Minutes of the General Body Meeting of Indian Society of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology held on 7th of November 2008 at 7.30 PM in the Pant Conference Hall, Veterinary College, DUVASU, Mathura

Dr. Satish K. Garg, Secretary General ISVPT and also the Organizing Secretary VIII ISVPT Conference welcomed all the Members and Guests present in the GB meeting. With the permission of Chair and President of the Society- Prof. J.K. Malik, business of the House was conducted by Dr. Garg.

The issues discussed and resolved were as follows:

i) So far it has been customary that the Minutes of the GB had been prepared immediately after the meeting and circulated to all the members attending the Conference during Valedictory Function or just before the closing function. However, those Members who do not attend the Conference fail to receive the Proceedings. Therefore, it was opined by the House that proceedings/minutes of GB should be sent to all the Members through mail and also put on the website of the Society. Constraint was expressed by the HQ and also the Secretary General as there are several Members of the Society who have not given or do not have any mail ID. Therefore, it was suggested that the mailing list with latest address including mail ID be completed and the Minutes be sent through mail only.

Action to be taken up by HQ and Secretary General

ii) Any new rules to be framed for any new activity to be introduced or any amendment to be made in the existing rules or the Bylaws of the Society, such an exercise be made at the appropriate end, and circulated to all the Members of the Society through email for seeking any suggestions/modifications required and there after be approved by EC and later by GB of the ISVPT.

Action to be taken up by HQ

iii) Concern for the poor up-keep and updating of Society Website was expressed by most the Members and it was resolved that the official website of the Society should be made more dynamic and vibrant with all the updates so that it becomes more informative and attractive for the users. Concern for financial involvement was expressed by the HQ and this issue, the House resolved that with in the available limited financial resources with the Society, efforts should be made to improve the website.

Action to be taken up by HQ

iv) Issue for instituting the Life-Time Achievement Award and framing of bylaws for the same and Fellow of the Society has been pending for the last almost one year. On this issue, the House was informed that Dr. V. Raviprakash, Principal Scientist Pharmacology, IVRI, Izatnagar had been entrusted with the task of framing the bylaws for Life-Time Achievement Award and for electing the Fellow of the Society. Dr. Raviprakash had submitted the Guidelines and Rules to the EC which was discussed in the EC Meeting and there after put up before the GB meeting for approval. After thorough deliberations, it was resolved by the House that the proposed "Guidelines and Rules" for Life-Time Achievement Award, for electing the Fellow of the Society and Chellappa Memorial Oration be circulated to all the Members through email and be approved by the EC and GB considering the suggestions of the Members of the Society.

Action to be taken up by HQ and Secretary General

v) Till the Guidelines/Rules for Chellappa Memorial Oration are finalized and approved by EC and GB in 2009, EC nominated Professor A. Ahmad, Professor JV Anjaria and

Professor A.K. Srivastava in order of preference for the delivering the Chellappa Memorial Oration 2009; the proposal as approved in EC was accepted by the GB as well.

Action to be taken up by HQ and Secretary General

vi) Members of the Society expressed their serious concern for the conspicuous absence of Finance Secretary and Editor-in-Chief during the Conference and also the EC and GB meetings. Limitations and constraints of the Office bearers regarding their inability to attend the Conference were explained by the Secretary General. Consequent upon discussion, the House resolved that all the Office Bearers and EC Members should attend the Conference and be available during EC and GB Meetings.

Action to be ensured by the persons concerned

vii) Two proposals, one from Dr. M.A. Ayub Shah, Professor and Head, Veterinary Pharmacology, Veterinary College, Aizawal and other from Dr. A.M. Thaker, Professor and Head Veterinary Pharmacology, Veterinary College, AAU Anand, were received for holding the IX ISVPT Conference during the year 2009. After thorough deliberations and discussion in view of the traveling cost(s) and time constraint of the participants to attend the Conference at Aizawal, it was resolved by the EC that the proposal of Dr. A.M. Thaker, Anand be accepted. General House of ISVPT also approved that the IX Conference be held at AAU, Anand. Dates and time will be finalized by the Organizing Secretary.

Action to be taken up by Dr. A.M. Thaker, HQ

viii) Status of the publication of Indian Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology was discussed in the EC and also GB. Unfortunately, both the past and the present Editor-in-Chief(s) of the Journal were not able to attend the Conference. However, it was evident that the Journal of 2007 could be published towards the end of 2008 and exact status of 2008 issue of the Journal was not known. As per the communication received from Editor-in-Chief elect, Dr. S.P. Singh, at the Society HQ as well to the President and Secretary General ISVPT, the office of Editor-in-Chief has not been transferred by Dr. S.K. Modi from Sardar Krushinagar to Dr. S.P. Singh, Pantnagar. It is a very serious issue. The House resolved that Dr. SK Modi be directed to hand over all the relevant documents and accounts of the office of Editor-in-Chief to Dr. S.P. Singh and Dr. Singh should ensure that the publication of the Journal becomes regular. For seeking financial assistance for the Journal, Dr. Singh may contact the Society HQ.

Action to be taken up by Secretary General, HQ, Dr. Modi and Dr. SP Singh

ix) As the term of the present Executive Committee will be over with the organization of IX Annual Conference at Anand, therefore, election for the next EC have to be conducted during the year 2009. For the conduct of elections, the House unanimously appointed Professor C. Jayachandran, HOD Pharmacology, BVC, Patna as the Returning Officer. Dr. Jayachandran accepted the request of the House. As per the resolution of GB on November 29, 2007 at Veterinary College, Pookot, Returning Officer will bring all the Ballot papers at the venue of next Conference and the ballot papers will be opened in the Meeting of EC and counting will be done there and the results be approved by EC and declared in GB.

Action to be taken up by HQ and Dr. Jayachandran

x) Outstanding Pharmacologist Award be Instituted from the year 2009 and all the formalities for the award like finalization of the rules for accepting any fund from any individual or the organization for instituting the award and for conferring the same etc. be completed and approved by GB during IX Conference at Anand.

Action to be taken up by Secretary General

xi) It has been repeatedly experienced by the Organizing Secretaries of the annual Conferences that the members do not adhere to the last dates for submission of abstracts and most of the time the abstracts are not accompanied with the registration fee and people submit the abstract(s) just for getting it printed in the Compendium to take some undue advantages. Therefore, it was resolved by the House that no abstract will be accepted without registration fee.

Action to be taken up by Organizing Secretaries

xii) It was further resolved that the abstracts of the Conference will be published by the Organizing Secretary in the format using the cover-page of the official Journal of the Society as Conference Supplement bearing the Volume Number of the Journal etc.

Action to be taken up by Organizing Secretaries

xiii) It has been observed over the years that there is an increasing trend towards the presentation through posters and youngsters devote lot of time and spent money on the preparation of posters. However, due to too many and overlapping oral sessions, delegates do not find time to see the posters or interact with the presenters. Therefore, it was resolved that an open slot exclusively for Poster Session(s) should be kept and during that time, there will not be any presentation or session(s).

Action to be taken up by Organizing Secretaries

xiv) In view of the inflation and increasing costs, it is becoming very difficult for the Organizing Secretaries to meet out the expenses of organizing the Conferences. During organization, expenditure incurred on both the students and Faculty Members is the same, therefore, it was unanimously resolved by the House that the registration fee for students and Associate delegates be hiked and fixed to the extent of 80% of the fee for delegates.

Action to be taken up by Organizing Secretaries

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair, Delegates and other invitees.

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Secretary General