

**THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**  
**Post Box No. 1604, Cochin 682 018**

**MINUTES OF THE 57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

**The meeting was attended by the following members**

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| 1. Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan, President       | 38. Dr. K. K. Joshi                  |
| 2. Dr. N. R. Menon, Vice President        | 39. Dr. Veerendra Veer Singh         |
| 3. Dr. N.G. K. Pillai, Vice President     | 40. Dr. M. K. Anil                   |
| 4. Dr. K. S. Mohamed, Secretary           | 41. Dr. B. Santhosh                  |
| 5. Dr. P.U Zacharia, Editor               | 42. Dr. Ramkumar S.                  |
| 6. Dr. Somy Kuriakose, Treasurer          | 43. Dr. S. Chandrasekhar             |
| 7. Dr. Rekha J. Nair, Associate Secretary | 44. Shri. Subal Kumar Roul           |
| 8. Dr. G. Maheswarudu                     | 45. Dr. Ratheeshkumar R.             |
| 9. Dr. T. V. Sathianandan                 | 46. Dr. Shoba Joe Kizhakudan         |
| 10. Dr. E. V. Radhakrishnan               | 47. Dr. Joe K. Kizhakudan            |
| 11. Dr. S. K. Chakraborty                 | 48. Dr. Vidya R.                     |
| 12. Dr. P. Vijayagopal                    | 49. Dr. Shyam S. Salim               |
| 13. Dr. P. Kaladharan                     | 50. Dr. S. S. Raju                   |
| 14. Dr. C. Ravichandran                   | 51. Shri. Vinay Kumar Vase           |
| 15. Dr. K. K. Philipose                   | 52. Dr. Amir Kumar Samal             |
| 16. Dr. Madhu. K                          | 53. Dr. Gyanaranjan Dash             |
| 17. Dr. R. Narayanakumar                  | 54. Dr. Purushotama G. B             |
| 18. Dr. Rajesh K. M.                      | 55. Dr. C. Kalidas                   |
| 19. Dr. Dineshbabu A. P                   | 56. Shri. C. Linga Prabu             |
| 20. Dr. Vipinkumar V. P                   | 57. Miss. E. M. Chandraprajnadarsini |
| 21. Dr. M. Sivadas                        | 58. Miss. M. Kavitha                 |
| 22. Dr. R. Jayakumar                      | 59. Dr. Shilta M. T.                 |
| 23. Dr. A. K. Abdul Nazar                 | 60. Dr. Geetha Sasikumar             |
| 24. Dr. Rajendra Naik                     | 61. Dr. Jasmin F.                    |
| 25. Dr. Johnson B.                        | 62. Dr. K. Mohamed Koya              |
| 26. Dr. G. Tamilmani                      | 63. Dr. Anikuttan K. K.              |
| 27. Miss. Saloni Shivam                   | 64. Dr. Preetha G. Nair              |
| 28. Smt. Ramya Abhijith                   | 65. Smt. Surya S.                    |
| 29. Miss. Remya L.                        | 66. Dr. Jeena N. S.                  |
| 30. Shri. Sanal Ebeneezar                 | 67. Dr. P. P. Manojkumar             |
| 31. Shri. Vivekanand Bharti               | 68. Shri. L. Ranjith                 |
| 32. Dr. Bineesh K. K.                     | 69. Dr. Vrinda S.                    |
| 33. Shri. Akhilesh K. V                   | 70. Shri. Abhilash K. S.             |
| 34. Prof. J. Rajasekharan Nair            | 71. Dr. S. R. Krupesh Sharma         |
| 35. Dr. Sreenath K. R.                    | 72. Dr. Pradeep M. A.                |
| 36. Shri. S. Thirumalaiselvan             | 73. Dr. Rajesh N.                    |
| 37. Dr. R. Jeyabaskaran                   | 74. Dr. Divu D.                      |

