



InSDB Executive Board Meeting-BLiSC Bangalore

Date: 22nd February, 2024

Members present:

Maneesha Inamdar, DBT-InStem (President)

Raj Ladher, NCBS (Secretary)

Amitabha Bandyopadhyay, IIT-Kanpur (Treasurer)

Sonia Sen, TIGS

Chetana Sachidanandan, CSIR-IGIB

Kalika Prasad, IISER-Pune

Mahendra Sonawane, TIFR

Jyotsna Dhawan, CSIR-CCMB

Special Invitees

Ramkumar Sambasivan, IISER-Tirupati

Surendra Ghaskadbi

Rohan Khadilkar, ACTREC

Apologies for Absence

Deepak Modi (ICMR-NIRRCH) and Lolitika Mandal (IISER-Mohali) could not attend the meeting due to prior engagements.

Agenda:

1. Pre-approval of the new [by-laws](#).
2. Choosing office bearers and board members.
3. The location (and organizer) of the next InSDB meeting.
4. Establishing an InSDB office for continued coordination with the membership.
5. A handover of duties.

The proceedings started according to the agenda and the discussions were recorded.

1. The bylaws were preapproved by the board members. A new format for membership with refined membership fees that include full, associate, and affiliate membership categories was agreed upon.
2. The Executive Board (EB) circulated a nomination form to all members to propose candidates for various office bearer positions. Following this, the EB chose Raj Ladher (NCBS) as president, Ramkumar Sambasivan (IISER-Tirupati) as secretary, and Sonia Sen (TIGS) as treasurer.

The board thanked both the outgoing president, Prof Maneesha Inamdar, and the outgoing treasurer, Prof. Amitabha Bandyopadhyay (IIT-Kanpur), for their contributions to growing the society. The outgoing president will be an ex-officio member of the EB.

The following names were proposed for the new [executive board](#): Rohan Khadilkar (ACTREC), Richa Ricky (IISER-Pune), Madhu Thapadia (BHU), Jyotsna Dhawan (CSIR-CCMB), Megha Kumar (CSIR-CCMB), Chetana Sachidanandan (CSIR-IGIB), and Anup Padmanabhan (Asoka University).

The EB thanked the outgoing board members, Deepak Modi (ICMR-NIRRH), Lolitika Mandal (IISER-Mohali), Kalika Prasad (IISER-Pune) and Mahendra Sonawane (TIFR-Mumbai).

3. Ramkumar Sambasivan offered to host the next biennial meeting at the IISER-Tirupati campus in December 2025.
4. The board agreed that a permanent InSDB office for better functioning would be appropriate for the further functioning of the society. It was unanimously agreed that the office will be situated at the Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine, Bangalore.

5. The outgoing office bearers handed over their duties to the newly elected individuals. It was collectively decided that the society would commence the process of obtaining tax-exempt status. Furthermore, the board has resolved to enhance its workshop and outreach initiatives for the upcoming year.

ANNEXURE-1

List of new board members:

1. Raj Ladher (NCBS) - President
2. Maneesha Inamdar (DBT-InStem) - Past-president
3. Ramkumar Sambasivan (IISER-Tirupati) - Secretary
4. Sonia Sen (TIGS) - Treasurer
5. Rohan Khadilkar (ACTREC)
6. Richa Ricky (IISER-Pune)
7. Madhu Thapadia (BHU)
8. Jyotsna Dhawan (CSIR-CCMB)
9. Megha Kumar (CSIR-CCMB)
10. Chetana Sachidanandan (CSIR-IGIB)
11. Anup Padmanabhan (Asoka University)

ANNEXURE 2:

Bylaws

(Draft By-Laws for Ratification at the Bangalore General Assembly, Feb 24, 2024)

I. OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY

Article 1

1. Name

The aim of the Indian Society of Developmental Biologists (InSDB), a scientific association, is to promote the cause of developmental biology in the following means

