## Minutes of EC Meeting held on 6th October, 2017 at IOCL Guest House, New Delhi

4<sup>th</sup> EC meeting of the Executive Committee of ISAS-Delhi Chapter (Term 2015-18) was held on 06-10-2017 at IOCL Guest House, East of Kailash, New Delhi

Following members attended the meeting:

- 1. Dr. J. Christopher, Chairman
- 2. Dr. G.S. Kapur, Secretary
- 3. Mr. V. Kagdiyal, Jt Secretary
- 4. Dr. A.P. Singh, Treasurer
- 5. Dr Veena Bansal, Member
- 6. Dr. Ram Singh, Member
- 7. Dr. Devender Singh, Member
- 8. Dr Rupesh Kymar, Member
- 9. Sh V.K. Sharma, Member
- 10. Dr. Ravindra Kumar, Member
- 11. Dr Krishan Kumar, Moti Lal College, DU- Special Invitee
- 12. Mr Ravi Kant., Zakir Hussain College, DU Special Invitee
- 13. Dr. Raman Kumar, MDU, Rohtak Special Invitee

The agenda was already circulated to the members by e-mail. The outcome of the meeting is given below:

- 1. Chairman welcomed and thanked all the members for joining the meeting.
- 2. Secretary briefed the members about the recent activity in 2017:
- 3. ISAS-Delhi Chapter jointly with Aggarwal College, Ballabgarh organized two days International Conference on Materials Research and Technology (ICMRT-2017) at Aggarwal College, Ballabgarh during July 10-11, 2017. ICMRT-2017 conference was inaugurated by Prof Victor Gambhir, Vice-chancellor, Mahrishi Makandeshwar University, Mullana. ICMRT-2017 conference focused on the importance and future trends in 'Materials' research for different applications. More than 300 delegates from 7 countries including India participated in the conference. 18 Invited Talks, 22 Oral and 115 Poster were presented in ICMRT-2017. This is the first time that so many speakers/paper presenters from abroad had participated in a symposium organized by ISAS-Delhi chapter. As per the policy, Chapter contributed Rs 1.75. Lacs which is about 25% of the total conference expenditure.
- 4. Following proposals regarding future activities/seminar were discussed:
  - 4.1 **Proposal from Zakir Hussian College, DU**: Mr Ravi Kant, President, Chemical Society, Zakir Hussain College proposed to organise a one day seminar on "Role of Spectroscopic Techniques in Energy Sector" jointly with ISAS-DC. Format will be 2-3 lectures in the FN and students

presentations in the AN. College will take care of the venue and lunch part and ISAS-DC was requested to take care of High Tea, Awards for the students, honorarium to speakers etc. Expected financial liability for ISAS-DC would be approx Rs 20,000/-. ISAS-DC was also requested to arrange 3 speakers for the FN sessions. EC members approved the proposal and the date of the activity was finalised as 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017. Dr Ravindra Kumar will be the main coordinator from ISAS-DC for this activity.

- 4.2 **Proposal from Moti Lal Nehru College, DU**: Dr Krishan Kumar, Moti Lal Nehru College, DU proposed to organise a one day seminar on "Spectro-analytical Techniques: Latest Advances" jointly with ISAS-DC. Format will be 2-3 lectures in the FN and students presentations (oral+posters) in the AN. College will take care of the Inaugural session/speakers and will contribute about Rs 15,000 against the total expected expenditure of ~Rs. 50,000. Dr Krishan Kumar was asked to arrange some more funds thru sponsors, as ISAS-DC will be able to contribute about Rs 20,000/-. With this the EC members approved the proposal and the date of the activity was tentatively finalised as 17th January, 2018.
- 4.3 Dr Ravindra Kumar presented a proposal received from **Banasthali University, Jaipur** for organising a two-days program in association with ISAS-DC. Dr Kumar informed that expected expenditure for the event is approx Rs 4 lacs and ISAS-DC is expected to contribute about 1 Lac.

During the discussion, Secretary appraised the members that this is a Silver Jubilee Year for ISAS-DC and it must be celebrated by organising a decent conference by inviting eminent speakers from India and abroad, including former office bearer of the chapter. Dr Kumar proposed that may be the proposed event at Bansathali University can be further developed to convert into Silver Jubilee event. After detailed discussions, it was decided to visit the Banasthali University to assess the infrastructure/logistics etc to take a final decision in this regard. It was also agreed that in case this event is converted to Silver Jubilee Event, in that case condition of limiting to 25% contribution by ISAS-DC will not hold good.

- 4.4 Dr Kapur apprised the members regarding a **Proposal from M/s Progression India** a one day Industrial oriented event on Techniques on Sulphur Analysis, to be fully sponsored by the. The event will tentatively will be held in end January/February first week, 2018.
- 4.5 Dr Veena Bansal proposed to organise a one day event at Chandigarh. She was advised to work out more details and submit a formal proposal.
- 5. With regard to Financial Assistance Scheme of the Chapter, Chairman proposed that for availing the scheme a life member must be a member for at least one year. This was agreed upon.
- 6. Secretary appraised the poor status of new membership enrolment in the year 2017 and requested all the members to put efforts to enroll new members.

Dr Rupesh Kumar suggested that lot of undergraduate students are interested to become members but are reluctant due to very high Life membership fee. He proposed that all such students should be enrolled as Annual Members by charging a fee of Rs. 500/-. This suggestion was agreed upon as already there is a provision of annual membership. It was also decided that in order to attract the students, if a student take up annual membership for consecutively for three years, he/she will automatically will become a Life Member. It was also decided that such members will not be entitled to avail the financial assistance scheme unless they become life member. With this, the proposal of Dr Rupesh Kumar was accepted.

- 7. EC expressed deep concern for the EC member from IIP Dehradun, who has not been attending EC meetings and also does not even respond to the communications. It was also discussed that those who are unable to attend due to some reason, at least, must inform the Secretary regarding leave of absence.
- 8. Dr AP Singh, Treasurer shall be superannuated from the services of IOCL on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017. Chairman placed on record collective thanks and appreciation on behalf of the EC members, the services provided by Dr AP Singh, Treasurer to ISAS-DC for more than 2 decade under various capacities. Dr Singh was felicitated by presenting shawl and a small memento as a token of gratitude on behalf of ISAS-DC.

It was also mentioned that earlier Dr Prabhat Gupta had superannuated form NCL and he could not be felicitated as he was unable to attend this meeting. It was decide that Dr Prabhat Gupta will be felicitated in the coming future during forthcoming events/meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all members.

Secretary ISAS-Delhi Chapter