

**Proceedings of the General Body meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.15 p.m. during the 17th Annual Conference of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications at the Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH), Bhubaneswar**

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The seventeenth general body meeting of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications was held at the Birla Institute of Management Technology (BIMTECH) on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 7.15 PM under the chairmanship of President Dr. V.K. Gupta.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Prof. V.K. Gupta, In Chair
2. Dr. D. Roy Choudhury
3. Prof. Alope Dey
4. Prof. A.K. Nigam
5. Dr. Prithvi Yadav
6. Dr. S.K. Nath
7. Prof. Bikas K Sinha
8. Dr. Ashish Das
9. Dr. D.K. Ghosh
10. Dr. Alope Lahiri
11. Dr. Lalmohan Bhar
12. Dr. A.C. Kulshreshtha
13. Dr. B.N.Mandal
14. Dr. Ananta Sarkar
15. Dr. N. Okendra Singh
16. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Paul
17. Dr. Amarender Kumar
18. Dr. Hukum Chandra
19. Dr. B.K.Hooda
20. Dr. P. Rath
21. Dr. S. Ravichandran
22. Dr. A. Dhandapani
23. Dr. Sangeeta Ahuja
24. Dr. Alka Arora

Dr. V.K. Gupta, President of the Society, welcomed all the members present in the meeting. He emphasized, in fact requested the members of the Society to run a membership drive and bring life members to the Society. He also highlighted the importance of student's participation in the conferences. The agenda items were then taken up for discussion.

At the very outset, the result of the Young Scientist award was announced. Ms. Rakhi was declared the winner of the Young Scientist award 2015 for her presentation ".Optimal two-level choice designs for estimating main effects in presence of two factor interactions" and was presented a gold medal and a certificate. Mr.Lakshmi Kanta Patra of IIT, Kharagpur was the first runner up and was presented an appreciation certificate. Mr.Nabakumar Jana also of IIT, Kharagpur was the second runner up and was presented a participation certificate. Dr. Prithvi Yadav, Director, BIMTECH made the presentations.

The agenda items were then taken up for discussion and the following decisions were taken:

### **1. Confirmation of Proceedings of the 16<sup>th</sup> Conference at BPSMVV Sonapat**

Dr. D. Roy Choudhury, Secretary of the Society, read out the proceedings of the Sixteenth general body meeting of the Society held at Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Sonapat on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 and the action taken report. Both were confirmed by the General Body.

### **2. New Executive Council 2015-16**

The new executive council of the Society, as recommended by the existing Executive Council, was presented before the General Body. The proposal was approved by the General Body and the approved New Executive Council is appended as **ANNEXURE I**.

### **3. M.N. Das memorial lecture**

An attraction of the conference was the Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Lecture. This lecture series was initiated during the 15<sup>th</sup> conference at Banasthali in the year 2013 and the first Dr. M.N. Das memorial lecture was delivered by Prof. Alope Dey. The second lecture in the series was delivered by Prof. A. K. Nigam in 2014. This year in 2015, the third lecture was delivered by Dr. A.C. Kulshreshtha.

### **4. Website of the Society**

The General Body was informed that the website of the SSCA has been developed and is available at <http://www.sca.org.in>. The Journal of the SSCA called 'Statistics and Applications' is now available online and all full length papers published in the journal can be downloaded free of cost.

### **5. Audit Report for the year 2013-14**

An up to date Audited report of the society for the years 2013-14 was presented by the Treasurer, Dr. Ashish Das.

### **6. Financial status of the society**

Dr. Gupta stressed the need for raising the funds of the society. After some discussions, various members agreed to make voluntary donations to the society, so as to help society build up a corpus.

Dr. S. K. Nath pointed out that CSO gives grant to the tune of one lakh. Dr. Gupta informed the house that the society had earlier received grants from MOSPI twice. This source of funding may be explored by the host institution.

Dr. Prithvi Yadav, Director, BIMTECH suggested that the permission from Income Tax Department may be obtained for exemption of tax on donations.

This year, MINITAB has donated ₹ 25,000/- besides some stationery to be distributed among the delegates.

#### **7. Regarding regional centre**

It was decided that a report regarding the Rajkot centre would be sent by Dr. D.K. Ghosh, In-charge of the centre.

#### **8. Holding the 18<sup>th</sup> conference of the Society**

Dr. D.K. Ghosh informed the house that he was in touch with the following for organizing the 18th conference of SSCA during February, 2016.

1. Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Jaipur
2. Rev. Dr. Victor Babu, Guntur
3. Dr. J. Subramani, Puducherry

Dr. B.K.Sinha and Dr. Alope Dey requested that Rev Dr. Victor Babu at Guntur may be contacted. The General Body also authorized the Secretary, SSCA to take a decision about hosting the 18th conference and inform the Executive Council once the decision has been made. Official announcement would be made later. The Secretary can also expand this list of probables for holding the conference.

#### **9. Any other item**

Regarding filing the income tax return of the society, the auditor has agreed to file the income tax returns for the year FY 2014-15.

Prof. Nigam suggested that the society should now consider taking up some research projects by submitting project proposals to the appropriate funding agencies.



**(V.K. Gupta)**  
**President,**  
**Society of Statistics,**  
**Computer and Applications**

**ANNEXURE I:**

**LIST OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2015-16**

**Founder President**

Late Dr. M.N. Das

**President**

V. K. Gupta

**Executive President**

Rajender Parsad

**Patrons**

1. R. B. Barman
2. Rajpal Singh
3. Alope Dey
4. R.C. Agrawal
5. A.C. Kulshreshtha
6. Mrs. Pankaj Mittal
7. A.K.Nigam
8. Prithvi Yadav

**Vice-Presidents**

1. S.D. Sharma
2. D.K. Ghosh
3. V.K. Bhatia
4. Bikas K. Sinha
5. A. Dhandapani
6. A.S.Ramashatry

**Secretary**

D. Roy Chaudhury

**Foreign Secretary**

Sudhir Gupta

**Treasurer**

Ashish Das

**Joint Secretaries**

1. Alope Lahiri
2. L.M. Bhar
3. Ramasubramanian V.

## **Members**

1. K.K.Jose
2. K.V. Palanichamy
3. Alka Arora
4. Praggya Das
5. Piyush Kant Rai
6. Seema Jaggi
7. B.N. Mandal
8. R. Venugopalan
9. P. Rath
10. Sangeeta Ahuja
11. Hukum Chandra
12. S.A. Mir
13. Girish Jha
14. P.C. Gupta
15. Anshu Bhardwaj
16. Amrendra K. Jha