

THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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MINUTES OF THE 60th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 7th

JUNE 2018

The meeting was attended by the following members

1. Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan, President
2. Dr. N.G. K. Pillai, Vice President
3. Dr. K. S. Mohamed, Secretary
4. Dr. P.U. Zacharia , Editor
5. Dr. C. P. Gopinathan
6. Dr. K. K. C. Nair
7. Dr. K. J. Mathew
8. Dr. M. R. Boopendranath
9. Shri. J. Narayanaswamy
10. Dr. Veerendra Veer Singh
11. Dr. G. Maheswarudu
12. Dr. C. Revichandran
13. Dr. V. Kripa
14. Dr. Reeta Jeyasankar
15. Dr. K. K. Joshi
16. Dr. P. Vijayagopal
17. Dr. T. V. Sathianandan
18. Dr. P. K. Asokan
19. Dr. K. Vijayakumaran
20. Dr. Sreenath K. R.
21. Dr. Johnson B.
22. Dr. Grinson George
23. Dr. Vipinkumar V. P.
24. Shri. Abdul Azeez P.
25. Shri. Ambarish P. Gop.
26. Dr. Jagadis I.
27. Dr. R. Jeyabaskaran
28. Dr. A. K. Abdul Nazar
29. Dr. R. Jayakumar
30. Dr. T. Senthil Murugan
31. Dr. R. Narayanakumar
32. Dr. M. Sivadas
33. Dr. B. Santhosh
34. Dr. Imelda Joseph
35. Dr. Subal Kumar Roul
36. Shri. Vivekanand Bharti
37. Dr. M Sankar
38. Dr. M. Sakthivel
39. Dr. M. A. Pradeep
40. Dr. Srinivasa Raghavan V.
41. Shri. Sanal Ebeneezar
42. Shri. D. Linga Prabhu
43. Dr. M. Rajkumar
44. Dr. C. Kalidas
45. Mr. Amir Kumar Samal
46. Dr. Vinod K.
47. Dr. Rajesh N.
48. Dr. Anikkuttan K. K.
49. Dr. R. Saravanan
50. Dr. Sekar Megarajan
51. Dr. S. Ghosh
52. Dr. Rajeshkumar Pradhan
53. Dr. Pralaya Ranjan Behera
54. Dr. K. Raghu Ramudu
55. Dr. Vinaya Kumar Vase
56. Mr. Kapil S. Sukhdane
57. Dr. S. Thirumalaiselvan
58. Mr. Vinodkumar R. (Invitee)
59. Mr. Nakhawa Ajay Dayaram
60. Dr. Ramkumar S.
61. Mr. S. Chandrasekhar
62. Dr. Manojkumar P. P.

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| 63. Dr. Saloni Shivam (Invitee) | 87. Dr. Jeena N. S. |
| 64. Dr. Indira Divipala | 88. Dr. R. Vidya |
| 65. Dr. Manas H. M. | 89. Dr. Rajesh K. M. (Invitee) |
| 66. Dr. Bobby Ignatius | 90. Dr. Dineshababu A. P. |
| 67. Dr. Geetha Sasikumar | 91. Mrs. Shikha Rahangdale |
| 68. Dr. Josileen Jose | 92. Mrs. Remya L. |
| 69. Dr. Ganga U. | 93. Mrs. M. Kavitha. |
| 70. Dr. Prathibha Rohit | 94. Mrs. Jasmin F. |
| 71. Dr. Molly Varghese | 95. Mrs. Reshma K. J. |
| 72. Dr. Jasmin S. | 96. Dr. Sumitha T. G. |
| 73. Dr. P. Laxmilatha | 97. Dr. K. N. Saleela |
| 74. Dr. Miriam Paul Sreeram | 98. Dr. Anulekshmi Chellappan |
| 75. Dr. Sobhana K. S. | 99. Smt. Muktha M. |
| 76. Dr. S. Lakshmi Pillai | 100. Dr. A. Margaret M. R. |
| 77. Mrs. Shilta M T. | 101. Dr. Vidya Jayasankar |
| 78. Mrs. Ramya Abhijith | 102. Dr. T. M. Najmudeen |
| 79. Mr. Ratheesh Kumar R. | 103. Dr. Suresh Babu P. P. (Invitee) |
| 80. Dr. Anuraj A. | 104. Dr. Somy Kuriakose |
| 81. Dr. Biji Xavier | 105. Dr. Mini K. G. |
| 82. Dr. Sandhya Sukumaran | 106. Dr. Eldho Varghese |
| 83. Dr. Swathilekshmi P. S. | 107. Dr. Mohamed Hatha |
| 84. Dr. Rekha J. Nair | 108. Ms. Soumya Balakrishnan (SGP
awardee) |
| 85. Dr. Shyam S. Salim | 109. Mr. Sudhan C. (SGP awardee) |
| 86. Mrs. Surya S. | |

