

Proceedings of VII Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Meat Science Association (IMSA) held at College of Veterinary Sciences, GADVASU, Ludhiana on 11/11/2016

The meeting began at around 6.00 pm in PAMETI Hall No. 1, GADVASU, Ludhiana with welcome address by Secretary, IMSA. He requested Dr. J. Abraham, Patron, IMSA, Dr. V.V. Kulkarni, President, Dr. S.K. Mendiratta, Vice-president, Dr. Nadeem Fairuze, Vice-president, Dr. Muthukumar, Treasurer, Dr. P.K. Mandal, Editor, JMS and Dr. Manish Kumar, Organising Secretary, IMSACON-VII to preside over the VII AGBM. At the outset Dr. V.V. Kulkarni welcomed all the members of IMSA and congratulated Dr. Manish Kumar, Organising Secretary of IMSACON-VII for successfully coordinating and arranging the event. Dr. B.M. Naveena, Secretary briefed the members about the agenda items for the meeting. He informed the members that, the notification for the VII AGBM requesting agenda items was sent to all the members via e-mail more than 1 month in advance. The same was also uploaded in the IMSA website (www.imsa.org.in) for wider circulation among members. Dr. Naveena mentioned that, only few agenda items were received from IMSA members as below for VII AGBM and were discussed:

1. Consideration of the balance sheet and audited accounts for 2016-17
2. IMSA-Fellow and other IMSA awards
3. Deciding venue for IMSACON-VIII
4. Reconstitution of IMSA executive committee and JMS editorial board
5. Induct some experts from Industry as Patrons/other positions
6. Complete online publication of J. Meat Science
7. Proposing best paper award for the articles published in JMS

Accordingly, 7 agenda items mentioned above were discussed.

1. Consideration of the balance sheet and audited accounts for 2016-17

Secretary presented the audited statements and mentioned that, the IMSA auditing has been completed up to March, 2016. He informed the members that IMSA has got new PAN number and

IT returns were filed for the assessment year 2017-18. He also presented the IMSA balance sheet upto November, 2016 and informed that as on November, 2016 the association has a balance of approximately Rs. 2.5 lakhs. Secretary has mentioned that, two fixed deposits of Rs. 5.0 lakh each were opened and the interest generated will be credited to IMSA savings bank account. Additionally, one FD of Rs. 1.0 lakh towards IMSA-Allanasons Young Scientist Award and an FD of Rs. 25,000=00 towards IMSA-Dr. B.N. Kowale award for Best Master's Thesis was also opened. The same was approved by the house.

2. IMSA-Fellow and other IMSA awards

Secretary has briefed all the members about the process undertaken for finalization of IMSA-Lifetime achievement awards; IMSA Fellowship and other IMSA Awards. He has mentioned about the rigorous exercise done for finalization of eligibility criteria, application forms and score card, screening and evaluation process, presentation for the aforesaid awards. He also requested all the IMSA members and senior faculty members to come forward and install new IMSA awards.

3. Deciding venue for IMSACON-VIII

President, IMSA has informed the house about the interest expressed by Dr. S. Biswas, Prof. & Head, Dept. Animal Products Technology & Marketing, West Bengal University of Animal and Fisheries Sciences, Kolkata to host the IMSACON-VIII preferably at the end of 2017 or in the beginning of 2018. Dr. A.R. Sen, Pr. Scientist, CIFE, Kolkata and Dr. A.K. Das, IVRI Regional Station, Kolkata have also expressed their interest to collaborate with Dr. S. Biswas in organizing this event. Accordingly the house has agreed to host the next 8th Conference of IMSA at Kolkata. It was decided that IMSA Secretariat will write to Dr. S. Biswas requesting him to get a consent from his University to host the next IMSACON meeting.

