

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF STATISTICS, COMPUTER AND APPLICATIONS

Date: February 24, 2021 at 12.00 noon.

Venue: The Meeting was conducted in Virtual Mode.

The Executive Council meeting was attended by the following members.

1. V.K. Gupta - in Chair
2. Rajpal Singh
3. Rajender Parsad
4. A.C. Kulshreshtha
5. A.K. Nigam
6. Bikas Kumar Sinha
7. R.C. Agrawal
8. S.D. Sharma
9. V.K. Bhatia
10. Alope Lahiri
11. Hukum Chandra
12. Shibani Roy Choudhury
13. Ashish Das
14. Manish Kumar Sharma
15. V. Srinivasa Rao
16. Alka Arora
17. Anshu Bharadwaj
18. Manish Kumar Sharma
19. Piyush Kant Rai
20. R. Vishnu Vardhan
21. Rao Saheb Latpate
22. Anil Kumar Yadav
23. A. Dhandapani-Organising Secretary of conference
24. Dipak Roy Choudhury - Secretary

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members present and requested Dr. A. Dhandapani, Organising Secretary of the 23rd Annual Conference of SSCA and Dr. Dipak Roy Choudhury, Secretary, SSCA, to start the proceedings.

1. **Confirmation of the proceedings of the first virtual EC meeting of SSCA held on December 13, 2020**

The said proceedings were circulated among the members of the Society. The same were also hosted at the website of the Society. Since no comments were received on it, the same were confirmed.

2. Arrangements of the 23rd annual conference

Dr. A. Dhandapani presented a brief sketch about the arrangements made by the organisers in terms of the scientific programmes during the five days of the conference. He informed that the COVID-19 pandemic had forced them to move online against their plans to organise a regular conference in the physical mode. But in spite of the initial setback, they could cope up with the unprecedented difficult situation due to combined effort of the team of the organisers. Dr. Dhandapani also informed that the Technical support team have made good arrangements of organising several concurrent sessions as breakout sessions with speakers and chairs fixed in a given room and the delegates having a choice to move from one room to the other. A couple of dry runs were organised to ensure that everything happens without any hiccups or glitches. It was also informed that the organisers would have co-hosts in position in every room to provide help to the delegates in case they have any problem in joining or otherwise. He had all praise for Prof. V. K. Gupta, President of SSCA, for arranging the speakers and the talks and also for his meticulous planning and constant monitoring in the preparation of the conference programme. He informed that besides the Keynote address by Prof. Ramana V. Davuluri of Stony Brook University, NY, USA and M.N. Das Memorial Lecture by Prof. B.L.S. Prakasa Rao, INSA Senior Scientist, three sessions of Invited Talks would be organised as Alope Dey Memorial Sessions to pay homage to the noble and pious soul. As in last three years, a special session on Financial Statistics and Indicators has also been planned. The total number of registrations of the delegates was around 180. There would be a total of 74 special invited lectures, 34 contributed papers and 3 MN Das Memorial Young Scientists Award presentations planned for this conference.

i) Since the delegates across the globe would not be in the same time zone during the online sessions, the timings of the conference had been adjusted accordingly so as to avoid inconvenience to every delegate who joins.

The members expressed satisfaction on the arrangements and thanked the organisers for accomplishing the herculean task. President expressed satisfaction over the arrangements and he thanked the Director, ICAR-NAARM and organisers for making perfect arrangements.

Presentation of the activities of the Society

A brief outline of the activities of the SSCA between the 22nd and the present 23rd annual conferences was presented by the Secretary.

3. Publication of the Special volume of the journal of the Society

It has been informed that a special volume of the Journal has been released in November 2020 to felicitate twin statistician brothers Bikas K. Sinha and Bimal K. Sinha on

their 75th birthday. Another special volume in memory of the legendary statistician Prof Aloke Dey, with the invited papers from authors across the globe, is scheduled to be released in June 2021.

