

## NPL FORMER SCIENTISTS FORUM

Minutes of the Fifty-fifth Meeting of the Management Committee held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 11 A.M. via Google meet\_Link i.e. ‘meet.google.com/kbp-qwdy-qdk’.

### Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the President
2. To condole the sad demise of Prof. S.K. Joshi on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Dr. M.K. Raina on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup> Management Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019.
4. Status Report by the Secretary, Sh. R.B. Saxena.
5. Financial Status by the Treasurer Dr. Hari Kishan
6. Scholarship & Awards 2020
7. Medical issues: Update on medical issues by Dr. Anil Gupta, Chairman Medical Affairs Committee
8. NPL-FSF website – A brief report on Website, by Sh. N.K. Wadhwa & Dr. J.C. Sharma
9. Induction of new members – viz. Dr. Lalit Mohan Manocha, Sh. Jagdish Prasad, Dr. Ajay Dhar, Sh. M.P. Goyal, Sh. Kedar Nath Sood, Dr. B.V. Reddy, Dr. G. Bhagavannarayan, Dr. Desh Raj Sharma, Ms. Paramjit Kaur, Dr. Santa Chawla and Dr. Ravi Mehrotra.
10. The matter of enhancing the membership fees for life members.
11. Discussion on Tree Plantation:
12. Issuance of Pension slips & Form 16 and submission of life certificate –
13. Publication of NPL-FSF Newsletter 15.
14. To consider the resignation of Dr. A. Basu from MC of NPL-FSF and the Publication committee
15. Sixth Dr. A P Mitra Memorial Lecture
16. To decide for FSF WhatsApp group as official group
17. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

The following members joined the meeting on web meet:

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| 1. Prof. Krishan Lal            | Patron          |
| 2. Dr. V.N. Bindal              | Patron          |
| 3. Sh. G.K. Arora               | Patron          |
| 4. Dr. R.G. Sharma              | President       |
| 5. Dr. A. Sen Gupta             | Advisor         |
| 6. Dr. Anil Gupta               | Member          |
| 7. Dr. P.C. Jain                | Member          |
| 8. Dr. Hari Kishan              | Treasurer       |
| 9. Sh. N.K. Wadhwa              | Joint Secretary |
| 10. Dr. B. R. Chakraborty       | Member          |
| 11. Dr. S.L. Jain               | Member          |
| 12. Dr. M. K. Goel              | Member          |
| 13. Dr. T.L. Dhama              | Member          |
| 14. Mrs. Shashi Lekha Bhatnagar | Member          |
| 15. Sh. T.V. Joshua             | Member          |
| 16. Sh. Akhilesh Chandra Gupta  | Member          |
| 17. Sh. Anil Kumar Suri         | Member          |
| 18. Dr. Y.P. Singh              | Member          |
| 19. Sh. R.B. Saxena             | Secretary       |
| 20. Dr. Sukhvir Singh           | Invitee         |

Prof. Vikram Kumar could not attend the meeting as he was engaged in a webinar; however he has sent his comments & remarks. Dr. J.C. Sharma could not attend due to Internet problem. Sh. V.D. Arora being in US could not join due to different time zone. Dr. V.R. Singh is hospitalized due to COVID - 19. Sh. S.C. Garg & Mrs. Shashi Kala Shastri could not join the meeting due to preoccupation.

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks by the President: The President Dr. R.G. Sharma welcomed the members and commented that due to this CORONA epidemic, meetings could not be held for last few months and so it was decided to hold the meeting via Google meet and it is really encouraging that most of the members have joined. During the period since last MC meeting, the most important achievement has been the publication of the FSF Newsletter no. 14 and NPL having sent a consolidated draft to CGHS HQ for the renewal of CGHS cards of FSF members due in June 2020. This saved the hassle of collecting and depositing the draft by individuals. We hope this facility will continue.
2. After that he mentioned about the sad demise of Prof. S.K. Joshi on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Dr. M.K. Raina on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Condolence resolutions were passed and the secretary was requested to send the resolutions to the bereaved families. A two minute silence was observed by the members of the forum to mourn their passing away at their respective places.

