

**THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**  
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**MINUTES OF THE 51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2010**

**The meeting was attended by**

1. Dr. G. Syda Rao, President
2. Dr. N.G. K. Pillai, Vice president
3. Dr. K. S. Mohamed, Secretary
4. Dr. E. Vivekanandan, Editor
5. Dr. E. V. Radhakrishnan
6. Dr. C. P. Gopinathan
7. Dr. K. G. Girijavallabhan
8. Prof. C. K. Radhakrishnan
9. Dr. Gulshad Mohammed
10. Dr. K. Madhu
11. Dr. Rema Madhu
12. Dr. Vipinkumar V. P
13. Dr. P. P Manojkumar
14. Dr. K. K Vijayan
15. Dr. P. S Swathilekshmi
16. Dr. Mary K. Manisseri
17. Dr. I Rajendran
18. Dr. P T Sarada
19. Dr. E. M. Abdussamad
20. Dr. G. Mahaswarudu
21. Dr. Prathibha Rohit
22. Dr. Josileen Jose
23. Dr. M. K. Anil
24. Dr. B. Santhosh
25. Dr. T. V. Sathianandan
26. Dr. K. K. Joshi
27. Dr. V. S Kakati
28. Dr. P. Hemasankari
29. Dr. P. S Asha
30. Dr. Bindu Sulochanan
31. Dr. Grace Mathew
32. Dr. V. Kripa
33. Dr. G. Gopakumar
34. Dr. R. Sathiadhas
35. Smt. Rekha J Nair
36. Dr. Somy Kuriakose
37. Dr. T. S. Velayudhan
38. Dr. P. U. Zacharia
39. Dr. K. S. Sobhana
40. Dr. Verandra Veer Singh
41. Dr. R. Narayana Kumar
42. Dr. J. Jayasankar
43. Dr. Dineshbabu A. P
44. Dr. M. Sivadas
45. Dr. Ramachandran. N
46. Dr. Bobby Ignatius
47. Dr. I. Jagadis
48. Dr. A. K. Abdul Nazar
49. Dr. V. Venkatesan
50. Shri. Said Koya . K. P
51. Dr. M. R. Boopendranath
52. Dr. Ritesh Ranjan
53. Dr. Jasmine S
54. Dr. Sujitha Thomas
55. Dr. Shobha Joe Kizhakudan
56. Dr. P. Laxmilatha
57. Dr. Molly Varghese
58. Dr. C. P Suja
59. Dr. Vidya Jayasankar
60. Dr. A Margret M.R
61. Dr. Joe K. Kizhakudan
62. Ms. Anulekshmi Chellappan
63. Dr. Pradeep M. A
64. Dr. Gyanaranjan Dash
65. Shri. Purushothama G. B
66. Shri. Sreenath K. R
67. Ms. Muktha M
68. Ms. Biji Xavier
69. Shri. C. Kalidas
70. Dr. Loveson Edward. L
71. Dr. G. Tamil Mani
72. Dr. M. Sakthivel
73. Dr. Johnson B
74. Dr. R. Jeyabaskaran
75. Dr. Kajal Chakraborty
76. Dr. A. Nandakumar
77. Smt. Naomi T S
78. Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan

## **Agenda: 1**

Dr. Sunil Mohamed, Secretary welcomed the President Dr. G. Syda Rao, Vice President Dr. N. G. K Pillai, and all members particularly, Dr. C. P. Gopinathan, Dr. C. K. Radhakrishnan Dr. K. G Girijavallabhan and Dr. Boopendranath. Dr. Mohamed then requested President to address the members. In his address the President informed that in February 2009 we had our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting. Based on the recommendation of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting a branch has been opened at Visakhapatnam. The branch has decided to conduct Dr. P. N. Ganapathi Centenary celebrations at Vishakhapatnam in October 2010. He requested to members to start more such branches.