The Annual General Body Meeting commenced at 5.15 pm. Dr. K. S. Mohamed, Secretary welcomed the President, Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan, Vice President, Dr. N.G.K. Pillai, Executive Members and all members to the 60th Annual General Body Meeting of the Marine Biological Association of India. Before commencement of the meeting, all members observed two minutes silence in memory of the Vice president Dr. N. R. Menon and the Former President Dr. E. G. Silas who departed this year.

This was followed by the welcome address by the President Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan who also welcomed all the senior members to the function. Dr. Gopalakrishnan expressed thanks to Dr. Nazar, Scientist in Charge, Mandapam and Dr. Johnson for assisting the Secretary in securing the Registration of the Association and also summarized the major achievement of the Association.

Agenda-2: Secretary's Report

Dr. Mohamed, Secretary presented the report of activities carried out during the previous year.

Action Taken Report was presented:

Dr. Mohamed further explained the activities of the MBAI during the year.

- Secretary appraised the members of the present situation with regard to Income Tax exemption and informed that amendments were made to the constitution in a special General Body held 2 months ago. Our application for getting tax exemption is pending Income Tax Commissioner (Exemptions) and a favorable decisions is awaited.
- Dr. Vinod has promised that the Marine Life photo contest, which he had promised to conduct last year will be held along with MECOS 3.
- A National level Marine Quiz programme for PG students will be done this year by Dr. Kripa
- New chapter in Mumbai, will be opened by Dr. V. V. Singh hopefully before he retires.
- Veraval Chapter was opened this year and Dr. Tarachand & Dr. Divu were congratulated for their good work.
- Visakhapatnam chapter held a talk on Tuna Fisheries during the year.

Membership Status: The membership status of MBAI was reported as 758 members as of 2017-2018 which had gone up considerably from 723 members in 2015-16 with the addition of 35 new Life Members.

Small Grant Programme (SGP): Dr. Mohamed explained about the SGP which was started in 2016. In 2017, SGP was awarded to Mr. Sudhan from Tamil Nadu Fisheries University and Ms. Soumya Balakrishnan from CUSAT. The final reports were submitted by the awardees and MBAI paid the full amount of grant Rs. 20000/- each to the awardees.

Dr. S. Z. Qasim Best Paper Award: Dr. Mohamed added that the Evaluation Committee was of unanimous opinion that the following two papers which appeared in Volume 59 (2) deserved to be selected and bracketed for the S. Z. Qasim Best Paper Award.

1. GIS based mapping of zoanthids along Saurashtra coast, Gujarat, India by **Sonia Kumari, P. U. Zacharia, K. R. Sreenath, V. Kripa and Grinson George**
2. Phylogenetic diversity of culturable bacteria in *Chaetoceros gracilis* mass culture system of a marine finfish hatchery by **S. V. Sandhya, K. Preetha and K. K. Vijayan**

National Conference on Marine Debris (COMAD 18): Dr. Mohamed gave a short summary of COMAD 2018. It was inaugurated by Padmasree Vasudevan Rajagopalan. In this National Conference 305 participants had registered, 50 scientific abstracts and 52 Success Stories were presented 260 photographs and 36 videos were submitted for competition.

After the presentation Dr. Mohamed requested Treasurer, Dr. Somy Kuriakose to present the accounts.

Agenda-3: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Dr. Somy Kuriakose, presented the Audited report for the period 2016-2017. Dr. Somy mentioned that the Association has an excess of ₹5,82,042 expenditure over income this year. Fixed deposits with State Bank of India as on 31.03.2017 is ₹21,99,432/-. Interest accrued from the deposits in the bank amounts to ₹1,86,440/-. The amount presently available in the SB account at State bank of India is ₹1,23,163/- and with Axis bank is ₹1,19,287/- The audited accounts were passed unanimously by the house. Dr. Somy added that the accounts for the year 2017-2018 are pending with the Auditors.

