

**Proceedings of the General Body meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.00 p.m. during the 18th Annual Conference of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications at Department of Statistics, University of Jammu, Jammu, during 18 – 20 February 2016.**

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The Eighteenth general body meeting of the Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications (SSCA) was held at the Department of Statistics, University of Jammu, Jammu on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 7.00 PM under the chairmanship of President Prof. V.K. Gupta.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. V.K. Gupta, In Chair
2. D. Roy Choudhury
3. Alope Dey
4. Rajender Parsad
5. Ashish Das
6. Alope Lahiri
7. Lalmohan Bhar
8. Hukum Chandra
9. A. Dhandapani
10. Alka Arora
11. S.B. Lal
12. Ramasubramanian V.
13. Anshu Bhardwaj
14. Abhishek Rathore
15. K.V. Palanichamy
16. Kashinath Chatterjee
17. Mahendra Saha
18. Manish Kumar Sharma
19. S.E.H. Rizvi
20. M. Iqbal Jeelani
21. Shibani Roy Choudhury

At the outset, the President of the Society, Dr. V.K. Gupta, welcomed all the members present in the meeting. He made an appeal to the members of the Society to run a membership drive and bring more life members to the Society. He also highlighted the importance of student's participation in the conferences.

The President then announced the result of the Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award. Ms. Akanksha S. Kashikar, Assistant Professor, Savitribai Phule Pune University was declared as the Winner. Mr. Samarendra Das, Scientist, IASRI, New Delhi was the runner up. On behalf of the SSCA and on his personal behalf, the President thanked the family members of Dr. M.N. Das for their kind gesture to support the Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Young Scientist Award. This activity would motivate the young researchers to undertake research in Statistics and Informatics with strong innovative applications in solving real life problems of other sciences.

The agenda items were then taken up and after deliberations, the following decisions were taken:

**1. Confirmation of Proceedings of the 17<sup>th</sup> Conference at BIMTECH, Bhubaneswar**

Dr. D. Roy Choudhury, Secretary of the Society, informed the House that the proceedings of the 17<sup>th</sup> General Body meeting of the Society held at Birla Institute of Management Technology, Bhubaneswar on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 were circulated earlier to the members. No comments were received from the members. The members were requested to make comments, if any, even during the meeting. Since no comments were received, the proceedings were confirmed by the General Body.

**2. M.N. Das Memorial lecture**

One of the important events of the conference was the Dr. M.N. Das Memorial Lecture. This lecture series was initiated during the 15<sup>th</sup> conference held at Banasthali Vidyapeeth 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. The third lecture was delivered by Dr. A.C. Kulshreshtha in 2015. This year in 2016, the fourth lecture in the series was delivered by Dr. A.K. Srivastava.

**3. Arrangements of the conference**

The President thanked the organizers of the present 18<sup>th</sup> conference for their all-round performance in conducting a smooth and fruitful conference. The arrangements made by a very dedicated team of Dr. J.P. Singh Joorel, Dr. Rahul Gupta, Dr. Pawan Kumar, Dr. Parmil Kumar, Dr. V.K. Shivgotra and their colleagues / Staff / Students were praise worthy. The academic content of the conference was of a very high standard. The hospitality extended by the organizers and the boarding and lodging arrangements were excellent. The President also expressed his pleasure over the student volunteers who shouldered the responsibility to look after the delegates, right from their pick up, their accommodation, food and transport arrangements. He mentioned that the delegates were enthralled to say that the students did this job with high enthusiasm, sense of responsibility and precision. They always responded with a big smile on their faces.

**4. Presentation of report of the activities and accounts of the society**

The report of the activities and accounts of the society were presented by Dr. D. Roy Chaudhury.

**5. New Executive Council 2016-17**

The new executive council of the Society for 2016-17, as recommended by the existing Executive Council, was presented before the General Body. It was also decided that the tenure of the new Executive Council will be from April 01, 2016. The proposal was approved by the General Body and the approved New Executive Council is appended as **ANNEXURE I**.

