

THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
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MINUTES OF THE 52nd ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 12th MAY, 2011

The meeting was attended by the following members

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. K.K. C Nair
6. Dr. N Ramachandran
7. Dr. K. Madhu
8. Dr. Madhu. V. R
9. Dr. P. K. Asokan
10. Dr. J Rajasekharan Nair
11. Dr. K. V Jayachandran
12. Dr. Bindu J
13. Smt. Shoba Joe Kizhakudan
14. Smt. Ganga U.
15. Dr. Prathiba Rohit
16. Smt. S. Jasmine
17. Dr. Mary K Manisseri.
18. Dr. Rani Mary George
19. Dr. Grace Mathew
20. Dr. V. Kripa
21. Ms. Anulekshmi Chellappan
22. Dr. Geetha Sasikumar
23. Dr. Joe K. Kizhakudan
24. Dr. K. Vinod
25. Shri. Sreenath K. R
26. Shri. Gyanaranjan Dash
27. Dr. R. Thangavelu
28. Shri. K. P. Said Koya
29. Dr. Vidya Jayasankar
30. Dr. A. Margaret Muthu Rathinam
31. Dr. C. P Suja
32. Dr. Imelda
33. Dr. Shoji Joseph
34. Dr. T. M Najmudeen
35. Shri. Akhilesh K. V
36. Dr. C. Ramachandran
37. Mr. S. Dinesh Kumar
38. Mr. Rajool Shanis C. P
39. Mr. Bineesh K.K
40. Dr. E.M Abdussamad
41. Dr. Boby Ignatius
42. Dr. I. Jagadis
43. Dr. I. Rajendran
44. Dr. Vipinkumar V. P
45. Dr. P. P. Manojkumar
46. Dr. Gulshad Mohamed
47. Dr. R. Jeyabaskaran
48. Dr. A. K. Abdul Nazar
49. Dr. Srinivasa Raghavan. V
50. Dr. G. Tamilmani
51. Dr. M Sakthivel
52. Shri. Ritesh Ranjan
53. Shri. Loveson Edward. L
54. Shri. Johnson. B.
55. Dr. P. Hemasankari
56. Dr. R. Narayana Kumar
57. Shri. C. Kalidas
58. Dr. S. N. Sethi
59. Shri. V. Venkatesan
60. Dr. G. Maheswarudu
61. Smt. Rekha J. Nair
62. Dr. G. Gopakumar
63. Dr. T. V Sathianandan
64. Dr. Rema Madhu
65. Dr. K.K. Joshi
66. Dr. P. U Zacharia
67. Dr. K.K. Vijayan
68. Shri. J. Narayanaswamy
69. Dr. Somy Kuriakose
70. Dr. V. V. Singh
71. Dr. V. D. Deshmukh
72. Dr. Sujitha Thomas

Agenda -1

Dr. G. Syda Rao, President welcomed all to 52nd Annual General Body Meeting. Dr. Kakati is going to retire this month. We have jointly initiated a new award JVH Dixitulu award to be given in IFF for the best Extension Worker, every 3 years. The first award will be given by Mr. Dixitulu himself at Chennai. CIFRI, CIFA &MBAI will share the award money, as well as that is awardee's travel expense. Marine Biological Association of India will be Convener of the First Award

Agenda-2:- Secretary's Report

Dr. Sunil Mohamed, Secretary presented the report of activities carried out during the previous year. There has been an increase in membership mainly due to the fact that quality of the journal has improved, NAAS rating of the journal has hiked from 3.5 to 4.5. Dr. Sunil praised the efforts of the Editorial Team.

Dr. Sunil also listed the Activities Conducted during the year

1. Two Marine Life Quiz competitions held this year:

First was at "Marine Life Quiz" at Bhavan's Vidya Mandir School, Elammakkara on 9th July 2010 and the second at Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, East Hill, Calicut on 20th December 2010

2. Prof. P. N Ganapathi Centennial Commemoration

Held on 9-10th October 2010 at Visakhapatnam on the topic "Landmark Researchers in Marine Biology: the Indian Context" was well attended

3. CIMCAR 2011

We are in 2011 the centenary year of founder President Late Dr. Jones. He requested the members to stand up for a minute silent prayer. He then explained the details of Dr. S. Jones' Centenary Award and the Jones' Colloquium. (CIMCAR) to be held on August 26-27, 2011 at Kochi; on the topic "Challenges in Marine Mammals Conservation and Research in the Indian Ocean". It would have only invited speakers (4) from abroad, others can present research papers as posters.

4. Other Activities for the year

The Secretary invited members' suggestion for activities during the coming year. The following suggestions emerged. 1) Dr. Kripa suggested that a One day Marine Science Camp can be held involving school children who can be taken to a nearby marine habitat for awareness and education. The MBAI will fund to the extent of Rs. 3,000/- at each place event. Dr. Jasmine in Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. Joe. K Kizhakudan in Chennai, Dr. Asokan in Calicut, Dr. I. Jagadis in Tuticorin, and Dr. V. V. Singh in Mumbai volunteered to do so at their respective centers.

(Action: Secretary and Dr. Kripa, Kochi; Dr. Joe K Kizhakudan, Chennai, Dr. Asokan, Calicut, Dr. I Jagadis, Tuticorin; Dr. Jasmine, Vizhinjam; Dr. V. V. Singh, Mumbai)

Dr. Sunil said that the Science clubs of Schools can be involved. Dr. K.K. Vijayan suggested that the best student paper in JMBAI should be given an award. The cash Prize can be small Certificate and citation. Dr. Sunil opined that the Executive Committee can work out the modalities. To an enquiry by Dr. Kripa if grant can be given for MSc work, Dr. Sunil remarked that there are no funds to cover this activity at present.

Agenda-3- Editor's Report

During last one year 2 issues of JMBAI were brought out 52(1) & 52(2) with 22, 24 papers. One issue was on Lobster symposium at Chennai released in Dec, 2010 with 13 papers foreign, 11 Indian authors. He thanked Lobster Association for the Co-operation. Volume 53(1) the Journal of Marine Biological Association of India is in press. We will bring out in June the Issue of 53 (2) since we have sufficient papers. For NAAS rating the first request was that

1. The journal should be brought out online.
2. Maintain a good number of referees
3. Date on receipt /acceptance in a must
4. Sources for citation
5. Are colour photographs published
6. Is it online submission? is review online?

Dr. Sunil added that we were able to comply with almost all requests. The review of the rating will happen every 3 years.

As soon as journal is released we have to send 2 copies to NAAS. He then thanked the President, Vice President and Secretary, all Executive Members and the Editorial Committee, for all support. He also thanked Ms. Melna who spent time in Secretarial Assistance and Ms. Manju Sebastian, Research Scholar for Editorial Assistance.

Agenda-4: Treasurer's Report

Dr. Somy, Treasurer presented the Audited report for the period 2009 and the audited accounts was passed unanimously by the house, the accounts for the year 2010 are pending with the Auditors.

Agenda-5

The new Editor elected was Dr. P. U Zacharia, the Associate Editor Dr. K. K. Joshi and the Associate Treasurer is Shri. J. Narayanaswamy.

Any other Matter:

Dr. N. G. K Pillai suggested that local chapters at Chennai, this year should be taken up. Dr. E. Vivekanandan, Dr. Thirunavukkarasu and Dr. Nammalwar can initiate work

(Action: Dr. E. Vivekanandan, Dr. Thirunavukkarasu and Dr. Nammalwar)

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Ms. Rekha Nair, Associate Secretary. The meeting came to an end by 6.35 pm.