

THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
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MINUTES OF THE 55th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 27th JUNE, 2014

The meeting was attended by the following members

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| 1. Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan, President | 36. Dr. R. Jayakumar |
| 2. Dr. K. Sunilkumar Mohamed, Secretary | 37. Dr. P. Kaladharan |
| 3. Dr. P. U Zacharia, Editor | 38. Dr. K. Vijayakumaran |
| 4. Dr. T. Balachandran | 39. Dr. Sekar Megaraj |
| 5. Dr. C. P. Gopinathan | 40. Dr. P. K. Asokan |
| 6. Dr. T. V. Sathianandan | 41. Dr. Rekha J Nair |
| 7. Dr. K. K. Vijayan | 42. Dr. K. K. Philipose |
| 8. Dr. Edwin Joseph | 43. Dr. A. K. Abdul Nazar |
| 9. Shri. J. Narayanaswamy | 44. Dr. I. Jagadis |
| 10. Dr. C. K. Radhakrishnan | 45. Dr. Sreenath K. R. |
| 11. Dr. I. Rajendran | 46. Dr. Ganga U |
| 12. Dr. R. Krupesh Sharma | 47. Dr. Vipinkumar V. P |
| 13. Dr. T. Senthil Murugan | 48. Dr. Sandhya Sukumaran |
| 14. Dr. Pralaya Ranjan Behera | 49. Dr. B. Santhosh |
| 15. Dr. Verendra Veer Singh | 50. Dr. M. K. Anil |
| 16. Mr. Rejendra Naik. N | 51. Dr. C. P. Suja |
| 17. Dr. P. S. Swathilekshmi | 52. Dr. Vidya Jayasankar |
| 18. Dr. Molly Varghese | 53. Dr. Margaret Muthu Rathinam |
| 19. Dr. Mini K. G | 54. Dr. Joe. K. Kizhakudan |
| 20. Dr. V. Kripa | 55. Dr. Pradeep M. A |
| 21. Dr. G. B. Purushotama | 56. Dr. Grinson George |
| 22. Dr. L. Ranjith | 57. Dr. Rema Madhu |
| 23. Dr. Johnson B | 58. Dr. Divu D |
| 24. Dr. R. Narayanakumar | 59. Mr. Rajool Shanis C. P |
| 25. Dr. M. Sivadas | 60. Dr. Bobby Ignatius |
| 26. Dr. Ramkumar S | 61. Mrs. Anulekshmi Chellappan |
| 27. Dr. Dineshbabu A. P | 62. Mrs. Muktha M |
| 28. Dr. P. Hemasankari | 63. Dr. K. Madhu |
| 29. Dr. T. M. Najmudeen | 64. Dr. S. Bijoy Nandan |
| 30. Dr. P. P. Manojkumar | 65. Dr. K. Vinod |
| 31. Dr. Rani Mary George | 66. Dr. K. K. Joshi |
| 32. Dr. K. P. Said Koya | 67. Dr. Srinivasa Raghavan |
| 33. Dr. N. K. Sanil | 68. Dr. Indira Divipala |
| 34. Dr. Asha P. S | 69. Dr. G. Mahaswarudu |
| 35. Dr. Rajesh K. M | 70. Mr. S. Dineshkumar |

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| 71. Mr. S. Chinnadurai | 75. Dr. S. Ramachandran |
| 72. Mr. Akhilesh K. V | 76. Dr. A. K. Samal |
| 73. Prof. J. Rajasekharan Nair | 77. Dr. M. Sakthivel |
| 74. Prof. K. V. Jayachandran | |

Dr. Sunil Mohamed, Secretary welcomed the new President of Marine Biological Association of India Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan and all members especially those from NIO, FSI, KUFOS and CUSAT and the Executive Council Members to the 55th Annual General Body Meeting of the Marine Biological Association of India. Continuing his address, Secretary Dr. Mohamed mentioned that President Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan was already with us as Executive Member and hoped that the next five years he will guide the Association to greater heights. He also flagged the important activities of the next year.

- i) International Conference MECOS 2 coming up.
- ii) Upscaling the rating of the Journal.

Agenda 1: Secretary's Report

Dr. Mohamed, Secretary presented the report of activities carried out during the previous year. He said that the Association has currently 700 Life Members. Dr. Mohamed requested that a membership drive to be taken. Now, membership is required for publishing the papers in JMBAI. He also added that the life membership fee of Rs. 5000 can be paid as Rs. 500 per month in 10 post dated cheques and the student membership fee for Rs. 2500/- can be paid Rs. 250/ per month in 10 installments. Secretary also highlighted the important activities conducted by the Association during the year.