4. Release of Special Proceedings of 22nd Conference at Pune

Special Proceedings comprising of few selected papers of the 22nd annual conference of the Society held at Pune in 2020 have been released and are available at the website of the Society. The special proceedings were printed for distribution to its authors and EC members. The soft copy of the Special Proceedings were sent to all the life members of the society.

5. New Members of the Society

Secretary apprised that 25 persons became life members of the Society between the last and this conference - Indian - 20, Foreign - 03 and Honorary - 02. The total number of members of the Society as on date is 390, comprising of 373 from India, 12 from abroad and 5 honorary members. The new two honorary members are, Profs C.R. Rao and John Stufken.

6. Announcement of Dr M N Das Memorial Young Scientist Award 2021

The Secretary informed that a total of 11 nominations were received for this prestigious award. Their papers were reviewed by 6 reviewers from India and abroad. As per the rules, first three candidates with an average score of 7 or more on a 10 point scale, were selected for presentation of their research papers at the present annual conference on 26th before a panel of judges for evaluation. Based upon the performances at the first phase and the second phase, the name of the winner would be declared at the GB meeting during the on-going conference.

7. Filing of the IT Return for the FY 2019-2020 and presentation of the Audited Report

It has been informed that the Society had filed the IT Return for the financial year 2019-20 through its CA. The treasurer presented the audited report of the Society for the year 2019-20. The same was accepted by the EC.

8. Other activities

- (i) It has been informed that the Society has been successful in getting the International Standard book Number (ISBN) for the 'Special Proceedings', which would help the Society in uplifting its value.
- (ii) Regarding the laurels earned by the members, it is as under:
 - (a) Dr. A.C. Kulshreshtha, Patron of the Society, received the Prof. P.V. Sukhatme National Award -2020 in Statistics;
 - (b) Dr Rajender Parsad assumed the charge of Director of ICAR-Institute of Agricultural Statistics Research Institute;
 - (c) Dr Piyush Kant Rai has been promoted as Professor of Statistics in Banaras Hindu University ;

- (d) A book entitled 'Female Empowerment: A Life Cycle Analysis', authored by A. K. Nigam, R. Srivastava, A.C. Kulshreshtha and Kuldeep Kumar and published by *Cambridge Scholars Publishing* in 2020.
- (e) V. Srinivasa Rao----- (I have mailed to him. Reply awaited)

President congratulated the members for their outstanding achievement. He requested the members to inform him and the Secretary about any of their achievements during last one year, twenty days before the conference.

Proposals presented at the EC for approval

(i) Election of Executive Committee (EC) Members

It has been informed that as per the norms, every year, five members of the 15-member EC, who have completed 3 years of term may be re-nominated/ replaced by new members suggested by the EC. This year, 5 such outgoing members are (i) P. Rath, (ii) Manish Trivedi, (iii) Ranjit Kumar Paul, (iv) R. Vishnu Vardhan and (v) S.A. Mir. It is proposed that P. Rath and Manish Trivedi may be replaced. R. Vishnu Vardhan has been nominated as the Managing Editor of the journal of the Society in addition to the other existing Managing Editor, Baidya Nath Mandal. S.A. Mir and Ranjit Kumar Paul may be retained. Thus, the three vacancies may be filled up by nomination of three life members, namely, (i) B. Re. Victor Babu, (ii) V.M. Chacko and (iii) Vishal Deo. The proposal of EC for the year 2021-22 is given in the Appendix and would be placed in the General Body meeting of the Society for its approval.

The Society gratefully acknowledges the services rendered by Dr. P. Rath and Dr. Manish Trivedi, EC members for their effective roles in managing the day to day work of the Society. It was also decided to send an appreciation letter to the out-going member for the services rendered by them in uplifting the stature of the Society.

A post-facto approval of the Executive Council was also taken for inclusion of the name of Prof Rahul Mukerjee as Patron and Dr. Ramana V. Davuluri as Vice President. The same were approved by the EC and have been included as given in the Appendix.

