

**Proceedings of the General Body meeting held during the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual conference of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications at Department of Statistics, Saurashtra University, Rajkot on 24 February, 2012 at 06.30 p.m.**

Fourteenth general body meeting of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications was held at **Department of Statistics, Saurashtra University, Rajkot** under the chairmanship of Prof. V.K. Gupta, Executive President, SSCA on 24 February, 2012.

The following members attended the conference.

1. Prof. V.K. Gupta, in Chair
2. Dr. D. Roy Chaudhury
3. Dr. D.K. Ghosh
4. Dr. Ashish Das
5. Dr. Shibani Roy Chaudhary
6. Dr. B. Re. Victor Babu
7. Dr. B.N. Mandal
8. Dr. Seema Jaggi
9. Dr. Alope Lahiri
10. Dr. Lalmohan Bhar
11. Dr. Ramasubramanian V.
12. Dr. S.B. Agrawal
13. Mr. Amrender Kumar
14. Dr. Krishan Lal
15. Mr. Piyush Kant Rai
16. Mr. Yashesh I. Javeri

The following issues were discussed and appropriate decisions taken are given as follows:

**1. Tribute to Prof. M.N. Das, Honourable Founder President of the Society and Dr. M.N. Reddy, Member of the executive council of the society**

Two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect and executive president Dr. V.K. Gupta expressed his deepest condolences on the demise of Prof. M.N. Das, Honourable Founder President of the Society and Dr. M.N. Reddy, Member of the Executive Council of the society. The Executive President also said that at present, the name of new president could not be discussed as we have not come out of the grief of the irreparable loss of the former president of the society.

**2. List of members approved for the Executive Council of the Society for 2012-13 is presented in Appendix 1.**

**3. Establishment of a website of the society**

It was felt that creation of a website of the society is necessary and actions are underway to establish a suitable website of the society. Dr. A. Dhandapani, NAARM, Hyderabad has been entrusted with the task of creating the website and make it operational as early as possible. It was decided that the journal of the society will be hosted online as and when the website becomes operational.

#### **4. Publishing papers presented in the conference**

The existing procedure in this regard is to submit such papers, after modifications, if necessary, taking into account comments and suggestions while presenting such papers. The paper has to be sent as internet attachment and a copy by post. Further actions will be taken as usual by the Editorial Board of the Society's Journal.

#### **5. Regarding increasing number of the memberships**

At present, the number of members is not adequate. The members should encourage persons from other diversified fields to become members of the society including NRIs.

#### **6. Memorial lecture named after Prof. M.N.Das**

A proposal was made to introduce a memorial lecture in the name of Late Prof. M.N. Das in the conference from next year.

#### **7. Bringing out a special book in memory of Prof. M.N. Das**

It was decided that a special book in memory of Prof. M.N. Das may be brought out and released in the next conference. Eminent personalities may be invited to contribute articles in this book. Prof. Sudhir Gupta, Prof. D.K. Ghosh and Dr. L.M. Bhar are appointed as guest editors for this purpose.

#### **8. Change of signatories in the bank account**

On account of demise of Prof. M.N. Das, who was one of the signatories in the bank account of the society, it became necessary to change the signatories in the bank account. It was decided that the executive president, treasurer and secretary of the society will be appointed as signatories and any two of them can operate the account.

#### **9. Significant news about the members**

Dr. R.C. Agrawal, Treasurer of the Society, has been appointed as Registrar General, Protection of Plant Variety and Farmers' Right Authority (PPV&FRA), Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, w.e.f. November 23, 2011. Dr. Rajender Parsad, has been conferred National Award in Statistics for Young Statistician in honour of Prof. C.R. Rao 2010-11 from Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the field of Statistics. The Award carries a Citation, Memento and a cash award of Rs. 2.0 lakh. Dr. VK Bhatia and Dr. Rajender Parsad received Fellowship of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences on 05 June 2011.

#### **10. Appointment of auditor**

It was decided to continue with the same auditor.

## **11. Publication of the journal**

For time being, the journal of the society will be hosted on-line, due to paucity of funds. Print copy will also be made available as soon as sufficient funds are available.

