CGHS electronically (NEFT or RGTS) along with a list of CGHS beneficiaries, which would not only help all of us (senior citizens) and save lot of time in getting an individual bank drafts and submit it to renew their card validity, but also the concerned bank preparing large number of DD's.

10. Forum's Newsletter & Directory:

- (a) A sub-committee of the Scientific Affairs committee (publication committee) was re-constituted with Dr. Amitabha Basu as chairman, Sh. N.K. Wadhwa as member and other members may be added by Dr. Basu at his discretion. Sh. G.K. Arora may be relieved from this responsibility. Of course he will act as an Adviser. A target date April 2019 was tentatively decided to complete the publication.
- (b) About the publication of the Directory, Sh. G.K. Arora informed that he has completed the draft for the Directory. He strongly emphasized that this should be continued. He also advised that earlier the "Superstitions & myths" subject was also part of publication. It should also be restored. The cut-off date for the updated directory was approved as 31st December 2018. Sh. G.K. Arora also donated two cheques of Rs. 1,00,000/- and Rs. 95,000/- to the Forum towards the publications and Scholarship & Award respectively. MC applauded for his kind gesture.

11. Calendar of Meetings and Programs for next few months:

A tentative calendar of events was proposed as following:

- (a) December 2018 (3rd or 4th week) – Forum's meeting (Inviting DNPL) – Secy. & Dr. Hari Kishan have already had a tentative discussion with DNPL. A request letter from the President NPL-FSF will be sent.
- (b) January 2019 – MC meeting
- (c) March 2019 – 16th Annual GB meeting
- (d) April 2019 – MC meeting (declaration of election for Office bearers & MC)
- (e) May 2019 – Forum's meeting & Election

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