

Minutes of General Body meeting held on 3.3.2018, 12.30 -2.00 pm during 12th National Conference of SIHAM (SIHAM 2018) at St. Johns Medical College, Bengaluru

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Uma Banerjee, President SIHAM in presence of general secretary, treasurer and other members of the executive council. Attendance of all members present in the meeting was obtained.

The following agenda were discussed one by one.

1. **Acceptance of minutes of the last General Body meeting** – The minutes of the last general body meeting held in Kufri, Shimla during the 11th SIHAM conference were circulated to all members during this meeting. The acceptance was proposed by Dr. Arunaloke Chakrabarti, and was seconded by Dr. Savitri Sharma. The minutes were accepted.
2. **General Secretary's report-** Hard copies of the report that was presented by the General Secretary during the inaugural function on 01.03.2018, was circulated amongst the members in the General Body. The acceptance was proposed Dr. Nirwan and seconded by Dr. Vijaylata Rastogi. The report was accepted with out any suggestions or modifications.
3. **Treasurer's report-** Dr. Anup K Ghosh, the treasurer updated the members on the status of membership. He informed the house that at present there are more than 500 life members. During the previous two years 50 new members joined the society. He presented the audited statement of 2015-16 and the 2016-17 along with partial report of 2017 -18 (April 2017 - January 2018). Acceptance of the report was proposed by Dr. Purnima Barua and seconded by Dr. Jayanthi. The report was accepted.
4. **SIHAM Mycoses Newsletter-** The general body praised Dr Savitri Sharma, editor of the 'SIHAM Mycoses Newsletter' for her constant efforts in regularly publishing two newsletters every year. She also requested all the members to contribute to the Newsletter. She requested that the Zonal council members should encourage the members to submit important materials in their zones. The general body also decided and accepted that she will continue as editor of SIHAM Mycoses newsletter for which she agreed.
5. **SIHAM Web Site** – The GB felt that there was a need to make the website dynamic and the member area should be separate so as to ensure that the materials that cannot be publicly displayed can be shared amongst the members. Dr. B. L. Sherwal, who is looking after the web site was requested to improve the website. Dr. Vijaylatha Rastogi volunteered to update the website especially about uploading the proceedings of the SIHAM conferences. Members also urged to get the existing website to be more attractive and user friendly.
6. **Changing the name of the Society** - Dr. Niranjan Nayak who has entrusted the responsibility of changing the name of the society updated the status to the general body.

He again reiterated that as finalized in the previous general body he taken all the initiative to change the society's name from "Society for Indian Human and Animal Mycologists (SIHAM)", to "Indian Society of Medical Mycologists (ISMM)". He informed that he had already submitted all the relevant documents to the registrar office at Delhi and will submit more documents shortly. He added that another important step is to give a representation to Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for approval.

The following decisions were taken by the general body on this agenda:

- a. The proposed new name "Indian Society of Medical Mycologists (ISMM)" was unanimously agreed and approved by the general body.
 - b. Official address of the Society will be - 95A, Safdarjung Enclave, New Delhi 110029
 - c. All members unanimously agree that a representation on our behalf can be made to the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi for approval of the new name.
 - d. Approval of the new rules and regulations (statutes) of the Society written by the executive.
 - e. Dr. Gagandeep Singh from AIIMS will coordinate and help Dr. Nayak in this process.
7. **EQAS in medical mycology** – Dr. A. Chakrabarti informed that the participation in the EQAS in Medical Mycology is increasing for every batch. At present there are >100 participating institutes or laboratories across the country. One center from Sri Lanka, is also participating in the program. He also informed that the participating fees has been enhanced from earlier Rs 2000 to Rs 5,000 to make the program self-sustained. All the members appreciated the work carried out by Dr A. Chakrabarti and his team.
8. **Bidding for ISHAM 2021**
Dr Shivaprakash explained the bidding process of ISHAM 2021. He informed that he had already submitted the bid jointly with the Fungal Infection Study Forum as had been agreed earlier. He informed also informed that it is proposed to organize the ISHAM 2021 at Delhi. The GB appreciated the efforts of SIHAM and FISF team in submitting the bid successfully and assured that they will support the bid and vote for the same.
9. **Life-time achievement award** – The GBM acknowledged the decision to bestow the second Dr. M J Thirumalachar Life-time achievement award of SIHAM to our senior member Dr. P.V. Pankajalakshmi for her contribution to medical mycology.
10. **Air fare to SIHAM President to attend SIHAM conference:** Dr. Uma Banerjee, proposed that SIHAM should provide the travel support the presiding President of the Society to attend our conference. The members felt that the decision of providing the travel

support should not be made mandatory but it should be left to the organizing secretary of the conference to support or not based on the financial situation of the conference fund.

11. **Venue of next SIHAM conference:** Dr Shivaprakash informed that during the last conference at Shimla Dr. Prabhu Prakash from Jodhpur expressed her interest to organize the 2020 conference at Jodhpur. As she did not attend the conference he discussed with Dr Anuradha Sharma, Jodhpur AIIMS who finally took the responsibility to organize the next 2020 SIHAM at Jodhpur. All the GB members supported and approved the Jodhpur as the next conference venue. Dr. Shivaprakash requested her to submit the written consent at the earliest.

12. **New Executive Body-** The President, Dr. Uma Banerjee announced the results of the election and the new council members as under

- President - Dr. Shivaprakash M Rudramurthy (Chandigarh)
- Vice President - Dr. Anupama Jyoti Kindo (Chennai)
- General Secretary - Dr. Jayanthi Savio (Bengaluru)
- Joint Secretary - Dr. Shukla Das (New Delhi)
- Treasurer - Dr. Anup Ghosh (Chandigarh)

Zonal executive members

1. Executive member (East) - Dr. Purnima Barua (Assam)
2. Executive member (South) - Dr. Lalitha Pranja (Madurai)
3. Executive member (North) - Dr. Bansidhar Tarai (New Delhi)
4. Executive member (West) - Dr Anuradha Sharma (Jodhpur)
5. Executive member (Central) - Dr. T. Karuna (Bhopal)

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Shivaprakash M. Rudramurthy

General Secretary