2. Address

The society will be located at a dedicated office at
Institute for Stem Cell Science and Regenerative Medicine (InStem)
GKVK PO,
Bellary Road,
Bangalore 560065,
Karnataka, India

3. Purpose

1. Organisation of Congresses and symposia.
2. Publication of results of research in developmental biology.
3. Encouragement for the establishment and improvement of research laboratories in developmental biology.
4. Preparation and Publication of communications which may be of help in the coordination of research between different workers.
5. Encouraging the collections of reagents, material, slides and scientific publications for use amongst the community through insdb.in.
6. Any other legitimate mean to further the cause of developmental biology in India.
7. The aim(s) of the society will be altered, extended, or abridged in accordance with rules 12 and 12A of the Societies Registration Act 1860.

Article 2

The Society will extend cooperation to other National and International Bodies.

II. COMPOSITION

Article 3

The Society consists of affiliate, student, full and emeritus members. As per rule 15 of the Society Registration Rules Maharashtra 1971, a list of members shall be maintained in the form of schedule VI to the said rules regarding such members as members within the meaning of section 15 of the Societies Registration Act 1860.

Article 4

All persons interested in the field of developmental biology may apply for membership of the society.

Article 5

All members may take part in meetings and discussions of the General Assembly. They may attend all congresses and symposia organised by the society. They shall receive all publications issued by the society and have full access to insdb.in. Members pay a biennial subscription, which shall be fixed at the General Assembly.

Article 6

Upon superannuation, a member of at least five years standing shall be promoted to emeritus member. Emeritus members have the same rights as members, except the right to be elected to the board.

Article 7

Affiliate members are persons or organisations interested in stem cell and developmental biology and contributing to the Society. Affiliate members have the right to attend or to be represented at the General Assembly but are not entitled to vote or to be elected to the Board.

Article 8

Application for membership must be accompanied by recommendations of two members and must be approved by the Board by a simple majority. Admission of supporting members is decided directly by the Board. This may not apply to members enrolled up to the end of 1977.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Article 9

The activities of the Society shall be governed by the Board, which is responsible to the General Assembly.

Article 10

The Board shall consist of a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and eight ordinary members, as well as an ex-officio position of the InSDB Community Manager. All members of the Board are elected by a simple majority of the General Assembly. The President, the Secretary and the Treasurer are elected as such. Other offices (Vice-President, Programme Secretary, Information Service Secretary and other offices considered necessary by the Board) are allotted among the members of the Board by mutual agreement.

The term of office of the members of the Board will be two years except the Treasurer whose term of office will be four years; members may be re-elected for one more term only if the election is unanimous.

Article 11

At all meetings of the Board, a minimum of three board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 12

The President, Secretary or Treasurer are the legal representatives of the Society.

IV. ASSEMBLIES AND SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Article 13

The Society shall meet as a rule in General Assemblies held during its congress, at least once every two years. Unless the time and place of the session have been set at the preceding session of the General Assembly, they shall be decided by the board and communicated to the members at least two months in advance.

Article 14

For special reasons, the President of the Society, with the consent of the Board, may summon an extraordinary session of the General Assembly. The president shall also call such a session at the request of at least one-third of the active members.

Article 15

The agenda for a session shall be drawn up by the Board and circulated at least three weeks prior to the date of the session.

Article 16

At the General Assembly, questions of scientific or administrative nature shall be decided by a simple majority of votes of the members present and voting. In case of a tie, the vote of the President decides.

Article 17

At the General Assembly, one-fifth of voting members, with current dues, subject to a minimum of 3 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 18

Besides the above-mentioned sessions, scientific meetings may be held at any other suitable time. The scientific programme will be a committee consisting of the Board and the Chairman of the local committee. The local committee will be responsible for the organisation of the scientific meeting.

V. ACCOUNTS

Article 19

The income of the Society consists of annual subscriptions of members and affiliate members, interest from capital, sale of publications, and subventions from governments and other organisations and persons.

