

THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
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MINUTES OF THE 54th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 11th JUNE, 2013

The meeting was attended by the following members

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| 1. Dr. G. Syda Rao, President | 37. Dr. Divu Damodaran |
| 2. Dr. N. R. Menon, Vice President | 38. Dr. M. Harikrishnan |
| 3. Dr. N.G.K Pillai, Vice President | 39. Shri. Vikas. P.A |
| 4. Dr. K. Sunilkumar Mohamed, Secretary | 40. Shri. Ramkumar. S |
| 5. Dr. P. U Zacharia, Editor | 41. Shri. Ranjith L |
| 6. Dr. Somy Kuraikose, Treasurer | 42. Shri. Loveson Edward L |
| 7. Dr. T. Balachandran | 43. Shri. Pralaya Renjan Behera |
| 8. Dr. C. P. Gopinathan | 44. Dr. Johnson B |
| 9. Dr. K. G. Girijavallabhan | 45. Dr. Grinson George |
| 10. Dr. T. V. Sathiananandan | 46. Dr. P. K Asokan |
| 11. Dr. K. K. Vijayan | 47. Shri. K. P. Said Koya |
| 12. Dr. K.K Joshi | 48. Dr. P. P. Manojkumar |
| 13. Dr. K. Madhu | 49. Dr. Shyam S. Salim |
| 14. Dr. K. V. Jayachandran | 50. Dr. I. Rajendran |
| 15. Dr. G. Maheswarudu | 51. Dr. G. Tamilmani |
| 16. Dr. Veerendra Veer Singh. | 52. Dr. C. Kalidas |
| 17. Dr. N. Ramachandran | 53. Dr. V. Venkatesan |
| 18. Dr. K.K. C Nair | 54. Shri. Bineesh K.K |
| 19. Dr. A. K Abdul Nazar | 55. Shri. Sajikumar. K. K |
| 20. Dr. R. Jayakumar | 56. Shri. S. Chinnadurai |
| 21. Dr. R. Jeyabasakaran | 57. Shri. S. Dineshkumar. |
| 22. Dr. G. Gopakumar | 58. Dr. Sandhya Sukumaran |
| 23. Dr. V. D. Deshmukh | 59. Dr. Madhu. V. R |
| 24. Dr. Joe. K. Kizhakudan | 60. Dr. Ganga. U |
| 25. Dr. Terence Rebello | 61. Dr. Vidya Jayasankar |
| 26. Shri. Ritesh Ranjan | 62. Dr. C. P. Suja |
| 27. Shri. Vinay Kumar Vase | 63. Dr. Jayasree Loka |
| 28. Dr. N. Rajendra Naik | 64. Dr. K. S Sobhana |
| 29. Dr. Shubhadeep Ghosh | 65. Dr. Imelda Joseph |
| 30. Dr. A. P. Dinesh Babu | 66. Dr. Molly Varghese |
| 31. Dr. P. Kaladharan | 67. Dr. Prathibha Rohit |
| 32. Dr. K.K. Philipose | 68. Dr. S. Jasmine. |
| 33. Dr. Satyanarayan Sethi | 69. Dr. Femeena Hassan. |
| 34. Dr. M. Sivadas | 70. Dr. A. Margaret Muthu Rathinam |
| 35. Dr. I Jagadis | 71. Dr. P. S Asha |
| 36. Dr. S. R. Krupesha Sharma | 72. Dr. P. Hemasankari |

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| 73. Dr. Shoba Joe Kizhakudan | 80 Shri. Sekar Megarajan |
| 74. Dr. Sujitha Thomas | 81 Dr. Rani Mary George |
| 75. Dr. D. Prema | 82 Dr. Rema Madhu |
| 76. Dr. V. Kripa | 83 Dr. R. Narayanakumar |
| 77. Shri. J. Narayanaswamy | 84 Dr. Rekha J. Nair |
| 78. Dr. Senthil Murugan. T | 85 Dr. Amol Kumar Samal |
| 79. Dr. Bindu Sulochanan | |

Dr. Sunil Mohamed, Secretary welcomed all members, particularly Dr. G. Syda Rao, President who has been in chair for last five years and who will be relinquishing office in a couple of months and the Executive Council Members to the 54th Annual General Body Meeting of the Marine Biological Association of India.

