

Proceedings of VI Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Meat Science Association (IMSA) held at College of Veterinary Sciences, DUVASU, Mathura on 30/11/2014

Agenda Items:

1. Publishing of IMSA News letter
2. Measures to start different IMSA Awards
3. Matters related to *Journal of Meat Science*
4. Inclusion of foreign members in IMSA
5. Consideration of the balance sheet and audited accounts for 2013-14
6. Resource generation
7. Any other items with the permission of chair

The meeting began at around 10.30 am in the seminar hall of Kisan Bhavan, College of Veterinary Sciences, DUVASU, Mathura with welcome by Dr. B.M. Naveena, Secretary, IMSA. He requested Dr. V.V. Kulkarni, President and Dr. S.K. Mendiratta, Vice-president to preside over the VI AGBM. At the outset Dr. V.V. Kulkarni welcomed all the members of IMSA and congratulated Dr. Vikas Pathak, Organising Secretary of IMSACON-VI 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 VI AGBM requesting agenda items was sent to all the members via e-mail 2 months in advance. The same was also uploaded in the IMSA website (www.imsa.org.in) for wider circulation among members. Dr. Naveena mentioned that, no agenda items were received from any of the IMSA members for VI AGBM. Therefore, we have circulated the agenda items which were discussed in the VIII Executive Committee meeting held at NRC on Meat, Hyderabad on 3rd August, 2014. Accordingly, 7 agenda items mentioned above were discussed.

1. Publishing IMSA News Letter

Secretary mentioned about the decision taken during the VIII EC meeting- “Most of the IMSA activities will be informed to all the members through uploading in website and during the annual

meetings held at different places. Therefore, the News Letter must be targeted towards meat industry personnel, exporters and Govt. agencies. Considering the cost of printing and postage, it was decided to go for “*IMSA e-NEWS LETTER*” once in every 6 months. The same may be forwarded to all through e-mail. In the meantime, efforts will be made to get the sponsors who can contribute for printing. Dr. Girish Patil and Dr. P.K. Mandal were given the responsibility of compiling the information, designing and editing the soft copy for circulation. The *IMSA e-News Letter* will be published online once in 6 months”. All the members have agreed to publish “*IMSA e-NEWS LETTER*” once in every 6 months and the interested members will provide the inputs to the editors.

2. **Measures to start different IMSA Awards**

Secretary mentioned about the decision taken during the VIII EC meeting to start the following awards:

- Best Master’s theses award
 - Best Ph.D theses award
 - Young Scientist Award
 - Best Research Article published in *Journal of Meat Science*
- Any renowned and distinguished Meat Scientist who wish to initiate the awards in their name has to pay Rs. 25,000=00 (for best Master’s theses) Rs. 35,000=00 (for best Ph.D theses), Rs. 50,000=00 (for young scientist award) and Rs. 20,000=00 (for best research article). The aforesaid amount will be placed under Fixed Deposit and the interest generated will be used for the award. Based on the response, the number of awards will be increased in the coming years. Dr. P.K. Mandal, Pondicherry will formulate the guidelines, rules and regulations, format, evaluation criterion etc. and submit to Secretary, IMSA for finalizing the same in consultation with all EC members.
- Dr. V.V.Kulkarni, Director, NRC on Meat, Hyderabad proposed to constitute and sponsor Best Master’s theses award as “*IMSA Dr. B.N. Kowale Award for Best Master’s Theses*”. Secretary has mentioned that, Dr. P.K. Mandal has formulated the format, guidelines, eligibility and other rules pertaining to the aforesaid awards and the same will be circulated to all EC members for finalizing. Many members felt that, the sponsorship amount decided to constitute the

aforesaid awards looks very less and we may increase the same. All the members have agreed that, the existing amount to install the awards may be followed and if any sponsor would like to pay the higher amount it is a welcome step. It was requested from among the members, especially the senior and retired Meat scientists to come forward to initiate the awards in their names or in the name of their mentors.

Suggestions were also received to start “**IMSA Fellowship**” in order to identify and award IMSA fellowship to distinguished meat scientists among life members of IMSA. The house has identified Dr. B.D. Sharma and Dr. G. Kandeepan, IVRI to formulate the eligibility criteria, guidelines and rules for IMSA fellowship within six months and submit the same to Secretary, IMSA. It will be discussed among EC members and the final guidelines will be framed and approved.

3. **Matters related to *Journal of Meat Science***

Secretary mentioned about the decision taken during the VIII EC meeting- “It was decided to publish one invited review in each issue of the Journal. The editorial committee will identify the topic and the contributing author for the review. For publishing in Journal of Meat Science, it is a must for the first author to be a Life member of IMSA before submission.”