## **12. Setting up of regional centres of the society**

During the last meeting of the GB held at NAARM, Hyderabad on 25 February 2011, Professor MN Das, President of the Society, expressed his desire to start regional centres of the Society to expand the activities of the Society. Professor Das also desired that Saurashtra University, Rajkot should take a lead in this. In response to this suggestion, it is heartening to note that a regional centre has already been set up at Department of Statistics, Saurashtra University, Rajkot with the following address for communication and information: Regional Centre of the SSCA, c/o Prof. D.K. Ghosh, Prof. and Head, Department of Statistics, Saurashtra University, Rajkot. This centre would be a place where the activities of the Society could be organized by the West Zone of the country and all the members of the Society can participate in it. It was also urged upon all the members to get motivated with this activity and think of creating more Regional Centres. It would be nice to see a regional centre coming up in the south zone of the country.

Further, it was decided that the letter head of the Society should also give the address of the Regional centre along with the main address of the Society. This would help in publicizing the regional centre.

It was also decided that during August 2012, Dr. D.K. Ghosh would organize a one-day workshop at the Regional Centre. The topic of the workshop could be “Experimental Designs.” There could be about 6 – 8 invited talks and all the members of the Society could be invited for participating in the workshop. The participation could also be from the students and faculty of the neighbouring Universities / Research Institutions.

## **13. Vote of thanks**

The General Body expressed its thanks and gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, Saurashtra University and the organizing committee for doing a splendid job of organizing the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the SSCA. The GB also placed on records its appreciation for the Director, IIM Ahmedabad for delivering the keynote address. The GB also expressed its sincere thanks to all the Chairpersons of various sessions organized during the conference and also to all the speakers who delivered special lectures, invited talks and contributed papers. The GB also thanked all the delegates for attending the conference. Lastly but most importantly, the GB expressed its heartfelt thankfulness to all the members of staff of Department of Statistics, Saurashtra University, Rajkot especially to Prof. D.K. Ghosh for organizing a very successful and academically rich conference. The GB also expressed its pleasure for the efforts made by Dr. DK Ghosh in creating the regional centre of the Society at Saurashtra University, Gujarat.

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

**APPENDIX-I**  
**LIST OF MEMBERS APPROVED FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE SOCIETY FOR**  
**2012-13**

President

Late Prof. M.N. Das, New Delhi

Patrons

1. Dr. Pranab Sen, New Delhi
2. Dr. R. B. Barman, Bombay
3. Dr. Rajpal Singh, Baraut
4. Dr. Alope Dey, New Delhi
5. Dr. K.N. Ponnuswamy, Chennai
6. Dr. R.C. Agrawal, New Delhi

Executive President

Dr. V. K. Gupta, IASRI, New Delhi

Vice-Presidents

1. Dr. S.D. Sharma, New Delhi
2. Dr. D.K. Ghosh, , Rajkot
3. Dr. A.K. Nigam, Lucknow
4. Dr. V.K. Bhatia, New Delhi
5. Dr. Bikas K. Sinha, Kolkata
6. Dr.(Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Sonipat

Secretary

Dr. D. Roy Chaudhury, New Delhi

Treasurer

Dr. Ashish Das, Mumbai

Jt. Secretaries

1. Dr. Alope Lahiri, New Delhi
2. Dr. L.M. Bhar, New Delhi
3. Dr. Ramasubramanian V., New Delhi

Members

1	Dr. K.K. Jose, Pala, Kerala	9	Dr. Mrs Veena Manocha, Hisar
2	Dr. K.V. Palanichamy, Mumbai	10	Dr. A. Ramasastri, RBI, Mumbai
3	Dr. G.M. Saha, ISI, Calcutta	11	Dr. P.P. Yadav, Kanpur
4	Dr. S. Mohanty, Bhubaneswar	12	Dr. A. Dhandapani, Hyderabad
5	Dr. Kashinath Chatterjee, Shantiniketan	13	Dr. Alka Arora, New Delhi
6	Dr. G.K. Shukla, Lucknow	14	Dr. P.S. Pandey, New Delhi
7	Dr. S. Sampath, Chennai	15	Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Jaipur
8	Dr. D.R. Aneja, Hisar		

Ex-Officio Member

Dr. Rajender Parsad, New Delhi

Executive Editor