Following resolutions were passed:

- a) *“The Managing Committee of the Former Scientists Forum(NPL-FSF) in its 55th Meeting hereby resolve that We, the Members of the NPL-Former Scientists Forum (NPL-FSF) deeply mourn the sad demise of Prof. Dr. Shri Krishna Joshi, a lifelong scientist, educationist and one of the founding Patron of our Forum. He was a great scholar and an outstanding teacher. He taught at Roorkee Uni. 1962-67, joined NPL as Director in 1986 and rose to the position of DG, CSIR in 1991 and finally retired in 1995. He was the recipient of Padam Shri in 1991 and Padam Bhushan in 2003. His greatness was that he never lost touch with NPL and all of us in the SFS. He had attended FSF GB Meeting on June 19, 2019. Alas! We will miss him in the next FSF Meeting. We all pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give strength to the family, his students, scientific community to bear such an irreparable loss.”*
  - b) *“It is resolved in the 55<sup>th</sup> Managing Committee of the Former Scientists Forum that the members of NPL FSF feel deep sorrow on the sad demise of our colleague Dr. M.K. Raina. We all pray to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed holy soul. May God give strength to the family to bear such an irreparable loss.”*
3. **Confirmation of the Minutes of the 54<sup>th</sup>Management Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019.** The minutes were displayed in the meeting which, in fact, was already circulated among the MC members by email. The Secretary informed that he has not received any comments from any member except from Sh. G.K. Arora, Adviser, which were incorporated in the minutes. The minutes were then confirmed.
  4. **Status Report by the Secretary, Sh. R.B. Saxena.** The salient points of the **Status Report** displayed at the meeting, were briefly presented by Shri R B Saxena - the Secretary. **Attached Annexure 1**
  5. **Financial Status:** Prof. Vikram Kumar, Patron and Shri G.K. Arora, Patron have sent their comments and observations on the financial aspects which were discussed in detail. Treasurer assured that these suggestions are important and will be looked into in future.

Dr. Hari Kishan, Treasurer told that due to COVID 19, he is held up in Punjab and it was not possible to get the Accounts audited etc. However he presented a financial table. **Attached Annexure 2.**

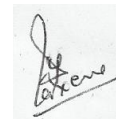
He informed that he will complete the accounts as soon as he reaches New Delhi. His priority will be to get the accounts audited so that audit report can be put in the Newsletter-15. Efforts will also be made to file ITR after taking advice from our CA. Dr M. K. Goel offered to work with Dr. H K in filing ITR and on related issues. FSF has three Saving Bank Accounts namely: 1. Main A/C no. 91002010025950, 2. Donation A/C no. 91002010029585 and 3. Premium A/C no. 91002140000046. It is proposed to close one of the SB A/Cs either no. 29585 or 00046. It was decided that the Premier Account No. 91002140000046 will be closed after the maturity of FDR linked with this account.

During discussions on the utilization of the money in a meaningful way, it was suggested by Prof. Krishan Lal that we should make use of expertise of superannuated scientists to write review of published articles and make a document and preserve. Another suggestion was that 2-3 persons of FSF may be deputed in Schools to motivate students for opting science and also make a list of about 10 persons who can be associated with schools and their expertise can be documented. Dr. Sengupta has been associated with such outreach programs. He volunteered that he will work towards making a link / tie up in this regard.

6. **Scholarship & Awards 2020:** This matter is deferred for next year due to COVID 19. No awards will be given this year.
7. **Medical issues:** Dr. Anil Gupta, Chairman Medical Affairs Committee updated on 3 medical issues (a) CGHS circular for reimbursement of purchase bills of medicines prescribed on OPD consultation up to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020, (b) Cash-less facility will be pursued by Dr Anil Gupta only after the corona crisis is over and (c) Renewal of CGHS cards for December 2019 and June 2020 has been completed – Secretary has already informed in his status report. Dr. Gupta appreciated the efforts of the Medical Affairs team.
8. **NPL-FSF website** –Mr. NK Wadhwa briefed about Forum website, its maintenance and demonstrated photo gallery. The screenshots /photos of this meeting can be viewed at the following URL of NPL-FSF website under its Gallery section url:- <https://www.nplfsf.in/gallery.html>. His efforts were appreciated by all the members.
9. **Induction of new members** – Requests for membership of NPL FSF have been received from 11 persons viz. Dr. Lalit Mohan Manocha, Sh. Jagdish Prasad, Dr. Ajay Dhar, Sh. M.P. Goyal, Sh. Kedar Nath Sood, Dr. B.V. Reddi, Dr. G. Bhagavannarayan, Dr. Desh Raj Sharma, Ms. Paramjit Kaur, Dr. Santa Chawla, Dr. Ravi Mehrotra and DR. (Mrs.) Reeta Gupta. All the membership forms have been checked for the eligibility criteria and found to be O.K. Sh. G.K. Arora Ji has also checked and given his consent. As in the past, FSF has enrolled Private Secretaries also as FSF life members. MC approved the new entrants and welcomed them in the FSF fold.
  - a. The matter of enhancing the membership fees for life members came-up for discussion which in fact has been raised earlier too. Presently it is Rs. 1000. It was now proposed to be enhanced to Rs 2000/-. The members recommended for this enhancement and it was decided to get it ratified in the next GB meeting. Till then it will remain Rs. 1000 only.
  - b. The president suggested that membership form will be modified and all the information needed for FSF documentation will be taken from the member himself/herself.
  - c. A separate document will be prepared giving a brief summary of the Memorandum of Association and Rules and Regulations of the FSF that will be given to members at the time of their entry into Forum.
10. **Discussion on Tree Plantation: The matter was deferred for next year.**