## **Agenda: 2**

Dr. Mohamed presented the report of activities carried out during the previous year as well as plans for this year. The activities planned for the current year are:

1. Visakhapatnam Branch will host the Dr. P. N. Ganapathi Centenary Celebration.
2. Awareness Campaign to increase knowledge in marine biology among school children.
3. Switching of bankers from Indian Bank to State Bank of India

He then requested the Editor Dr. E. Vivekanandan to present his report. Dr. Vivekanandan informed that in the last two issues 21 papers were there, among these 5 publications were from abroad. Invited review articles have also been introduced to improve the visibility of the journal. In the forthcoming issue, we have another invited article. Another feature was that in the last 3 issues, colour photographs have also been introduced, wherein the author will be charged for the actual cost of printing of photographs. Dr. Vivekanandan also added that the Association has submitted a revised plan for NAAS rating improvement. Concluding his address he also requested for volunteers for editing the contents so that the frequency of the journal can be increased.

Dr. Somy Kuriakose presented the Treasurer's Report for the period 2008 and the audited accounts was passed unanimously by the house. The accounts for the year 2009 in pending with the Auditors.

### **Agenda: 3**

#### **Any other Matter:**

1. Dr. K. G. Girijavallabhan requested for T A funds to go to Visakhapatnam for the Seminar. The President agreed to took into the matter depending on funds.
2. Dr. E. V. Radhakrishnan suggested that foreign scientists visiting Kerala should be invited for talks as such talks will be useful to the scientific community.

Dr. Mohamed replied that three such talks were arranged during the last year and that it will continue in the ensuing years also.

3. Dr. C. Ramachandran appreciated the efforts of the Editor for the facelift given to the Journal.
  - a) He also suggested whether we can get Guest Editors for editing work and
  - b) Workshop on Scientific writing can be held.

Dr. Vivekanandan replied that special issue on Lobster Conference held at Chennai is being brought out for which 30 papers have been received. This issue will be Guest Edited; they are paying us money also for publishing the special issue of the Journal.

Regarding workshop on Scientific Writing, MBAI can do it, if the Executive Committee approves. The FSI is organizing one for their Scientists. Dr. Vivekanandan suggested that HRD of CMFRI can organize this.

Dr. Mohamed added that MBAI can do it on a cost basis. If Dr. Ramachandran can organize one and present it before the Executive Committee and if approved it can be held

**(Action: Dr. C. Ramachandran)**

Dr. N. G. K Pillai suggested that some more chapters can be identified at Chennai, Mumbai etc. Dr. Mohamed replied as per constitution it is "Branch", but terminology can be changed to chapter. Dr. Mohanraj informed that the possibility of a Chennai branch will be explored.

**(Action: Dr. Mohanraj)**

Regarding Dr. S. Jones Memorial Award, it was decided to give wider publicity; advertisement can be give in Current Science, CMFRI Newsletter etc. Dr. Pillai said that since we are reasonably well off in finance, we have to organize some more seminars. The President, Dr. Syda Rao said that can be done after the one at Visakhapatnam. We have to enroll more youngsters he added. Dr. Mohamed replied that we have got 10 new members today and chapters can increase members locally.

Dr. Kripa suggested that marine nature clubs can organize trips to beaches for school children to see marine animals as apart of populization. Dr. Mohamed said that we are going to conduct an interhouse quiz, at Bhavan's Vidya Mandir School, Elamakkara, Cochin; depending on the school's interest we can go to other schools. Dr. Pillai suggested that we can link to GOMBERT and organize such trips. Dr. Asokan said that School Quiz is a good concept; and that such quiz can be organized in other cities also. Dr. Mohamed opined that we can pass on the Question Bank we prepare to others. Dr. Asokan agreed to do the Quiz at Calicut. **(Action: Dr. P. K Asokan)**

Dr. E. V. Radhakrishnan suggested that video films can be produced by Marine Biological Association of India on mangrove, conservation, marine life etc with school children as target. He also suggested that Posters on interesting Marine Organisms can be brought out.

The Vote of thanks to all members was proposed by Ms. Rekha Nair, Associate Secretary. The meeting came to an end by 7.15 pm.