

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at Lucknow

The Executive Committee Meeting of The Indian Society for Parasitology was held on 9.9.2022 at CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow. The following members were present:

1. Dr. Veena Tandon
2. Prof. Sukhbir Kaur
3. Dr. J.K. Saxena (Secretary)
4. Dr Renu Tripathi
5. Dr Kishore Srivastava
6. Dr Mrigank Srivastava
7. Prof. Nirupama Agrawal (Special Invitee)
8. Dr. S.L.Hoti, VCRC, Dr. D.V. Desai, S.B. Pune University, Dr. A.M. Khan, ICMR, Dr. A.K. Yadav, NEHU and Dr. Neena Goyal, CDRI joined the meeting online.

1. The minutes of the last Executive Committee meeting were approved.
2. Members congratulated Dr. Hoti for being awarded Distinguished Scientist Award of WFP at 15th ICOPA ,2022 held at Copenhagen.
3. Prof. Kaur informed the members that Journal of Parasitic Diseases has obtained a NAAS score of 5.95 in life sciences section which is the maximum out of 6.
4. Prof. Tandon informed that JOPD has progressed satisfactorily. The acceptance rate of manuscript in JOPD is at present 21% which is good for Journal and it will be helpful for filing the application for obtaining the Impact Factor.
5. Prof. Veena Tandon informed about the progress of JOPD and the efforts required for improving the JOPD. She suggested that more editors from different countries be included in journal and the list and their field of expertise be prepared and uploaded on JOPD Springer site.
6. A team of members including Dr. Kishore and Dr. Mrigank will help Prof Tandon in finalizing suitable Editors for JOPD.
7. It was informed that the 31st National Congress of Parasitology is being held at Chennai from 10-12 November, 2022. It was suggested that it can be held in Hybrid mode i.e. some sessions can be conducted in the hybrid mode.
8. ISP is providing financial support for organizing workshops in different parts of country. This support depending on the theme of workshop can be increased up to 50,000.
9. The members also suggested increasing the refundable seed money to one lakh for organizing the National Congress to the organisers.
10. Prof. Kaur suggested the name of Prof Veena Tandon for Life Time Achievement award, 2022 for her contributions and selfless service to ISP, it was unanimously approved by all the executive members.
11. The committee also suggested providing maximum travel assistance of Rs. 10,000 to Executive members who are not holding any position in Institutes or Universities
12. The committee was informed that the proposal to provide Travel grant to the President and Ex-Presidents, Secretary and treasurer for attending the meetings was approved during 28th NCP meeting with a rider that they will book the tickets in advance to

reduce the cost. Local hospitality will be provided free of cost to all the executive committee members and the registration will also be waived off by the organizers.

13. The Committee also approved the award of Six travel grants to Research fellows who are not receiving any financial assistance for attending the conference. The candidate will be paid 3AC Fare from the Institute to Conference Venue. The details will be displayed on the ISP website
14. It was resolved that all ISP members should send their correct mailing address to Secretary, ISP so that all the information regarding Societies activities is received by them. They were all informed to provide their e-mail addresses for quick dissemination of information.
15. It was also suggested that the highlights of the ISP meetings should be published in next issue of JOPD.