- 11. Issuance of Pension slips & Form 16 and submission of life certificate** – We have sent request to COFA & COA of NPL for this matter. Dr. Hari Kishan and Sh. N.K. Wadhwa have prepared list of our FSF members PPO number wise with details of E-mail addresses and postal addresses, which has been sent to NPL for enabling them to issue the pension slips & Form 16. The secretary informed that he had a detailed discussion with COFA in this regard. COFA informed that sending to individuals the pension slip is not feasible; however he has given this task to the IT cell of NPL to prepare the slips and may be put on website of NPL from where one may download. About form 16, COFA said that this is a personal document of each person and it is duly signed by the DDO and can only be given to individuals in person or if few no. of persons may give the authority letters to one person then he may collect the same for them. About the submission of Life certificate, he told that they are planning to make it an on line submission like the central Government.  
**Dr. R.G. Sharma**, president informed that COFA has stated the same to him as above. One more remark of COFA was that NPL does not recognize FSF as such, so no information/document can be shared with them. **This is an important issue.** Prof. Krishan Lal suggested that a group of few persons should take an appointment with the Director, CSIR-NPL and put up our issues before him. Further for recognition in NPL, CSIR, we may arrange a webinar from DGCSIR to enhance Forum image. Prof. Lal can help in this regard.
- 12. Publication of NPL-FSF Newsletter 15:** Since Dr. Amitabha Basu has shown his unwillingness to be associated with the publication of Newsletter, President Dr. R.G. Sharma has nominated Dr. Hari Kishan to be the Convener cum Coordinator for the publication of the next issue of the Newsletter (number 15). The target date of publication of Newsletter-15 will be December 2020. However, efforts would be carried out to complete near Diwali. Only limited no. of hard copies (about 100) will be printed and the soft copy will be placed on website as well as sent to members by e-mail. Efforts will be made to explore to get advertisements, so that the expenses for printing are met from the amount received from Ads. All the medical circulars of CGHS and CSIR will be sent to Dr Anil Gupta for his approval before those are published in Newsletter-15.
- 13.** Resignation of Dr. A. Basu from MC of NPL-FSF has been accepted. Dr. Sukhvir Singh has been inducted as a member of MC. He has promised to help in the routine administrative affairs of the members.
- 14. Sixth A P Mitra Memorial Lecture:** Dr. A. Sen Gupta will organize the 6th AP Mitra Memorial Lecture which will be held on 16<sup>th</sup>September (Ozone day) through Webinar. Dr. Anil Bhardwaj, Director, PRL will be the speaker.
- 15.** To decide for FSF WhatsApp group as official group. Members in principle agreed for this. Since presently there are only about 131 participants in FSF WhatsApp group out of total 304 live members of FSF. So secretary was requested to contact other members to join the WhatsApp group. To define it an official group, it will be nice to have more and more participants.