Article 20

The accounts of the Society shall be kept and audited in accordance with section 12-D of the Societies Registration Act 1860.

Article 21

The society shall open a bank account in any of the scheduled Banks/Nationalized/Co-operative Banks and shall be operated under the joint signatures of two of the following i.e. the Secretary and any person delegated by them.

Article 22

Members whose subscription has been in arrears for two consecutive years shall, after due notice from the Secretary or Treasurer, be regarded as having resigned, with the membership fee being debts outstanding. In exceptional cases, the Board may decide to depart from this rule. Any member in arrears after March 31 shall lose their voting right.

Article 23

Funds derived from donations shall be used by the society in accordance with the expressed wishes of the donors. Funds not specially earmarked by the donors shall be added to the general fund of the Society.

VI. REGULATIONS

Article 24

The General Assembly may draw up regulations relating to the conduct of its business, including delegation of powers to the members of the Board, on all matters not provided for in the Statues.

VII. MODIFICATION OF THE STATUES

Article 25

Amendments to the present Statutes may be proposed by the Board or at least fifteen members. For adoption by the General Assembly, an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the active members present and with voting rights is required.

VIII. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

Article 26

In the event of the society being dissolved for any reason, the surplus funds remaining after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities shall not be distributed among the members but shall be paid or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having aims similar to those of the Society and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members. Such institution or institutions shall be determined by the members of the Society at or before the time of dissolution, and if effect cannot be given to this provision, the surplus funds shall be devoted to some charitable object or objects.

Article 27

The Society shall be dissolved as per the provisions laid down in Sections 13 and 14, of the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

Bylaws

I. ELECTIONS OF THE MEMBERS

Article 1

Members have the right to present new candidates for membership of the Society. New candidates have to be supported by two members. At regular intervals, the candidature will be examined by the Board, after which admission to membership will be decided by a simple majority of members of the Board. Candidates for membership in the Society must submit a curriculum vitae and a complete list of their scientific publications.

II. THE BOARD

Article 2

Two months before the General Assembly, the Secretary or Treasurer shall communicate to active members and emeritus members any proposal to the Board, if any, for the next General Assembly. Additional nominations of candidates shall be signed by at least three members and the candidate and shall have reached the Secretary at least one month before the General Assembly. The election will be by ballot. The ad hoc board will be constituted by cooption by the Secretary-Treasurer and President.

Article 3

The President is charged with the conduct of the meetings. In their absence, the Secretary and then the Treasurer shall be designated as an alternate. In emergencies, the President is entitled to take action, in consultation with one of the board's senior members, subject to the approval of the next Board meeting.

Article 4

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society, keep the files, organise and convene the meetings, and record the minutes of the Board and business meetings. The Secretary or Treasurer shall control, under their personal responsibility, all financial resources of the Society. The Secretary or Treasurer shall collect the subscriptions and donations, and invest the funds in consultation with the Board.

In the General Assembly, the Secretary or Treasurer shall deliver a financial accounting of the past period with supporting evidence.

Article 5

The Board may, on application from the Secretary or Treasurer, appoint one or more Secretaries to assist in the execution of their functions or to replace them in their absence.

III. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Article 6

Active members shall pay a biennial subscription for two calendar years which shall be determined by the General Assembly. Full membership subscription is Rs. 4000, Student Membership is Rs. 2000 and Affiliate Membership is Rs. 1000

Article 7

Anyone engaged in developmental biology research is entitled to become a full member of the Indian Society of Developmental Biologists. Scholars following a PhD or Integrated PhD course can become student members upon receipt of appropriate proof of enrollment. All others can become affiliate members.

IV. ASSEMBLIES

Article 8

It shall be part of the policy of the Society to hold its meetings in as many different centres as possible.

Article 9

The minutes of business meetings shall be sent to all members. They shall be submitted for approval at the next meeting.

Article 10

All votes concerning persons shall be cast in writing or using online balloting portals.