

## **Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting of ASSOPI**

(held on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, at 6.00 PM at Sri Pramukhswami Medical College,  
Karamsad, Gujrat)

### **AGENDA**

The fifth meeting of General Body (GB) of Association of Physiologists of India was conducted at Pramukhswami Medical College, Karamsad, on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, at 6PM. Fifty-six life members of ASSOPI participated in the meeting and the following agenda items were discussed.

#### **1. Welcome address by President**

The President of ASSOPI, Prof S. B. Deshpande couldn't attend the meeting and General Secretary informed that Prof. Deshpande had communicated to him earlier about his inability to attend the same. General Secretary informed that as per bye-law of ASSOPI, in the absence of President, the senior-most vice-president of the Association will preside over the GB. He requested Prof. Narsingh Verma, the Vice-President of Central Zone to chair the GB meeting. Dr. Verma welcomed all the members to the 5<sup>th</sup> GB meeting of the association. Dr. Verma briefly highlighted the major achievements of ASSOPI in last one year and thanked Dr. G. K. Pal, the General Secretary for making all sincere efforts for a steady progress of ASSOPI. He requested General Secretary to discuss the agenda items of EB as listed in the Agenda.

#### **2. Approval of the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> GB meeting held on 02.12.2017**

Dr. G. K. Pal informed that the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> GB held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017, at KGMU, Lucknow, was circulated to the members through news bulletin January -March Issue and it was also displayed in ASSOPI website, requesting the members to provide their comments/inputs for correction, if any. However, as no comments for corrections have been received so far, he requested GB to approve the minutes. GB approved the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> GB held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017.

### 3. Presentation of annual report by General Secretary

Dr. G. K. Pal, General Secretary presented the report of ASSOPI of last one year. The summary of the report is depicted below.

#### Summary of the Report of General Secretary, 2017-2018

1. Newly enrolled life members: **59** (Total life members as on 20.09.2017: **302**)
2. News bulletin published : 2 issues (Jan- March, May-June)
3. Recipients of ASSOPI Awards, 2018:

<b>Name of the Award</b>	<b>Award Winner</b>
<b>Prof. A. S. Paintal Award</b> (Best research work in Physiology)	<b>Dr. Neena Srivastava</b> KGMU, Lucknow
<b>Dr. Artatran Nanda Memorial Award</b> (Best research work in Respiratory Physiology)	No Applicants
<b>Prof. S. B. Deshpande Award</b> (Best research work in Neurophysiology)	<b>Dr. Prasunpriya Nayak</b> AIIMS, Jodhpur
<b>Prof. G. K. Pal Award</b> (Best research work in Cardiovascular Physiology)	<b>Dr. Jayesh Solanki,</b> Govt. Medical college, Bhavanagar
<b>Shri Ram Murti Memorial Award</b> (Best research work in Yoga and Naturopathy)	No Applicants
<b>Shri B. M. Patil Memorial Award</b> (Best research work by a scientist below the age of 45 years)	<b>Dr. Nivedita Nanda,</b> JIPMER, Puducherry
<b>Shri S. N. Choudary Memorial Award</b> (Best research work in Environmental Physiology)	No Applicants
<b>JIPMER Golden Jubilee Award</b> (Best research work conducted by a postgraduate student in Physiology)	<b>Allampalli Sirisha,</b> JIPMER, Puducherry
<b>Prof. S. K. Singh Award</b> (Best research work conducted by an undergraduate medical student)	<b>Auroprajna Pal,</b> JIPMER, Puducherry

<b>Ramesh Bijlani Lifetime Achievement Award</b> in Medical Sciences	<b>Prof. S. B. Deshpande,</b>
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4. Affiliation to other societies:

- Application has been submitted to FIPS, and SAAP.