**Since there was no other item to be discussed, meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair. These minutes are being circulated with the consent of the President FSF.**



**Status Report:**

- A) The 42<sup>nd</sup> GB meeting of the Former Scientists Forum** was held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. It was celebrated as Diwali Milan, deferring the other official issues on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Forum. The whole programme was coordinated by the Cultural Affairs Committee. On this occasion, Dr. P. Asthana Head, INSPIRE Programme of DST delivered a short invited talk on "Mega Science Projects and India". The Forum felicitated Dr. O P Bahl and Shri R K Luthra as new members of the 80-Plus Fraternity. Also Formal launching of FSF Website ([www.nplfsf.in](http://www.nplfsf.in)), which was then under Beta Test, was done by Prof. Vikram Kumar, Patron of NPL-FSF. Dr. Amitava Basu, Sh. V.D. Arora, Dr. P.N. Dixit and Dr. J. C. Sharma shared their experiences of "life after retirement"; (how they have kept themselves busy and active). A contributory lunch was also arranged at NPL Guest House.
- B) Fifth A P Mitra Memorial Lecture:** The 5th A P Mitra Memorial Lecture, held at the CSIR - National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi, was organized jointly by NPL-Former Scientists Forum and National Physical Laboratory on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Dr. Archana Bhattacharyya, Ex-Director Indian Institute of Geomagnetism, Mumbai, delivered an informative and enlightening lecture on "**Challenges of predicting low latitude ionospheric scintillations**". Dr. Cimmendra Sharma, NPL briefed about the A P Mitra Memorial lecture series. Dr. R.G. Sharma, President NPL-FSF welcomed the guest and spoke about the history and objectives of the NPL-FSF. Dr. A. Sen Gupta, Chairman of the A P Mitra memorial lectures committee, introduced the speaker. Dr. D.K. Aswal, Director CSIR-NPL gave the welcome address. The lecture was attended by more than 150 persons, which included former scientists, working scientists and students. Dr. Aswal, DNPL felicitated Dr. Bhattacharyya by presenting her a shawl. The program was concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. R B Saxena, secretary, NPL-FSF, followed by Tea.
- C) Renewal of CGHS cards of Forum members –December 2019 & June 2020:**  
For renewal of CGHS cards for December 2019 & 2020, lists of eligible members were prepared and given to E-1 section of NPL. For December 2019, E1 section issued individual letters & DDs, which were collected by FSF team and deposited at CGHS Hqrs. For June 2020, COFA NPL on request by the FSF planned and NPL deposited a consolidated amount to CGHS Hqrs. by RTGS. Member beneficiaries did not have to go to NPL and collect draft individually.
- D) Newsletter 14:** With the efforts of the Publication Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. R.G. Sharma, President NPL-FSF & Advisor Sh. G.K. Arora, and compiled & edited by Dr. Amitabha Basu, Sh. G.K. Arora and Sh. R.B. Saxena, and finally getting printing job done by Dr. Hari Kishan & Sh. N.K. Wadhwa, the 14<sup>th</sup> Issue of Newsletter was published in December 2019. It was planned to be formally released in Forum's meeting by our Patron Prof. Krishan Lal, but due to COVID 19, it has not been feasible to have any meeting. Therefore it has been put on FSF website and a soft copy has been emailed to members. 50 hard copies of the Newsletter 14 have been put in the LHe plant and members have been informed that if any member happens to go to NPL during these days, can collect the copy.
- E) Scholarship & Awards 2019** – This year there were very few applications received in spite of good publicity by displaying on NPL notice boards, on LAN nplall, informing FSF members etc. However the selection committee finalized for 6 scholarships and 4 Awards & 2 scholarships for children of those staff, who had expired before retirement from donor. (List attached as Annexure 2).

## Annexure 2

### FINANCIAL POSITION OF FSF AS ON 21<sup>ST</sup>JULY 2020

- An amount of Rs. 13,642=00 is to be reimbursed to Dr. A. Sen Gupta as air ticket fare for Prof. Archana Bhattacharyya for delivering 5<sup>th</sup> AP Mitra memorial lecture on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at NPL.
- Following table displays Financial Status of FSF as on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

