

THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
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MINUTES OF THE 49th GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 19th DECEMBER 2008

The meeting was attended by

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| 1. Dr. G. Syda Rao, President, | 25. T.S. Naomi |
| 2. Dr. K.S. Mohamed, Secretary, | 26. Dr.P.C. Thomas |
| 3. Dr. E. Vivekanandan, Editor, | 27. Dr.E.V. Radhakrishnan |
| 4. Dr. N.G.K. Pillai, Convener,
MECOS | 28. J. Narayanaswamy |
| 5. Dr. U.K. Gopalan | 29. Dr. C.K. Radhakrishnan |
| 6. Dr. T. Balachandran | 30. Dr.A. Laxminarayana |
| 7. Dr. C.P. Gopinathan | 31. Dr.R. Sathiadhas |
| 8. Dr. V.K. Pillai | 32. Dr.Remma Madhu |
| 9. Dr. K.J. Mathew | 33. Dr.Rajendran I. |
| 10. Dr. Rekha J. Nair | 34. Manju Sebastine |
| 11. Dr.Somy Kuriakose | 35. Dr.Vipinkumar V.P. |
| 12. Firoz Ahammed A. | 36. Akhilesh K.V. |
| 13. Dr.Vincent Terrence Rebello | 37. Ganga U. |
| 14. N.K. Sanil | 38. Dr. J. Rajasekharan Nair |
| 15. Dr.T.V. Sathianandan | 39. Dr.K.V. Jayachandran |
| 16. Dr.E.M. Abdussamad | 40. Dr.R. Narayana Kumar |
| 17. Dr.P. Vijayagopal | 41. Dr.Shyam S. Salim |
| 18. Dr.K. Madhu | 42. Dr.C. Ramachandran |
| 19. Dr.D. Prema | 43. Dr.T. Rajaswaminathan |
| 20. Dr.K.S. Sobhana | 44. Dr.A. Gopalakrishnan |
| 21. Dr.Reeta Jayasankar | 45. Dr.Divya P.R. |
| 22. Grace Mathew | 46. Dr.T.S. Velayudhan |
| 23. Dr.Molly Varghese | 47. N.V. Madhu |
| 24. Dr.Mary Manisseri | 48. Dr. C. Revichandran |
| | 49. Bineesh K.K. |

Dr. N.G.K. Pillai, Convenor, MECOS 09 welcomed everyone to the 49th General Body. He said that it was fortunate that former colleagues, former office bearers are all present; he welcomed all senior colleagues by name, all Heads of Divisions of CMFRI and friends from sister institutions.

Continuing his address, Dr. Pillai stressed that the coming year is very crucial for MBAI as the International Symposium is proposed to be held in 2009. Dr. Pillai welcomed the new President Dr. G. Syda Rao. He informed the members that since 7th December 2007 he had taken over as President and Dr. K. Sunil Mohamed was elected as Secretary by the Executive Committee. He apprised the members of the fund position of MBAI –details of which were 1.59 lakh in SB, 2.75 lakhs as FD. He added that lot of changes have been made since 2000 when he took over as Secretary; especially in upgrading journal from

annual to biannual, cover page design, quality of papers and impact factor has also improved. Dr. Pillai also added that the 50th issue with colour photos will be released by President today. Dr. Pillai then invited the President Dr. Syda Rao to take over

Dr. Syda Rao welcomed all members to 49th GB. He congratulated Dr. N.G.K. Pillai for improving MBAI, and the ex-office bearers for their work. NAAS grading of the Journal has come down, we have improve the status he added. MECOS is an area to show our strength, therefore he requested senior members to interact and improve the standard and also requested active co-operation of all for MECOS.

Dr. K. Sunil Mohamed, Secretary welcomed all members to the meeting. He then presented the report on the activities of the last one year. The following are the activities in brief:

- Creation of MBAI website with provision for online article submission and provision for downloading PDF of articles for members.
- Creation of MECOS website
- Conduct of Marine Life Awareness Quiz programmes for high school students in Mangalore and post-graduate students at Tuticorin.
- Marine Life painting competition for primary school children at Mangalore.

Dr. Somy Kuriakose, Treasurer then presented the financial report and the accounts were unanimously passed by all members. Editors Report was presented by Dr. E. Vivekanandan. He informed that 2 volumes were released - Vol. 49(2)-16 full papers, 1 note & Vol. 50(1)-13 papers, 8 notes. He highlighted that online submission of manuscript has also been initiated. Dr. Vivekanandan added that in a meeting with NAAS members, he had requested them to relook into the rating of this journal and they had promised to look into it. He then thanked President Dr. Syda Rao, Dr. Sunil, Dr. N.G.K. Pillai and Modern Graphics for the continuous support.

The next item on the agenda was Release of the Golden Jubilee issue. The Golden Jubilee issue was released by Dr. G. Syda Rao and accepted by Dr. U.K. Gopalan. Dr. U.K. Gopalan then reminisced of his earlier experiences with Dr. S. Jones the Founder President when he visited his office at Veraval and appreciated his working. He added that he remembers the face of Dr. S. Jones when he receives this issue

Dr. N.G.K. Pillai, Convenor, MECOS then presented details of the pre -MECOS work. He explained the fund position, the present status of abstracts received, new members etc. Dr. Girijavallabhan suggested that since the Emperor of Japan is a Life member, an invitation should be sent to his family members.

Dr. N.G.K. Pillai also added that –

1. The Executive council is planning to invite former life members from different parts of India for MECOS and at least III A/C fare will be provided.
2. Former office bearers will be felicitated at the time of inauguration.
3. The Chief Guest has still not been finalized.

4. Chairman NFDB and Administrator UT of Lakshadweep will give one of the Felicitations.
5. Dr. Keith Brander will be the lead presenter for the Special Session “Impact of climate change”.
6. Papers submitted will come as special issue. He requested all members to support the symposium

Dr. Sunil added that there was only 45 days for MECOS. He hoped that all members would actively participate in all the preparations.

The next agenda was Election of members. The President suggested that it may be postponed to another GB during MECOS along with the dinner. After discussion it was decided to postpone the Election to 10 February along with MECOS to facilitate maximum participation.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Rekha Nair, Associate Secretary. The meeting ended by 5 pm.