4. Reconstitution of IMSA executive committee and JMS editorial board

Dr. John Abraham, Patron, IMSA has briefed about the role of IMSA. It was envisaged that discussion on changing IMSA headquarter repeatedly should not arise and it was unanimously agreed that IMSA headquarter will continue to be at National Research Centre on Meat, Hyderabad till 2020. In order to take regular decisions and for smooth functioning of the Association it was agreed that few posts viz, President, Secretary and Treasurer need to be from the headquarter. As

per the opinion expressed and suggestions by the IMSA members, the existing EC and Editorial board of the Journal has been reconstituted unanimously in order to ensure the participation and representation of members from all parts of the country. The list of new IMSA executive committee members and editorial board which will come into effect from 1st April, 2017 is as below:

IMSA Executive Committee Members w.e.f 1st April, 2017

- President:** Dr. V.V. Kulkarni, Hyderabad
- Vice-Presidents:** Dr. S.K. Mendiratta, Izzatnagar
Dr. Nadeem Fairoze, Bengaluru
Dr. Manish Kumar Chatli, Ludhiana
- Secretary:** Dr. M. Muthukumar, Hyderabad
- Jt. Secretaries:** Dr. M. Hazarika, Guwahati
Dr. A.R. Sen, Kolkata
Dr. Vikas Pathak, Mathura
Dr. Suresh Kumar, Cuddalore, TN
- Treasurer:** Dr. Rituparna Banerjee, Hyderabad
- Members:** Dr. Sarfaraz Wani, Srinagar
Dr. M.K. Agnihotri, New Delhi
Dr. Dushyanthan, Chennai
Dr. K. Jayathilakan, Mysore
Dr. Sunil Kumar, Jammu
Dr. Dr. Meena Goswami, Mathura
Dr. S.S. Ahlawat, Hisar
Dr. N.K. Nayak, Mhow, Indore
Dr. S.P. Fonglan, Lucknow

Journal of Meat Science-Editorial Committee Members w.e.f 1st April, 2017

Chief Editor: Dr. P.K. Mandal, Puducherry

Editor: Dr. B.M. Naveena, Hyderabad

Associate Editors: Dr. U.K. Pal, Pondicherry
Dr. Girish Patil, Guwahati
Dr. Ashim Kumar Biswas, Izzatnagar
Dr. Arun Kumar Das, Kolkata

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Dr. P. Prabhakaran, Pantnagar
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Dr. Nitin Mehta, Ludhiana
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Dr. Rajeev Kumar Ranjan, Izzatnagar
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Dr. Pawan Kumar, Ludhiana
Dr. Bandu Mane, Palampur
Dr. M. Kiran, Bidar
Dr. Vijaybhaskar Reddy, Tirupati
Dr. Sagar Chand, Izzatnagar

5. Induct some experts from Industry as Patrons/other positions

The house has decided to admit Dr. C.K. THOTA, Director, International Business, Allanasons, Hyderabad as a **PATRON** of IMSA in addition to the existing patrons Dr. Nagendra Sharma, Dr. J. Abraham, Dr. A.T. Sherikar and Dr. Sushil Kumar.

6. Complete online publication of J. Meat Science

Dr. P.K. Mandal, Editor, Journal of Meat Science has briefed about the greater response from the authors for publishing their research findings in JMS and he expressed happiness for regular publication. He requested all the authors to cite good number of papers from our own JMS in order to increase its impact factor. It was agreed to make the JMS completely online including paper submission, reviewing, revision, proof-reading and final printing. It was also discussed to discontinue the printing hard copies of the JMS and we may keep only online publication.

7. Proposing best paper award for the articles published in JMS

Dr. Muthukumar, Associate Editor, JMS informed the house about the need to start “*Best Research Paper Award*” for papers published in JMS to encourage researchers to publish their quality research work. The house approved the same and the modalities will be worked out by the EC and Editorial Board members to start this award from the next IMSACON.

All the members have unanimously agreed and accepted the new Executive Council and Editorial Board of *J. Meat Science* which will be effective from 1st April, 2017. The meeting ended with vote-of-thanks.