

Proceedings of the Executive Council meeting of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications held in New Delhi on 26 September 2015 at 2.30 pm.

The Executive Committee meeting was attended by the following members:

1. Dr. VK Gupta, New Delhi, Chairman
2. Dr. Rajender Parsad, New Delhi
3. Dr. D. Roy Chaudhury, New Delhi, Secretary
4. Dr Alope Lahiri, New Delhi
5. Dr. J.P. Singh Joorel, Jammu University
6. Dr. Rahul Gupta, Jammu University
7. Dr. Pankaj Mittal, New Delhi
8. Dr. R.C. Agarwal, New Delhi
9. Dr. V.K. Bhatia, New Delhi
10. Dr. U.C. Sud, New Delhi
11. Dr. Seema Jaggi, New Delhi
12. Dr. Alka Arora, New Delhi
13. Dr. B.N. Mandal, New Delhi
14. Dr. Girish Kumar Jha, New Delhi
15. Dr. P. Rath, New Delhi
16. Dr. Anshu Bhardwaj, New Delhi
17. Dr. Sangeeta Ahuja, New Delhi
18. Dr. Amrendra Kumar Jha, New Delhi

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members present in the meeting. The Chairman also welcomed Dr. J.P. Singh Joorel, Convener and Dr. Rahul Gupta, Organizing Secretary of the 18th Annual Conference of the Society, both from Jammu University, and thanked them for their presence in the meeting. He also welcomed Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Additional Secretary, UGC, Dr. V.K. Bhatia, Ex- Director, IASRI and Dr. U.C. Sud, Director, IASRI, New Delhi. On behalf of the Executive Council and the Society, the Chairman congratulated Dr. Pankaj Mittal for her promotion as Additional Secretary, UGC. Thereafter, the agenda items of the meeting were taken up.

Agenda Item 1

Confirmation of the proceedings of the EC meeting held at the Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on 23rd February 2015

The proceedings of the meeting held at the Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on 23rd February 2015 were earlier circulated to all the members of the Executive Council by e-mail. Since no comments were received on the proceedings of the EC meeting, the proceedings were confirmed.

Agenda Item 2

Review of the progress of the activities relating to the organization of the 18th Conference at University of Jammu

Dr. JP Singh Joorel and D. Rahul Gupta the Convener and the Organizing Secretary, respectively, apprised the members about the preparations being made for organization of the 18th Conference. Overall the preparations being made were satisfactory. The two members informed about the efforts being made for channelizing the funds for organizing the conference. They informed that organizations like MOSPI, DST, UGC, NBHM, etc. are being approached for grants. Regarding accommodation of delegates, it was informed that University Guest Houses has sufficient

accommodation to accommodate the delegates. However, if required, some more accommodation nearby the University Campus would be arranged. If any delegate wants to stay in a hotel, the request may be sent to the organizers well in advance so that arrangements can be made. Else the delegates can make their own arrangements directly in the hotel. The names of some hotels around the University Campus have already been given in the Conference brochure.

The activities to be performed during the conference were also discussed. Various sessions to be organized were finalized. The Conveners and Co-conveners were also decided. The speakers for Plenary talk and Special Lecture were decided. The speaker for Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Lecture was also finalized. The details are given in Annexure I.

It was also decided that for delegates desirous of going to Mata Vaishno Devo Shrine, transport and Priority slip for Darshanas may be made available on payment basis. During registration the delegates may be asked to exercise their options.

Agenda Item 3

Discussion regarding nominations received for Dr. M.N. Das Young Scientist Award

This item was discussed at length. It was informed that at present no nomination has been received. The Chairman requested all the members to give this award a wide publicity so as to motivate young statisticians for participation.

Agenda Item 4

Review the progress of the Journal "Statistics and Applications"

It was informed that the Journal "Statistics and Applications" has been assigned the ISSN number. It is Stat{ISSN 2454-7395 (online)}.

It was also informed that the Special Issue of the Journal on "Statistical Concerns in Child health and Nutrition" has been brought out. Ten papers have been published in this Issue. This particular issue has been well received by the scientists.

It was decided that more such Special Issues may be brought out on emerging thematic areas of interest of the society at large. The Chairman also made an appeal to the members to help getting more and more authors from India and overseas to submit their research for publication in this Journal.

Agenda Item 5

Any other item with the permission of the Chair

1. In view of overlap of the conference with some other event during that period, it was suggested that the conference may be pushed ahead by a week or so. This issue was discussed with the organizers and it was decided, with the consent of the organizers, that the conference may now be held at the same venue during 18 - 20 February 2016. The members of the Society may be informed accordingly. The necessary changes may also be made at the website of the conference as well.
2. It was agreed that Rs 10,000 to be paid by SSCA to the organizers as one time grant.

