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Minutes of the General Body Meeting of ISMOCD held on 20.5.2023 at XIV Annual Conference held from 19-21 May 2023 at Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel, Kovalam (Thiruvananthapuram), Kerala

A meeting of the ISMOCD General Body was held on 20.5.2023 at 4.30 pm during the XIV Annual Conference held from 19-21 May 2023 at Uday Samudra Leisure Beach Hotel, Kovalam (Thiruvananthapuram), Kerala under the chairmanship of Dr. Sujeet Kumar Singh, President ISMOCD. The other executive members namely Dr. S.K. Jain, Vice President, Dr. Rina Tilak, Vice President, Dr. S.N. Sharma, General Secretary, Dr. Sukhvir Singh Treasurer, Dr. N.R.Tuli Councilor, Dr. Arun Chouhan, Councilor, Dr. Chaman Prakash Councilor were also present. A total of 89 members were present in the General Body Meeting of ISMOCD.

Dr. S.N. Sharma, Secretary ISMOCD read the report card on the activities carried out by the present executive body of ISMOCD since it was elected at Pune Conference during 2017.

The present executive body conducted one of the most successful ISMOCD Conferences during 2019 at IMA House, Kochi. The activities of the ISMOCD were also affected by the covid-19 pandemic and we could not undertake some bigger events since 2019. However, several Meetings of Executive Body have taken place. It has been encouraging to note that all the quarterly issues of the journal of communicable diseases are being published on time without any delay. A special issue of JoCD was also published on the proceedings of the Kochi Conference. The copies of all the JCD issues are uploaded on website and now regularly shared through e-mails. ISMOCD website is also undergoing upgradation and updating with details of all life members. An award of ISMOCD on the name of Padma Shri Dr. P.K. Rajagopalan in the field of Medical Entomology was initiated at Kochi conference. Dr. P.K. Rajagopalan is 94 years old living legend in the field of medical entomology. ISMOCD announced at Trivandrum Conference that a new ISMOCD award on the name of Padma Shri (Dr.) A.P. Dash in Vector Control has been initiated from this conference onward. Dr. A.P. Dash is well know global personality in the field of Vector Borne Diseases.

A total of 58 New life members have been enrolled in ISMOCD since January 2023 and hope many new members shall enroll themselves in this conference and the total number has gone above 1800. ISMOCD is pleased to announce a new milestone at this conference that a new Kerala Chapter of ISMOCD is going to start today with main emphasis on the prevention and control of Vector borne diseases in Southern States. The executive body of the Kerala Chapter of ISMOCD would be involved in conducting capacity building sessions on elimination on VBDs, vector surveillance and community engagements for vector control.

Dr. Sujeet Kumar Singh, President also highlighted the activities undertaken by ISMOCD in spite of ongoing covid pandemic and opened the floor to member of general body meeting for taking further action on the election of the new executive body of ISMOCD. Dr. P.K. Srivastava spoke and appreciated about the achievement of the ISMOCD in the past as there have been two very successful annual conferenced conducted by the present executive body at Kochi (2019) and Trivandrum (2023) and most importantly, all the issues of Journal of communicable diseases are being published in time without any delay. It was proposed to the members that the present executive body should be allowed to continue for next term in case all the members of GBM agree to the proposal. All the GBM body endorsed the same but, felt the need that the vacant post of Assistant Secretary fallen vacant due to the resignation of Dr. Suman Wattal may be filled up and the some of the councilors outside Delhi namely Dr. Ravi Kumar and Dr. Rakhi Dhawan may be replaced by the new councilors from Delhi. The new members elected are as under.

1. Dr. N.R.Tuli as Assistant Secretary : Proposed by Dr. R.S.Sharma & seconded by Dr. Roop Kumari
2. Dr. Rina Kumawat as Councillor : Proposed by Dr. P.K.Srivastava & seconded by Dr. R.S.Sharma
3. Dr. Babita Bisht as Councillor : Proposed by Dr. Roop Kumari & seconded by Dr. N.R.Tuli
4. Dr. Raj Kumar as Councillor : Proposed by Dr. Sukhvir Singh & seconded by Dr. S.N.Sharma

The election of above new executive members was approved by all the members present in the ISMOCD general body meeting.

The present ISMOCD Executive Body shall be as under :

Dr. Sujeet Kumar Singh : President

Dr. S.K.Jain : Vice President

Dr. Rina Tilak : Vice President

Dr. S.N. Sharma : Secretary

Dr. N.R.Tuli Councilor : Assistant Secretary

Dr. Sukhvir Singh : Treasurer

Dr. Chaman Prakash : Councilor

Dr. Arun Chouhan : Councilor

Dr. K. Raghvendra : Councilor

Dr. Rina Kumawat : Councilor

Dr. Raj Kumar : Councilor

Dr. Babita Bisht : Councilor

It was also proposed that the next annual conference of ISMOCD may be conducted at Delhi in case some one is interested to take up in any other part of the country.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.