- Talk on “Computer-aided age estimation techniques using calcified structures in fish and aquatic animals” on 19th December 2013 by Dr. Valeriy. P. Vasil’Kov Vladivostok State University, Russia.
- Talk on “Marine Bioprospecting and medicines from Molluscs” on 20th December 2013 by Dr. Kirsten Benkendorff, Associate Professor, Southern Cross University, Lismore, Australia.
- Talk on “Ecology of Seabirds and their relation to fisheries” on 10th January 2014 by Mr. Ravichandra Modreti, Dept. of Ecology and Environment Pondicherry University/ and Centre for Ecology and Evolution, CNRS, Montpellier, France.
- BOBLME-MBAI conducted two Scientific Communication workshops. Twenty (20) trainees from eight cities and 14 agencies/universities were selected on the basis of their preparedness (analysed data sets) to participate in the workshop.
- Ist Workshop was Paper writing – 14-17 October 2013 at Hotel Travancore Court.

- 2nd Workshop was Presentation – 18-21 November 2013 at Hotel Fern.

Agenda 2: Announcing MECOS 2 International Symposium

Dr. Mohamed presented details of the forthcoming International Event - MECOS 2 which is to be held between 2 - 5 December, 2014 at Kochi. He mentioned that in the last General Body meeting it decided that in 2014 we will hold MECOS 2 which will be a continuing series of the MBAI to be conducted every 3 years. Six sections are ready for the abstract submission.

- (i). Marine Fisheries and Management
- (ii). Aquaculture production systems
- (iii). Marine Biodiversity, climate change and ecosystems assessments
- (iv). Responsible harvest and post- harvest
- (v). Marine Biotechnology and
- (vi). Livelihood and economics.

Dr. Mohamed added that by July 10th, MECOS website will be functional.

This was followed by release of MECOS 2 Brochure. The President, Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan released the brochure by handing over a copy to Dr. Balachandran, senior member of the Marine Biological Association of India.

Agenda 3: Approval of AGM for the newly drafted constitution

Dr. Mohamed presented the newly drafted constitution of Marine Biological Association of India. Dr. Balachandran opined that lot of corrections is needed in this draft constitution and objected to certain phrases and clauses. Accordingly Dr. Mohamed read out the clauses in the committee. He said that the term “alteration” has to be checked with our Auditor. After a brief discussion on the Constitution, the General Body passed the constitution unanimously.

Agenda-4: Treasurer’s Report

In the absence of Dr. Somy Kuriakose, Treasurer, Shri. Narayanaswamy Associate Treasurer, presented the Audited report for the period 2012-2013. The income during this period was Rs. 1,26,216/- He said that during October- November 2013, two workshops were conducted on Scientific Paper Writing and Scientific Presentation with financial support from Bay of Bengal Large Marine Ecosystem. We have obtained Rs.11,90,400/- from BOBLME for these workshops and the total fund expended was

Rs.9,96,619. Balance amount of Rs. 1,93,781 was returned to BOBLME. As this activity falls under the financial year 2013-14, the audited statement of expenditure will be presented along with the accounts for 2013-14. The audited accounts were passed unanimously by the house.

Agenda 5: Editor's Report

Dr. P. U. Zacharia, presented the Editor's report. In his report, Dr. Zacharia mentioned that currently 48 manuscripts were received of which 19 papers have been accepted, 9 papers rejected and the rest are in various stages of processing. Editor requested members to submit good quality papers and efforts will be made to improve the impact factor. Dr Zacharia added that it is very important for the journal's impact factor to go up. He thanked the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Executive Members and the Editorial Committee, for all support.

Agenda 6. Any Other Matter

Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan, President suggested that each member should enroll five members and such persons will get recognition from Marine Biological Association of India, adding that 150 new members are to be targeted this year. He also added that foreign visitors could be made the Members of Marine Biological Association of India.

Dr. K. K. Vijayan opined that for an article to be published in JMBAI one of the authors has to a member; this clause can be removed. After discussion it was unanimously decided that the clause can be deleted. Dr. Mohamed mentioned that necessary corrections are to be made in our website and the new rule will come into effect with issue 56 (2)

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Rekha Nair, Associate Secretary. The meeting came to an end by 6.45 pm.