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

ANNEXURE - I

The following activities were planned to be organized during the conference:

- I. Meeting of the Executive Council
- II. Inaugural Session, which shall include the keynote address
- III. Late Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Lecture Session of 60 minutes duration
- IV. Plenary Talks (Each talk of about 40 minutes duration)
- V. Technical Sessions (Each session of 120 minutes duration with about 5 speakers in each session; may be run concurrently)
- VI. Special Lectures of 30 minutes duration each
- VII. Presentations to be made for the Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award
- VIII. Contributed Papers Sessions (to be run concurrently; each speaker to be given 15 minutes for presentation)
- IX. General Body Meeting
- X. Cultural Programme
- XI. Plenary Session.

Conference Programme

The following decisions were taken regarding the conference programme:

- **Chief Guest during the Inaugural Session**
To be decided by the Organizers
- **Keynote Address**
Speaker: Dr. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI AYO
- **Prof. P.K. Dasora, Vice-Chancellor, Kota University, may be invited and asked to Preside over the inaugural function and give his remarks for 10 minutes**
- **Late Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Lecture**
Speaker: Dr. A.K. Srivastava
- **Technical sessions**
 1. **Statistics as Interdisciplinary Science in the service of Society**
 - a. Convener: Dr. Rajender Parsad
 - b. Co-convener: Dr. S.A. Mir
 - c. Co-convener: Dr. Dwijesh Mishra
 2. **Capacity Building in Statistical Sciences**
 - a. Convener: Dr. M.P. Singh
 - b. Co-convener: Dr. B.K. Hooda
 - c. Co-convener: Manish Trivedi, IGNOU

3. **Significance of Experimental Designs in Scientific Research**
 - a. Convener: Dr. Yashbir Singh
 - b. Co-convener: Dr. S.E.Z. Rizvi
 - c. Co-convener: Dr. B.N. Mandal

4. **Advances in Sample Surveys**
 - a. Convener: Dr. Hukum Chandra
 - b. Co-convener: Dr. Neeraj Tiwari
 - c. Co-convener: Dr. Manish Sharma

5. **Advances in Reliability and Life Testing**
 - a. Convener: Dr. Ajit Chaturvedi
 - b. Co-convener: Dr. Alka Choudhary
 - c. Co-convener: Dr. Piyush Rai

6. **Statistical Modelling**
 - a. Convener: Dr. S Ravichandran
 - b. Co-convener: Dr. Girish Kumar Jha
 - c. Co-convener: Dr. Amrender Kumar

7. **Informatics ~ Advances and Issues**
 - a. Convener: Dr. A. Dhandapani
 - b. Co-convener: Dr. Alka Arora
 - c. Co-convener: Dr. Parmil Kumar

8. **Statistical Computing and Big data Analytics**
 - a. Convener: Dr. Abhishek Rathore
 - b. Co-convener: Dr. Sangeeta Ahuja
 - c. Co-convener: Dr. V.K. Shivgotra

9. **Session organized, managed by students**
 - a. Mentor: Dr. Neeraj Mishra
 - b. Convener: Mr. Sunny Babber
 - c. Co-convener: Mr. Shwetank Lall
 - d. Co-convener: Mr. Chandan Deb

10. **Workshop on *Community Health and Nutrition***
 - a. Convener: Dr. A.K. Nigam
 - b. Co-convener: Dr. Ravindra Srivastava

11. **Late Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award Presentation**
(Separate Committees for evaluation of papers and then evaluation of the presentations during the conference)

- **Plenary Talks / Special Lectures**
Speaker 1: Prof Alope Dey
Speaker 2: Dr. Pankaj Mittal
Speaker 3: Dr. R.C. Agrawal
Speaker 4: Dr. A.S. Ramasastry
Speaker 5: Dr. P.P. Yadav
Speaker 6: Prof. S.C. Malik
Speaker 7: Prof. P.C. Jha
Speaker 8: Prof. K. Muralidharan
Speaker 9: Prof. Kalpana Mahajan
Speaker 10: Prof. Arvind Pandey
Speaker 11: Prof. S K Pandey
Speaker 12: Prof. S K Upadhyaya
Speaker 13: Prof. Anoop Chaturvedi
Speaker 14: Prof. K K Singh
Speaker 15: Dr. P. Rajashekhara Reddy
Speaker 16: Dr. R.J. Yadav
Speaker 17: Dr. Prajneshu
Speaker 18: Dr. Aquil Ahmed
Speaker 19: Dr. Dibyojyoti Bhattacharyya

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**Hon. Joint Secretary
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