The President Dr. G Syda Rao, welcoming the audience, opined that the Marine Biological Association of India has grown over the years with a chapter at Vishakhapatnam. He added that though new chapters were envisaged, it could not be taken up; new Chapters should take off at Mumbai and Chennai he added. Dr. Deshmukh at Mumbai Centre and Chennai centre should also take initiative to open new chapters. President mentioned that Dr. Sunil Mohamed has taken a lot of initiatives, for MECOS-2, Website, and changes in Editorial Committee. We have to take forward many things; therefore President requested all Members to take more interest in the activities. Marine Biological Association of India should grow internationally, he added.

After the Presidential address, Dr. Syda Rao, President launched the new website of Marine Biological Association of India. Dr. Sunil Mohamed thanked Dr. G. Syda Rao and requested members to look through and give feedback.

Agenda 2: Secretary's Report

Dr. Mohamed, Secretary presented the report of activities carried out during the previous year. He said that the Association has currently 683 Life Members. Dr. Mohamed requested all members to go through their pages in the website and fill in details. This will enable web search for other researchers working in the same field. The Journal submission is fully 'online' now. Search key covers papers from 1959. Dr. Mohamed explained the new features in the home page.

Online First Articles: - Articles in the press ready from will be uploaded here. This will be facilitate more and faster visibility for the papers.

Kids Zone: - Dr. Mohamed explained that there are 6 knowledge packs, this will provide wonderful opportunity for researchers to get involved with science activities of students. Students can register through their science/nature club teachers only. Dr. Mohamed requested interested members to sign up in the site.

MECOS-2:- Dr. Mohamed explained that since MECOS-09 was a success, it was decided in the Executive Committee that it will be held every three years; in January-February, 2014 as MECOS-2 with the same themes. Dr. Mohamed requested members to come forward and join the background work preparation for MECOS-2. He requested for more active participation from members for MECOS-2.

The invite to **Dr. S. Jones Memorial Prize-2012** was also announced. Secretary, Dr. Mohamed wished many of the members will apply for the Jones Memorial Prize. Dr. Mohamed explained in detail or how applications can be sent.

Agenda-3: Treasurer's Report

Dr. Somy Kuriakose, Treasurer, presented the Audited report for the period 2011-2012. She explained that the income from CIMCAR was Rs. 74,928/- The audited accounts were passed unanimously by the house. The accounts for the year 2012-2013 are pending with the Auditors she added.

Agenda 4: Editor's Report

Dr. Zacharia, presented the Editor's report. In the report he stated that currently 45 manuscripts were received of which 20 papers have been accepted, 6 papers rejected and 19 papers are in various stages of processing. He suggested that members could write to MBAI on names of referees for various topics and journal quality can be improved by peer review only. He added that there are no backlogs of articles. Editor also requested members to submit papers and efforts will be made to improve the impact factor. He thanked the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Executive Members and the Editorial Committee, for all support.

Agenda 5. Any Other Business

Dr. Kripa suggested that MBAI can give some small grants to College Students to do a short term project. A small Grant Project can be formulated by the MBAI for P.G Students to do active research. Dr. M Harikrishnan opined that STEC is offering Rs. 12000/- to P G students to do project, some grant on similar lines could be formulated. Dr. Mohamed agreeing with Dr. Kripa and Dr. Harikrishnan added that the student has to submit the proposal for funding as well as present his results in the next General Body. But this way MBAI will be able to get wider reach among students. Dr, Kripa was requested to prepare guideline for the Small Grants Programme (SGP) of CMFRI.

(Action: Dr. Kripa)

Dr. Vijayan opined whether it was compulsory to make authors of articles as Members of Marine Biological Association of India. After detailed discussion it was decided to leave it for further debate later.

Dr. Gopakumar opined the best paper published in MBI can be given an award. This will be discussed in the next Executive Meeting. **(Action: Secretary)**

Dr. N. R. Menon said we can accept donations through the website. Dr. Mohamed added that our Constitution has provision for Donors; only our founder President has contributed to MBI.

Dr. N. G. K. Pillai said that the Action Taken Report is missing from the Secretary's report and it should be tabled in future. He also added that more programmes should be organized. Dr. K.K Vijayan opined the innovative ideas can be put on the website as a forum and it can be interactive. **(Action: Secretary)**

Dr. Madhu requested Secretary Dr. Sunil Mohamed to look into the difference in the name of the journal as cited in NAAS list. The journal's name is given as "Journal of the Marine Biological Association of India" instead of 'Journal of Marine Biological Association of India'. He also requested that steps should be taken to improve the NAAS rating. The Secretary replied that the journal name given in NAAS journal listing is correct.

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

