

Minutes of the General body meeting of the Indian Crystallography Association (ICA)
held at the Triple Helix auditorium and organized by the Department of
Crystallography and Biophysics, Madras University at 2.30 pm on October 8th, 2012

The following members of the ICA executive committee were present in the meeting:

Dr. T. P. Singh, *President*
Dr. K Sekar, *Treasurer*
Dr. N Gautham
Dr Rajnikant
Dr K Sivakumar *Joint Secretary*
Dr. B Gopal, *Secretary*
Dr. D. Velmurugan, *By Invitation*

1. On behalf of the ICA, the secretary welcomed the members to the general body meeting held in the auspices of the 41st National Seminar in Crystallography. The president introduced the Executive committee functionaries to the members of ICA.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were ratified, without corrections. This was proposed by Dr. M. N. Ponnuswamy (Madras University) and seconded by Dr. Abdul Azeez of Manipal University.
3. Presentation on the budget was made by the treasurer Dr. K. Sekar. He suggested that from the current deposit of about Rs 3,00,000, the amount of Rs. 2,50,000 could be transferred to a fixed deposit. The financial implication of this action could be examined by the treasurer who would then proceed with this aspect. This motion was proposed by Dr. Punit Kaur, AIIMS and seconded by Dr. Gourinath of JNU, N. Delhi.
4. The auditor for the ICA could be retained for the coming financial year. This was proposed by Dr. K. Suguna, IISc and seconded by Dr. S. Ramakumar, IISc.
5. The secretary reported on a letter from Dr. Bisoyi for financial assistance to organize an International Conference. The President and secretary were authorized to take a decision on this matter.
6. The proposals for the forthcoming ICA meetings were discussed. The secretary presented the list of requests that were received in this connection.
The proposal of IIT, Indore was not presented by any member of IIT, Indore, hence it was dropped. In the case of NIIT, Trichy, Dr. Balasubramanian made a brief presentation. Since the current meeting was held in the southern region at Chennai, the next meeting could be held at either western, eastern or northern part of India. Dr. Rajnikant also spoke on behalf of Jammu University and suggested that either 2013 or 2014 or 2015 were could be considered for Jammu University.

7. After due deliberations, it was decided that the forthcoming meeting, 42nd National Seminar of Crystallography be held in New Delhi. The dates of this meeting would be decided by the conveners, Dr. Punit Kaur, AIIMS and Dr. Gourinath, JNU in consultation with others.
8. The proposal for the 43rd NSC at Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat by Dr Urmila Patel was discussed. It was agreed that the SP University could be considered for a NSC after the New Delhi meeting.
9. Dr. T. P. Singh informed the audience about the Prof K. Venkatesan awards.
10. In response to a query by Dr. Abdul Azeez on the ICA website, Dr. K. Sekar mentioned the problems involved in updating the current site. The president suggested that the permanent office of the ICA be based in MBU, IISc, Bangalore with dedicated secretarial staff.
11. The Chairman briefed the members on the forthcoming international events namely- AsCA meeting in 2013 in Dhaka, Bangladesh (now shifted to Hongkong), 2015 meeting in Kolkata and IUCr general assembly of 2017 in Hyderabad.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.