

**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013 in the Homi Bhabha Auditorium of TIFR, Mumbai :**

President welcomed the members. He apprised the house about the activities of the society in last two years. A new website was launched, the membership list has been updated. It was of great satisfaction that now the country has got many vibrant groups of young developmental biologists fulfilling the mission of the society.

Discussions were held on the following agenda points and decisions were taken :

1. Fiscal status : The Secretary-Treasurer tabled the audited Income-Expenditure statement of the society for the year 2012-13 and presented the fiscal status of the present financial year till date, which is as follows :

Income		Expenditure
Fixed deposit	Rs 3,00,000.00	For organizing InSDB 2013 meeting Rs 20,000.00
From Membership	Rs 11,000.00	
Balance in Bank	Rs 12,175.76	

2. Road map of growth of InSDB : Two type of workshops, one Research workshop and one training workshop for teachers be organized by the society members in between the two annual meetings. The society may give a token support for these and funds may be generated by the organizer from other sources.

A protocol book for teaching purposes having experiments those can be done in class rooms may be brought out by the society. J K Roy, Dr Madhu G Tapadia (BHU) and Dr Yasmin (Sophia College) came forward to take this task.

Lectures in Colleges of remote areas be organized by the society taking Fellows of National Academies and travel for such lectures may come from the Academies.

3. Election/Nomination of the Office Bearers for the term April 2014-March 2016: A discussion was held on electing new office bearers of the Executive Board. Since the present board is working for a long time, it was felt that that the new Board be elected for the term April 2014 to March 2016 by the members of EC, however, the new board may decide the modalities for election through ballot, to be practiced from the next board election. The newly elected board is as follows :

*President* : Dr Krishanu Ray, TIFR, Mumbai

*Secretary-Treasurer* : Dr Amitabh Bandyopadhyay, IIT, Kanpur

*Members* :

Dr Debasmita P Alone, NISER, Bhubaneswar

Dr Surendra Ghaskadbi, ARI, Pune  
Dr Gaiti Hasan, NCBS, Bangalore  
Dr Rohit Joshi, CDFD, Hyderabad  
Dr Lolitika Mandal, IISER, Mohali  
Dr Rakesh Mishra, CCMB, Hyderabad  
Dr Girish Ratnaparkhi, IISER, Pune  
Dr Madhu G Tapadia, BHU, Varanasi  
Dr Shubha Tole, TIFR, Mumbai

The outgoing President, Dr Pradip Sinha and Secretary-Treasurer, Dr J K Roy, will remain as the Ex-officio members for smooth functioning of the society.

4. A discussion was held to consider modifying the membership fee structure. It was decided that the following fee structure be followed :  

Life membership : Rs 3,000.00	Regular membership : Rs 1,000.00 (for 5 years)
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5. Secretary-Treasurer informed that Society has a provision of giving a best presentation award in the name of Prof Yamada for student in the conference. For this a corpus of Rs 10,000/- was donated to the society in earlier period. It was decided that this prize be discontinued and instead a provision be made for giving at least two prizes for best poster presentation and one prize for best platform presentation. The prize amount be Rs 2,000/- per award. For this the corpus may be raised. This year the organizers offered to take care of the prizes.
6. It was further decided that the modalities be formulated for organizing the InSDB meeting and education agenda of the society be chalked out during the general body meeting after thorough discussion and incorporating the suggestions of the house.
7. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.