**4. Approval of ASSOPI Awards, 2018**

Dr. G. K. Pal, Gen. Secretary informed the GB that a total of 13 nominations were received for various awards of ASSOPI, and a committee consisting of three subject experts for each award was constituted for evaluating the nominations. The report of the committee was approved by the EB of ASSOPI held on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, and the awards were received by the recipients on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept., in the Inaugural Ceremony. GB approved the list of recipients of ASSOPI Awards, 2018. Dr. Pal mentioned that nominations for various awards were less this year. He requested all the members to encourage their colleagues and students to participate/nominate for different awards in future.

**5. Presentation of Audited statement of account for 2017-2018**

Audited statement of account was presented by Dr. S. Velkumary, Addl. Professor, JIPMER, who was nominated to present the report by Finance Secretary of ASSOPI, in his absence as he was not allowed leave from his institute (AIIMS, Mangalagiri). After a detailed discussion, the audited statement of account for the year 2017-18 was approved by the GB.

**6. Affiliation to other bodies like FIPS, SAAP, etc.,**

General Secretary (GS) informed that application for inclusion of ASSOPI as a member of SAAP has been submitted and he is awaiting for the response from SAAP Head Quarters. Further, GS informed that in response to our application for induction of ASSOPI as a member in FIPS, so many queries were raised in the last GB of FIPS held at DIPAS in Nov. 2017 during FIPS conference and there was some reluctance from FIPS office bearers to include ASSOPI in FIPS. It was decided that GS can continue to pursue for inclusion of ASSOPI in SAAP.

## **7. ASSOPI Journal**

General Secretary gave a brief report of his earlier interactions with Prof. B. S. Rao related to publication of the ASSOPI journal. He presented a brief report of discussion on the issue in EB held two days before regarding the proposal to consider the International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Physiology (IJCEP) to be made the official publication of the Association. After a detailed discussion, the proposal was accepted by GB. However, Dr. Pal informed that he will discuss the technicalities of the issue with the MedKnow publication, the publisher of IJCEP and the formalities of transferring the journal to ASSOPI. It was also advised that though the Editor-in-Chief will be elected/nominated from ASSOPI who will look after the editorial responsibilities to publish the journal as per the guidelines depicted in ASSOPI bye-law and will finalize articles for publication of issues of journal, Dr. Pal should continue in the capacity of 'Executive Editor' of the journal to look after the administrative aspect of the journal from the Head Quarter of ASSOPI.

## **8. Finalization of venue for next annual conference of ASSOPI and proposal for subsequent conferences.**

General Secretary informed that members from Sikkim have not contacted him till now for holding the next conference, though they had proposed for the ASSOPICON 2019 in the last GB. Dr. Pal informed that EB held on 26<sup>th</sup> September, has approved the request for the next annual conference (6<sup>th</sup> ASSOPICON, 2019) received from Dr. L. Rajeshwari, Associate Professor of Physiology Dept., JSS Medical College, Mysuru. Dr. L. Rajeshwari informed the ASSOPICON 2019 will be organized 15 days before Dusshera, to avoid Dusshera crowd, which is a very big festival in Mysuru city. She said most likely the conference will be in the last week of September, and the exact dates will be informed to all the members through next News Bulletin of ASSOPI. She along with her two senior colleagues invited all the members to attend the ASSOPICON 2019. They made a brief video presentation of the facilities available at JSS Medical College, Mysuru, which was highly appreciated by all.

The proposal was made to organize ASSOPICON 2020 at AIIMS, Raipur or AIIMS, Bhubaneswar.

## **9. Proposal of new ASSOPI awards**

General Secretary informed that no applications were received for starting new awards. It was felt that the presently ASSOPI is having enough awards and there is no need to encourage institution of new awards. Further, it was proposed that the seed money for ASSOPI should be raised from the present one lakh rupees to minimum two lakhs rupees for institution of any new awards in future.