(ii) Appointment of auditor for 2021-22

It is proposed that M/S Panjrath Kapoor and Company, Chartered Accountant, who is presently auditor of the Society, may be continued to look after the accounts of the Society for the next financial year 2021-22 due to their satisfactory and timely completion of audited report. The Firm has audited and prepared accounts of the society for 2017-18, 2018-19, 2018-19 and 2019-20. They have also filed the income tax returns of the Society for the financial year 2019-20.

(iii) Life membership fee in two instalments

Existing rule is that there is an option to either pay the full life membership fee once or in two instalments.

Revised proposal: Instalment system may be done away with. It will be paid in full in lumpsum. Also the concept of ordinary member for one year, just for attending the conference, was also done away with.

(iv) Revision of Membership Application Form and Life Membership Fee

The treasurer presented a Modified Membership Application Form of SSCA by including the provision of donation to the corpus fund of SSCA by any individual, if applicable. After detailed discussion, he has been advised by the EC to consult the CA of the Society regarding correctness of the revised form before finalisation.

Proposed Membership Fee

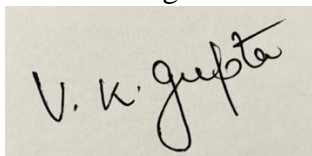
1. Life Member: ₹ 3,000.00
2. Life Member (Foreign) : INR 11,000.00
5. Institutional Member: ₹ 15,000.00
6. Institutional Member (Foreign): INR 55,000.00

The above membership fees have been approved by the EC.

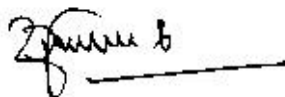
Proposed venue of the 24th annual conference of SSCA

President informed that the HOD of the Department of Statistics, Manipur University, Imphal has informed by mail about the willingness of that Department to hold the 24th annual conference of the Society there. The Vice Chancellor of the university has concurred this proposal. EC has given its nod to the proposal

The meeting then ended with a vote of thanks by Dr Hukum Chandra to the Chair.



(V.K. Gupta)
President, SSCA



(Dipak Roy Choudhury)
Secretary, SSCA

New Delhi; 10th March 2021

**Proposed list of EC members of SSCA for the year 2020-2021
(from 01 April 2021)**

Founder President

Late Prof. M.N. Das

President

V. K. Gupta

Executive President

Rajender Parsad

Patrons

1. **A.C. Kulshreshtha**
2. **A.K. Nigam**
3. **Bikas K. Sinha**
4. **D.K. Ghosh**
5. **K.J.S. Satyasai**
6. **Pankaj Mittal**
7. **Prithvi Yadav**
8. **R.B. Barman**
9. **R.C. Agrawal**
10. **Rahul Mukerjee**
11. **Rajpal Singh**

Vice-Presidents

1. **A. Dhandapani**
2. **L.M. Bhar**
3. **P. Venkatesan**
4. **Ramana V. Davuluri**
5. **S.D. Sharma**
6. **V.K. Bhatia**

Secretary

D. Roy Choudhury

Foreign Secretary

Sudhir Gupta

Treasurer

Ashish Das

Joint Secretaries

1. **Aloke Lahiri**
2. **Hukum Chandra**
3. **Shibani Roy Choudhury**

Members

1. **Alka Arora**
2. **Anil Kumar Yadav**
3. **Anshu Bharadwaj**
4. **B. Re. Victor Babu**
5. **Manish Kumar Sharma**
6. **Manisha Pal**
7. **Piyush Kant Rai**
8. **Praggya Das**
9. **Ranjit Kumar Paul**
10. **Rao Saheb Latpate**
11. **S.A. Mir**
12. **Sanjeev Panwar**
13. **V. Srinivasa Rao**
14. **V.M. Chacko**
15. **Vishal Deo**

Ex-officio Members

1. **Chair Editor, S and A**
2. **Executive Editor, S and A**
3. **Director, IASRI**
4. **DG (Statistics),MOSPI**