

**Minutes of the General Body Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 in the Homi Bhabha Auditorium of TIFR, Mumbai :**

President welcomed the members and requested the non-members to take up the membership of the society. He apprised the house about the decisions taken in the Executive Board Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013 and sought opinion of the house on the other issues as follows :

1. The new Board to assume the Office from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to be as follows :

President : Dr Krishanu Ray, TIFR, Mumbai

Secretary-Treasurer : Dr Amitabh Bandyopadhyay, IIT, Kanpur

Members :

Dr Surendra Ghaskadbi, ARI, Pune

Dr Gaiti Hasan, NCBS, Bangalore

Dr Rohit Joshi, CDFD, Hyderabad

Dr Lolitika Mandal, IISER, Mohali

Dr Rakesh Mishra, CCMB, Hyderabad

Dr Girish Ratnaparkhi, IISER, Pune

Dr Madhu G Tapadia, BHU, Varanasi

Dr Shubha Tole, TIFR, Mumbai

Dr Debasmita P Alone, NISER, Bhubaneswar

2. The frequency of meeting : A discussion was held on having annual meeting of the society versus meeting once in two years. The house decided that the meetings be held once in two years.

3. Modalities of organizing the meetings :

Meetings be held in the Institutions, not in the exotic places, but flexibility remains with the host for choosing the venue according to their convenience

Inaugural session may not be given importance and minimum or no time may be spent on this

In place of having talks by mainly senior persons, more student talks may be there

The funding agencies, like DBT, can give much more funds if the meeting is shown not as a routine society meeting but show cased as one of the advanced meeting

The travel be taken care by the participants, however, the organizers can always consider if one needs support

A separate time be allotted for student/post doctoral fellows interaction with the mentors to discuss the research opportunities available and methods of grant writing, etc

4. Educational agenda : Organizing two type of workshops, one Research workshop and one training workshop for teachers be organized by the society members in between the two annual meetings. The society may give a token support for these and funds may be generated by the organizer from other sources.

5. A protocol book for teaching purposes having experiments those can be done in class rooms may be brought out by the society. J K Roy, Dr Madhu G Tapadia (BHU) and Dr Dr Yasmin (Sophia College) came forward to take this task.
6. Lectures in Colleges of remote areas be organized by the society taking fellows of national academies and travel for such lectures may come from the Academies.
7. The society may influence the funding agencies like DST and DBT to organize Brain storming sessions to make research funding available for the good projects of the members of the society.
8. The society may increase its corpus (presently Rs 3 lakh) to give away best Platform and poster presentation awards in meetings and best thesis award during two year period. The quantum of award may be finalized by the newly elected Board members.
9. The President informed the house that the next meeting of the International Society of Developmental Biology will be held in 2017 in Singapore and InSDB may have very good representation in that meeting.

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