## **10. Election of new EB and OB members**

General Secretary informed that as per bye-law of ASSOPI, the tenure of present EB and OB members ends in December, this year, and accordingly he had announced for nomination for various posts in the last ASSOPI news Bulletin (May-June issue) circulated to all the life members of ASSOPI. He informed the nominations received for various posts were presented in the EB meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2018 and EB has recommended the nominations for various posts of Office Bearers and EB members of ASSOPI, for next two years tenure (2019-2020), as mentioned below:

President – Prof. Narsingh Verma, KGMU, Lucknow

Vice Presidents (arranged alphabetically)

Vice-President (West Zone) – Dr. Mehta H. B., Govt. Medical College, Gujarat

Vice-President (North Zone) – Dr. Latika Mohan, AIIMS, Rishikesh

Vice-President (South Zone) – Dr. Shankaranarayana Rao B. S., NIMHANS,  
Bengaluru

Vice-President (East Zone) – Dr. Sharma S. N., Patna Medical College, Patna

General Secretary- Dr. Pal G. K., JIPMER, Puducherry

Finance Secretary – Dr. Velkumary S., JPMER, Puducherry

Editor-in-Chief – Dr. Rajkumar Yadav, AIIMS, New Delhi

Joint Secretary (arranged alphabetically)

Joint Secretary (West Zone) – Dr. Hasmukh Shah, Karamsad, Gujarat

Joint Secretary (South Zone) – Dr. Pravati Pal, JIPMER, Puducherry

Joint Secretary (North Zone) – Dr. Rajeev Sharma, GSMCPH, Faridkot

Joint Secretary (East Zone) – Dr. Rituparna Barooah, NEIGRIHMS, Meghalaya

**New Executive Committee Members of ASSOPI 2019-20 (arranged**

**alphabetically):**

1. Dr. Bindu M. Kutty, NIMHANS, Bangalore
2. Dr. Deshpande S. B., Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh
3. Dr. D. K. Jha, Sikkim Manipal University, Gangtok, Sikkim
4. Dr. Jyoti Kumar, Govt. Medical College, Sonipat
5. Dr. Kalpana Hota, AIIMS, Bhuwaneswar
6. Dr. Kusal K. Das, Professor, Shri B. M. Patill Medical College, Bijapur
7. Dr. Madusudan Pal, DIPAS, Delhi
8. Dr. Manjinder Kaur, Geetanjali Medical College, Udaipur
9. Dr. Meenakshi Sinha, AIIMS, Raipur
10. Dr. Neelima Shankar, UCMS, New Delhi
11. Dr. Padmaja Hari, MES Medical College, Kerala
12. Dr. Prasunpriya Nayak, AIIMS, Jodhpur
13. Dr. Rajeswari L., JSS Medical College, Mysuru
14. Dr. Sandeep Sardesai, Goa Medical College, Goa
15. Dr. Satish Dipankar, AIIMS, Patna

After a detailed discussion, GB accepted the recommendation of E.B. The General Secretary informed that the tenure of the new members will be for two years starting from the January, 2019, as per the bye-law of ASSOPI.

**11. Presentation of a brief report by Organizing Secretary/Chairman of ASSOPICON-2018**

Dr. Hashmukh Shah, Organizing Secretary of ASSOPICON-2018 gave a brief account of how the conference is being organized. Dr. Shah informed that conference is attended by many renowned physiologists, physicians, and scientists from across the country and from abroad. There are more than 200 registrations. He informed that four pre-conference workshops were conducted very successfully on 26<sup>th</sup> September. The special events in the conference was panel discussion on PG curriculum and how to make ASSOPI more vibrant, in addition to the key note address, symposia, plenary lectures, PG paper presentations and poster presentations covering a wide variety of

topics. He informed that he got support from all senior members of ASSOI, from his institution and his departmental colleagues a, staff and students. GB gave a standing ovation to the entire organizing team for making ASSOPICON 2018 a grand success.

## **12. Vote of thanks**

Meeting of GB ended with vote of thanks proposed by General Secretary.