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InSDB Executive Body Meeting, CCMB, Hyderabad, India.

Members Present:

Krishanu Ray, TIFR, Mumbai (Chair)
Amitabh Bandyopadhyay, IIT, Kanpur
Surendra Ghaskadbi, ARI, Pune
Rohit Joshi, CDFD, Hyderabad
Rakesh Mishra, CCMB, Hyderabad
Girish Ratnaparkhi, IISER, Pune
Madhu G Tapadia, BHU, Varanasi
Shubha Tole, TIFR, Mumbai
Debasmita P Alone, NISER, Bhubaneswar
Pradip Sinha, IIT-K, Kanpur
Jagat K. Roy, BHU, Varanasi

Special Invitee:

Phillips Ingham, Imperial College, London and Nanjiang University, Singapore
Chetana Sachidanandan, IGIB, New Delhi
Ramkumar Sambashivam, InStem, Bangalore
Jyotsna Dhawan, CCMB, Hyderabad.
Mohit Prasad, IISER, Kolkata

Observers:

Maneesha Inamdar, JNCASR, Bengaluru
Subhash Lakhotia, BHU, Varanasi

Gaiti Hasan, NCBS, Bengaluru and Lolitika Mondal, IISER, Mohali could not attend the meeting due to prior engagement.

Agenda:

1. Accounts audit report by Secretary-Treasurer
2. Policy on society sponsored workshops and lectures
3. Prize money for the best poster awards and the total number
4. Renewal policy change – 5 years to 2 years, no change in membership fee
5. Allocation of the next biennial meeting
6. Co-opting the organism-specific national grouping, such as the fly group, worm group, etc.
7. Nomination of the next President and the Executive Committee
8. Finalize GB agenda
9. Any other matter with the permission of the chair.

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Meeting started at 7:40 pm at the committee room 1 in presence of a majority of the members. The Chair welcomed Prof. Phil Ingham, President ISDB to the meeting and all other members. The proceedings started according to the agenda and the discussions are recorded.

1. The Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Amitabha Bandyopadhyay, presented the accounts summary of FY 2014-15 and FY 2015 current to the committee as per the **Annex 1**. The account statement was accepted. The members also discussed the option of obtaining the tax exemption under 80G for the society and advised the Secretary to initiate necessary actions.
2. It was discussed that in addition to the biennial meeting the society should promote workshops and small meetings under its banner. For this, the society will invite proposals and provide partial financial support according to the allocation in the society accounts and requirement of the meeting.
3. It was discussed and decided that four best poster presenters will be awarded by the society. An amount of Rs. 5000/- is fixed as the award money. The citation certificate will mention the name of the presenter along with the title and authors of the poster.
4. The current membership fees of Rs. 1000/- is valid for five years. It amounts to Rs. 200/- per year. Secretary informed that under the current conditions the amount is inadequate for maintaining the books and the website. Some members opined that it may be enhanced to Rs. 1000/- every year. Other members opined that it will be too steep for many students who work without fellowship. After some discussion, it was decided that it will be fixed to Rs. 1000/- for 2 years applicable from the dates after the meeting. Meanwhile, whoever becomes a member will enjoy the five year validity of the membership. All members agreed that the society should actively campaign to increase the membership. It should be linked to the meeting registration. A two-tier fee structure should be introduced to encourage participant to become members.
5. The Chair then invited the President of the International Society of Developmental Biologists (ISDB), Prof. Phil Ingham to brief the members about the ISDB. Prof. Ingham provided a brief outline of ISDB history and operations. He informed that the ISDB Congress 2017 is being organized at Singapore during 15-20, June 2017 and invited the InSDB members to attend the meeting in big numbers. In order to facilitate the process he also invited the society to re-affiliate with the ISDB. This will require the society to pay 5% of the total annual membership collection to ISDB. In return, the InSDB members will be able to avail the following benefits: a) InSDB members will avail substantial discounts in meeting registrations as an affiliate; b) six months free access to the F1000 data base; c) apply for ISDB travel support to an invited speaker to a local meeting attended by more than 150 participant; etc.



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Member unanimously agreed to apply for ISDB affiliation before the 2017 meeting at Singapore. It was also agreed to provide the mailing list of InSDB members to ISDB for their circulations.

6. The Chair informed the committee that Dr. Anjan Banerjee and Dr. Girish Ratnaparkhi of IISER, Pune has offered to host the next biennial meeting at their campus. The committee unanimously agreed to allot the meeting the IISER, Pune. The dates will be decided by the organizers within the calendar year 2017.
7. Chair informed the committee that an Indian Drosophila (Fly) Board is constituted during the last meeting of the fly researchers at BHU in 2014. Prof. S. Lakhotia and Prof. P.Sinha were invited to brief the committee about the scope and activities of the group. The members discussed the possibility of co-opting such model organism based groupings into the society. As an affiliate of the society the Indian Fly Board will announce their activities in the InSDB website, highlight the society logo in their activities. The financial activities will be independent. In return the society will get higher visibility. Members opined that it will be win-win deal for both sides and authorized the President to invite the Fly Board to apply for affiliation.
8. On behalf of the executive committee, the chair proposed the name of Dr. Rakesh Mishra for the next president of the society. It was seconded by Dr. S. Ghaskabdi and unanimously approved by all other members. Dr. Mishra accepted the nomination and he was invited to propose the next executive committee. Accordingly, he proposed the following names: Shubha Tole, TIFR Mumbai, Jyotsna Dhawan, CCMB, Hyderabad, Rohit Joshi, CDFD, Hyderabad, Debasmita P. Alone, NISER, Bhubaneswar, Chetana Sachidanandan, IGIB, New Delhi, Ramkumar Sambashivam, InStem, Bengaluru, Mohit Prasad, IISER, Kolkata, Lolitika Mandal, IISER, Bhopal, Girish Ratnaparkhi, IISER, Pune and Anjan Banerjee, IISER, Pune.

The outgoing president will be an ex-officio member of the Exec. Comm.

The committee endorsed the nominations to be presented to the General Body for approval.

Some members indicated that the two year term is inadequate for a President to implement new ideas and reforms. Prof. Ingham informed that the President and office bearers of the British Society of Developmental Biologists (BSDB) are elected for five years. Members discussed whether the InSDB should extend the tenure of the President and Exec. Comm. to 4 years. This will bring it in sync with that of the Secretary-Treasurer. It was realized that the society by-laws does not allow that.

Hence, a sub-committee comprising Jagat Roy and Surendra Ghaskabdi is proposed to be constituted. The two-member committee will review the by-laws and present a proposal of suitable amendments in the next biennial meeting in Pune.



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9. Defining the format of the future InSDB meetings: With the permission of the Chair, Prof. Sinha proposed that the society should frame a uniform format for its biennial meetings. Prof. Ingham informed that the BSDB meeting organizers are required to submit a planned schedule to the society for approval. A committee under the society scrutinize the plans and approve them according to the society guidelines. The members agreed that similar procedure should be instituted for the inSDB meetings.

Members opined that the time of the poster sessions and the student presentations should be increased. A lightning talk (2-3 minutes) format for the poster presenters should be introduced from the next meeting. The senior members of the society will be encouraged to attend the meeting as listeners and contribute by mentoring the younger members.

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

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