

**Minutes of the General Body Meeting of Indian Society of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology held on 29.11.2007 at 7.00 PM in the Conference Hall of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, POOKOT**

Dr. Satish K. Garg, Secretary General of the ISVPT welcomed all the Members present in the meeting. With the permission of the President of the Society, Dr. J.K. Malik, Secretary General conducted the proceedings.

Before taking up official business, Secretary informed the house about the very sad, untimely and unfortunate demise of Dr. S.K. Hore, Associate Professor of Pharmacology, GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar. Brief biodata of Late Dr. Hore was read and his contributions were highlighted. The house passed a resolution of sending a condolence message to the bereaved family on behalf of the Society and observed two minutes silence in honour of the departed soul. —

The following issues were discussed and resolved:

1. Minutes of the last GB Meeting held on 23.11.2006 at Bihar Veterinary College Patna were approved.
2. The House appreciated the efforts of Dr. R.D. Rana, Professor of Pharmacology, HAU, Hisar for meticulously and successfully conducting the elections of the EC of ISVPT within a time frame and passed a resolution to send a letter thanking him on behalf of the Society.
3. Financial position of the last ISVPT Conference held at Patna and the constraints of the present Organizing Secretary, Dr. N. Gopakumar were discussed. All the Members were of the opinion that in view of the escalating costs, some fiscal deficit management measures need to be adopted to curtail some of the possible expenditures, like on kits, food etc. by simplifying the things. It was further resolved that let Dr. Gopakumar settle his accounts by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 and the factual position will be looked into and the EC will look into the modality to help the Organizing Secretaries so that any individual does not suffer any loss.  
Further, participation of PG students in large number is a very healthy sign for the profession and the Society, however, keeping in view the financial constraints of the Organizing Secretaries, it was resolved that the registration fee for PG students be increased and it may be fixed up at the level of almost 2/3 of the fee for other delegates. The House approved the proposal.
4. Treasurer – Dr. A.M. Thaker presented the audited report of the accounts of the Society till March 2007 and the same was approved by the House. The House was informed by Dr. Thaker that Dr. Mathuram, Professor and Head and Organizing Secretary of V ISVPT Conference had donated Rs. 15,489/- to the Society out of the savings of that Conference. The Society thanked and appreciated the gesture and help of Professor Mathuram.
5. Matter regarding enhancement of life membership fee was deliberated and the House was apprised that the Life Membership fee was fixed at Rs. 1000/- almost seven years back, therefore, in view of the increasing costs and also publication of the Journal of Society, which is being provided to all the Life Members of the Society, it was resolved to enhance the Life Membership and other membership fees w.e.f. January 01, 2008 and approved as follows:

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| Life membership             | Rs. 2000/-   |
| Ordinary Annual membership  | Rs. 200/-    |
| Student Annual Membership   | Rs. 100/-    |
| Corporate Life Membership   | Rs. 10,000/- |
| Corporate Annual Membership | Rs. 1000/-   |



6. Since Editor-in -Chief could not attend the Conference due to some compelling problems, his report could not be presented, however, the House was apprised that the publication of Journal has been regularized and December 2007 issue has already been sent to the Life Members of the Society.
7. Regarding elections of the Society, it was resolved by the House that the Returning Officer will be appointed by the House and after the election process is over, all the ballot papers will be brought at the venue of the Conference and will be opened in the Executive Committee meeting and the results will be declared in the General Body Meeting.
8. For hosting the VIII Annual Conference of ISVPT during 2008, there were three proposals, one from Veterinary University Mathura and others from Anand Agricultural University, Anand and the third one from IVRI, Izatnagar. The House unanimously approved and resolved to host the next Conference at Mathura.
9. Proposal for institution of INTAS Scientist Award were accepted by the House and modalities and rules for the same will be prepared by the EC in consultation with the INTAS Pharma.
10. Dr. C. Jayachandran, Professor and Head, Bihar Veterinary College, Patna generously offered to institute an oration in the name of his parents by donating a sum of Rs 50,000/-. The proposal was accepted by the House and modalities of the same will be worked out. This oration will be started from the year 2008. The House thanked Professor Jayachandran for his noble gesture.
11. Dr. R.D. Sadekar, Ex Professor and Head Pharmacology at PDKV, AKOLA offered to donate substantial amount of fund for institution of an award for the best paper published by the Members of ISVPT in the field of Pharmacology in any journal. The House accepted the proposal and the modalities will be worked out. The House thanked Professor Sadekar for his noble gesture of encouraging the young Pharmacologists to work in a more dedicated way and publish good quality research papers.
12. An appeal was made to financially help the family of Late Dr. S.K. Hore and it was resolved that all Heads of the Departments across the country will voluntarily contribute to the fund to help the bereaved family.
13. It was brought to the knowledge of House that ASRB has clubbed some of the subjects for conducting the competitive examination. In view of the adverse impact of such a decision on the career and competence of upcoming professionals, a very serious concern was expressed by all the Members and it was resolved that ASRB may be approached and requested to reconsider the decision in view of the modern era of specialization and super-specialization.
14. The Executive Committee and the House appreciated the excellent arrangements for transportation, food, accommodation, technical programme and other arrangements made by the organizers for the success of the Conference. The President and Secretary thanked and complemented the Organizing Secretary and his whole esteemed team for the success of the Conference. As a token of appreciation, the House gave a standing ovation to Dr. Gopakumar and his whole team.
15. The new Executive Committee members were introduced to the house. The Secretary General thanked the outgoing EC Members and welcomed the new members of the EC.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair and all the delegates present in the meeting.

  
(Satish K. Garg)