Agenda-4: Editor's Report

Dr. P. U. Zacharia, Editor presented the Editor's report. In the report he stated that in 2017, Volume 59 Issue (1 and 2) were published and each issue contains 17 papers. Volume 60 (1) for the period January-June 2018 is likely to be released in the coming July 2018. Now, we have received total 40 manuscripts in Journal of Marine Biological Association of India. 7 manuscripts were rejected and other manuscripts are in various stages of processing.

Editor, thanked the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, all Executive Members and the Editorial Committee, for all support during his term. The post of Editor was unanimously renamed as Chief Editor, and that of Associate Editors as Editors.

Agenda 5: Dr. S. Z. Qasim Best Paper Award

The Award, comprising of a cash prize and citation was presented to the awardees by the President and Vice Presidents amidst applause from the audience.

Agenda 6. Election of new office bearers for the period 2018-2021

As the term of the present Executive Council ended in 2017-2018, election of new office bearers for the three years (2018-19 to 2020-21) was held during the AGM.

The following are the new Executive Council Members for the period 2018-2019 to 2020-2021:-

Sl. No.	Position	Elected/ Nominated Member	Proposed by	Seconded by
1	President	Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan	Default (No election)	
2	Vice President 1	Dr. K. K. C. Nair	Dr. C. P. Gopinathan	Shri J. Narayanaswamy
3	Vice President 2	Dr. N.G.K. Pillai	Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan	Dr. K. S. Mohamed
4	Secretary	Dr. V. Kripa	Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan	Dr. Reeta Jayasankar
5	Treasurer	Dr. Somy Kuriakose	Dr. V. Kripa	Dr. Mini K. G.
6	Chief Editor	Dr. K. K. Joshi	Dr. K. S. Mohamed	Dr. M. R. Bhoopendranath
7	Executive Council Member 1	Dr. K. S. Mohamed	Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan	Dr. Kripa V.
8	Executive Council Member 2	Dr. M. R. Boopendranath	Dr. K. S. Mohamed	Dr. C. P. Gopinathan
9	Executive Council Member 3	Dr. P. U. Zacharia	Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan	Dr. Reeta Jayasankar
10	Executive Council Member 4	Shri. J. Narayanaswamy	Dr. C. P. Gopinathan	Dr. K. K. C. Nair
11	Executive Council Member 5	Dr. A. A. Mohamed Hatha	Dr. K. S. Mohamed	Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan
12	Executive Council Member 6	Dr. P. Jayasankar	Dr. Imelda Joseph	Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan
13	Executive Council Member 7	Dr. C. Revichandran	Dr. P. Kaladharan	Dr. Zacharia P. U.
14	Associate Secretary	Dr. Rekha. J. Nair	Dr. Vipinkumar V. P.	Dr. Joshi K. K.
15	Associate Treasurer	Dr. Mini. K. G.	Dr. Somy Kuriakose	Dr. Kaladharan P.
16	Editor 1	Dr. Molly Varghese	Dr. K. K. Joshi	Dr. Rekha J. Nair
17	Editor 2	Dr. S. Lakshmi Pillai	Dr. K. K. Joshi	Dr. V. Kripa
18	Editor 3	Dr. Sreenath K. R.	Dr. K. K. Joshi	Dr. Miriam Paul Sreeram

Agenda-7: SGP Awardee Presentations

The SGP awardees in 2016-2017, Mr. Sudhan C and Ms. Soumya Balakrishnan presented their report of the awarded project to the audience.

Agenda 8. Any other matter

Dr. Saravanan suggested the SGP awardees should be given Life Membership which was not agreed by members. Dr. Revichnadrnan suggested all should be given Life Membership Certificate. Dr. Gopalakrishnan said all members who ask can be given the Certificate. Dr. Mohamed replied that based on request a Certificate can be given. On a query by Dr. Akhilesh about removal of the Journal from UGC list, Dr. Mohamed replied that the Executive Committee is in touch with UGC regarding the matter.

Dr. Kripa opined that SGP award can be renamed as E. G. Silas Small Grant Programme Award in honour of Dr. E. G. Silas which was unanimously accepted.

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