S.no	Nature of A/c	Account No	Amount (Rs)	Remarks
1	Savings Bank (Main)	91002010025950	16,930=36	
2	Savings Bank (Donation)	91002010029585	12,564=35	Almost no transaction
3	SB having Sweep in/ out facility (Premium A/c)	91002140000046	32,107=51	Bank stopped sweep facility
	TOTAL AMOUNT IN	SAVINGS BANK	61,602=22	
4	FDR – SBN 665608	91004600000615/1	5,83,824=19	
5	FDR – SBN 665615	91004600000615/2	1,30,954=45	
6	FDR - SBP 336848	91004600000811/1	1,30,000=00	
7	FDR - SBP 336850	91004030000305/8	3,00,000=00	
8	FDR - SBP 336851	91004030000305/9	10,00,000=00	
9	FDR within Premier A/c	91004180000049	~ 1,00,000=00	
	TOTAL AMOUNT IN	FIXED DEPOSITS	22,44,778=64	
	GRAND TOTAL SUM IN	SB + FDRs	23,06,380=86	

### Annexure 3

## Scholarships & Awards – 2019

The following Scholarships & Awards for the year 2019-20 were decided based on the recommendations & discussions by the Screening Committee

S. no.	Scholarship / Award	Initiator	Class / Category - Grade	Amount	Awardee(s)
1	Astronaut Kalpana Chawla Samman Chatravritti, <b>S – (1)</b>	Late Shri Dev Kumar in memory of his parents	X – A1 (Science), studying XI	Rs. 500/- p.m.	<b>Sh. Ashwary Tripathi</b> S/O Sh. Sandeep Tripathi
2	Ashutosh Joshi Memorial Scholarship, <b>S – (2)</b>	Prof. Shri Krishan Joshi in memory of his son	VI – A1, studying VII	Rs. 300/- p.m.	<b>Sh. Shaurya Chhabra</b> Grand S/O Mrs. Shashi Lekha Bhatnagar
3.	Urmil Verma & C.L. Verma Memorial Scholarship, <b>S – (3)</b>	Sh. Rajeev Verma in memory of his parents	VIII – A, Studying IX	Rs. 300/- p.m.	<b>Sh. Ish Manrai</b> Grand S/O Mrs. Santosh Manrai
4	Bawa Barkha Nath Memorial Scholarship, <b>S – (4)</b>	Sh. Ram Krishan Luthra	Pursuing B. Tech	Rs. 500/- p.m.	<b>Ms. K. Likhita</b> D/O Dr. G. Sumana
5	Bawa Barkha Nath Memorial Scholarship, <b>S – (4)</b>	Sh. Ram Krishan Luthra	Pursuing B. Tech	Rs. 500/- p.m.	<b>Sh. K. Vinay</b> S/O Dr. G. Sumana
6	Ram Naresh Lal Scholarship <b>S – (5)</b>	Dr. Virendra Shanker in memory of his father	XI (Science), studying XII	Rs. 500/- p.m.	<b>Sh. Karan Pandey</b> S/O Sh. Manoj Kumar Pandey
7	Saroj Wasan Memorial Award <b>A – (1)</b>	Sh. Ved Prakash Wasan	Highest marks in Aggregate (VIII), Studying IX	Rs. 1,000	<b>Ms. Aakriti Sharma</b> D/O Sh. Raman Kumar Sharma
8	Ramo Devi & Sohan Lal Memorial Award, <b>A – (10)</b>	Sh. Rajeev Verma in memory of his grand parents	Highest marks in Aggregate (XI), Studying XII	Rs. 3,000	<b>Ms. Prachi Mendiratta</b> Grand D/o Sh. R.L. Mendiratta
9.	R K Khanna Memorial Award <b>A – (11)</b>	Smt. Prem Khanna in memory of her husband	Highest marks in Aggregate (XI), Studying XII	Rs. 3,000	<b>Sh. Arnav Tanwar</b> S/O Sh. V.K. Tanwar
10	Savita Singhal Memorial Award <b>A – (13)</b>	Sh. Sohan Lal Gupta in the name of his daughter	Admission in MBBS	Rs. 5,000	<b>Ms. Mayuri Dhakate</b> D/O Dr. S. R. Dhakate

In addition, the following scholarships are for children of NPL employees (who expired before retirement):

S. No.	Scholarship / Award	Sponsor	Class / Category	Amount	Awardee(s)
1	NPL-FSF Scholarship <b>S – (6A)</b>	NPL-FSF	School going – IX	Rs. 400/- p.m.	<b>Ms Uzaifa</b> D/O Late Sh. Mohd Naseem
2	G.K. Arora Scholarship <b>S – (6D)</b>	Sh. G.K. Arora	School going – X	Rs. 400/- p.m.	<b>Ms Janita</b> D/O Late Sh. Mohd Naseem



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