The house accepted the decision to publish one invited review in each issue and the editor will invite any of the distinguished meat scientists for the contribution. It was agreed that, for review article the author need not be a member of the IMSA. Various other suggestions like contacting some reputed publishers for printing or any other funding agencies to take care of the printing expenses were discussed. Many members have also suggested to upload the abstracts of the articles in IMSA website to ensure higher citations and also efforts must be made to get our Journal abstracted in different abstract agencies. All these suggestions were accepted by the house and it was decided that, the editor along with associate editors will take initiatives to increase the visibility, quality and impact factor of the Journal.

4. **Inclusion of foreign members in IMSA**

Secretary mentioned about the decision taken during the VIII EC meeting to fix the membership fee of \$ 200 US Dollars per person for IMSA Foreign Life Membership. The same was approved by the house.

5. **Maintenance of IMSA accounts**

Secretary presented the audited statements and mentioned that, the IMSA auditing has been done up to March, 2014. He also presented the IMSA balance sheet upto November, 2014 and informed that as on November, 2014 the association has a balance of approximately Rs. 11.5 lakhs. Secretary mentioned about the decision taken during the VIII EC meeting to open two fixed deposits of Rs. 4.0-5.0 lakh each and the interest generated will be credited to IMSA savings bank account. The same was approved by the house.

6. **Resource generation**

All the EC members to ensure maximum memberships from their students and respective Institute's and Universities. Efforts to bring in more corporate members. Seeking ICAR grant for journal publication.

7. **Any other Items**

a. Venue for IMSACON-VII: The President, IMSA has informed the members to express their interest if any to organize the next IMSACON. Dr. Manish Kumar, Professor & Head, Dept. LPT, GADUVAS, Ludhiana has agreed to organize the next IMSACON at Ludhiana preferably in 2016. He mentioned that, they are interested to make it as an "International Seminar". Few members have expressed their opinion about the requirements and modalities for organizing International events like clearances from different Government Departments, two year advance declaration etc. and accordingly the option was given to Dr. Manish Kumar to decide about the nature of the meeting (National/International) and the year and the month in which he wants to conduct. It was suggested that, Dr. Manish Kumar will provide the letter through his VC for permission to host the event and also mentioning the probable month and the year. The house has accepted to host the next IMSACON at Ludhiana.

It was also discussed that, if the next IMSACON is going to be at the end of year 2016, there will be a gap of almost two years from IMSACON-VI and therefore if any other members are interested to host any kind of events under IMSA banner may do so in the year 2015. It was agreed that, the interested members may write to Secretary IMSA about their willingness to host any events in the year 2015.

b. Reconstitution of EC and Editorial board: Dr. S.K. Mendiratta, Vice-President informed the house that “during the X EC meeting held at Mathura on 29th November, 2014, majority of the EC members have expressed their opinion to reconstitute the existing EC and Editorial board of the Journal in order to ensure the participation of members from all parts of the country. Accordingly, EC members present during the X EC meeting suggested different names with few replacements in existing EC and editorial board of the Journal as below:

IMSA Executive Committee Members w.e.f 1st April, 2015

President:	Dr. V.V. Kulkarni, Hyderabad
Vice-Presidents:	Dr. S.K. Mendiratta, Izzatnagar Dr. Nadeem Fairoze, Bengaluru Dr. Vikas Pathak, Mathura
Secretary:	Dr. B.M. Naveena, Hyderabad
Jt. Secretaries:	Dr. U.K. Pal, Puducherry Dr. Manish Kumar, Ludhiana Dr. M. Hazarika, Guwahati
Treasurer:	Dr. M. Muthukumar, Hyderabad
Members:	Dr. K. Jayathilakan, Mysore Dr. Girish Patil, Guwahati Dr. Suresh Kumar, Namakkal Dr. Sunil Kumar, Jammu Dr. Dr. Meena Goswami, Mathura Dr. S.S. Ahlawat, Hisar Dr. N.K. Nayak, Mhow, Indore Dr. P. Cholan, Coimbatore Dr. R. Narahari, Hyderabad Dr. S.P. Fonglan, Lucknow

Journal of Meat Science-Editorial Committee Members w.e.f 1st April, 2015

- Hon. Chief Editor:** Dr. V. Kesava Rao, Hyderabad
- Editor:** Dr. P.K. Mandal, Puducherry
- Associate Editors:** Dr. A.R. Sen, Kolkata
Dr. Muthukumar, Hyderabad
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Dr. Ashim Kumar Biswas, Izzatnagar
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Dr. Z.F. Bhatt, Jammu
Dr. Yogesh Gadekar, Avikanagar
Dr. Rajeev Kumar Ranjan, Izzatnagar
Dr. Nitin Mehta, Ludhiana

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, 2015. It was also suggested to include Dr. Sushil Kumar as a patron of the Association in addition to the existing members Dr. Nagendra Sharma, Dr. J. Abraham and Dr. A.T. Sherikar. The meeting ended with vote-of-thanks and a group photo of all the IMSA members present at the venue.