## **6. Progress of the Journal of Statistics and Applications**

The General Body was informed that the website of the SSCA, developed earlier is up-to-date, and is available at <http://www.scca.org.in>. The Journal of the SSCA called 'Statistics and Applications' is available online and full length papers published in the journal can be viewed and downloaded free of cost. The Journal has got the ISSN Number as ISSN 2454-7395 (online). The latest issue (Volume 13, 2015) was a Special Issue on "Statistical Concerns in Child Health and Nutrition" with Dr. A.K. Nigam, Dr. Padam Singh, Dr. V.K. Srivastava and Dr. Ravindra Srivastava as the Guest Editors.

The efforts made by the Chair Editor, the Executive Editor, the Managing Editor, the entire Editorial Board and the reviewers in bringing out the Journal timely were highly appreciated.

The President made an appeal to all the members to submit their research for publication in this Journal. The President also appealed to the members to request other colleagues and friends, particularly students, to submit their research for publication in the Journal.

## **7. Audit Report for the year 2014-15**

An up-to-date Audited report of the society for the years 2014-15 was presented by the Treasurer, Dr. Ashish Das.

## **8. Appointment of auditor for 2016-17**

It was decided to continue with the same auditor. In case of any need, the Executive Council was authorized to appoint a new auditor.

## **9. Additional Signatory for operating the Bank account**

It was resolved that for operating the Society's Axis bank account smoothly, Dr. Alope Lahiri, Joint Secretary of the Society, may be made one of the signatories besides the existing ones. The new signatories are as follows:

1. Dr. V.K. Gupta, President
2. Dr. D. Roy Choudhury, Secretary
3. Dr. Ashish Das, Treasurer
4. Dr. Alope Lahiri, Joint Secretary

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

The Executive President expressed gratitude to the four honourable Members of the Society who had made voluntary donations of Rs. 10,000/- each. The President stressed the need for raising the funds of the society so as to expand its activities and magnify its visibility. After some discussions, various members agreed to make voluntary donations to the society, so as to help society build up a corpus.

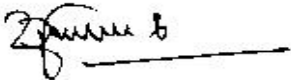
## 11. Organization of the 19<sup>th</sup> conference of the Society

Suggestions were invited from the members present for deciding the venue for organizing the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference of the SSCA sometime during February 2017. Dr. S.E.H. Rizvi, Professor and Head, Department of Statistics and Computer Science, SKUAST, Jammu informed the house that Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu is willing to hold the Society's 19<sup>th</sup> conference at Jammu campus. The house authorized the President and the Secretary to explore other possibilities as well and decide with the consent of EC of the Society the venue for organizing the next conference.

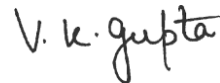
## 12. Any other item

The President requested the members to update the Society about any of their professional achievements and recognitions like promotions, new assignments, awards, honour.etc. so that the same can be duly appreciated and recorded.

It was also decided by the House that the winner of Dr M N Das Memorial Lecture cannot apply again for the award in the subsequent years. If such a nomination is received, it would be rejected.



**Dipak Roy Choudhury**  
Secretary  
Society of Statistics,  
Computer and Applications



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

## **ANNEXURE I**

### **LIST OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2016-17**

#### **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. 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

#### **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.V. Palanichamy
2. Alka Arora
3. Praggya Das
4. Piyush Kant Rai
5. Seema Jaggi
6. B.N. Mandal
7. P. Rath
8. Hukum Chandra
9. S.H. Mir
10. Girish Jha
11. P.C. Gupta
12. Anshu Bhardwaj
13. Amrendra K. Jha
14. Shibani Roy Choudhury
15. Rahul Gupta

### **Ex-officio Members**

1. Chair Editor, S&A
2. Executive Editor, S&A
3. Director, IASRI
4. DG, CSO