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| 75. Dr. R. Saravanan             | 86. Dr. Suresh Babu P. P.      |
| 76. Dr. M. Rajkumar              | 87. Dr. R. Geetha              |
| 77. Shri. Loveson Edward L       | 88. Dr. Indira Divipala        |
| 78. Dr. Ritesh Ranjan            | 89. Dr. Hemasankari P.         |
| 79. Dr. Pralaya Ranjan Behera    | 90. Dr. Muktha. M.             |
| 80. Shri. Rajesh Kumar Pradhan   | 91. Smt. Anulekshmi Chellappan |
| 81. Shri. Kapil Sukhdeo Sukhdane | 92. Smt. Divya Visambaran      |
| 82. Dr. Nakwa Ajay Dayaram       | 93. Dr. Sandhya Sukumaran      |
| 83. Dr. P. S. Asha               | 94. Dr. K. N. Saleela          |
| 84. Dr. Jayasree Loka            | 95. Dr. D. Prema               |
| 85. Shri. J. Narayanaswamy       |                                |

Dr. K. Sunil Mohamed, Secretary welcomed the President, Vice Presidents, Executive Members and all members to the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of the Marine Biological Association of India. The Members observed a two minute silence as a mark of respect to the departed members.

This was followed by the address by the President Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan who also welcomed all the senior members to the function. Dr. Gopalakrishnan highlighted the activities of the organization during the past year especially the efforts of Dr. Nazar, Scientist in Charge, Mandapam and Dr. Johnson in reviving the Registration of the Association.

### **Agenda-2: Secretary's Report**

Dr. Mohamed, Secretary presented the Action Taken Report as well as the Report of activities carried out during the previous year. He said that there has been an increase in the membership of MBI and that the number has gone up from 714 in 2014-15 to 728 in 2015-16.

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

- » **Details of Registration revival:** The efforts of Dr. Nazar & Dr. Johnson in reviving the Registration of the Association were highlighted. However due to the Chennai flood, Dr. Sunil added that the final document could not be received.
- » **Small Grant Programme for MBI:** Dr. Mohamed explained the Small Grant Programme which was introduced in 2015-2016. He mentioned that the Grant was given to

Mr. Sanjay Singh Rathore from College of Fisheries Science, JAU, Veraval. The work has been completed and the final report submitted.

- » **Collaboration with MBAI UK:** Dr. Sunil presented details of the Editorial which was written by Dr. N. R. Menon & Dr. N.G.K. Pillai for the magazine- a publication of Marine Biological Association of UK.

Following this, Dr. Joe Kizhakudan presented the activities of the Chennai Chapter which was: A beach walk and visit to Kovalam Hatchery.

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

### **Agenda-3: Treasurer's Report**

Dr. Somy Kuriakose, Treasurer presented the Audited report for the period 2014-2015. Dr. Somy explained that the total expenditure of MECOS 2 is 21 lakhs and that the income generated was Rs. 27 Lakhs. The income of MBAI during this period was Rs. 5,16,986/- and the fixed deposits with State Bank of India as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, is Rs. 17,60,130/-. The audited accounts were passed unanimously by the house. The account for the year 2015-2016 is pending with the Auditors Somy added.

### **Agenda-4: Editor's Report**

Dr. P. U. Zacharia, Editor presented the Editor's report. The Journal's Volume 57 (Issue 1) for the period January to June 2015 has already been published. The issue contains 12 papers and 03 notes, Dr. Zacharia further added that Volumes 57 (Issue 2) for the period July to December 2015 has also been published. Which contains 14 papers and 03 notes; Volume 58 Issue No. 1 is likely to be released in July 2016. Dr. Zacharia informed that during 2015-2016, 60 papers were received of which 11 were rejected. 22 were accepted and other papers are in various stages of references. In this year MBAI took a decision to bring out an issue with the papers accepted by World Ocean Science Congress (WOSC).

### **Agenda 5. Any other matter with the permission of the President**

Dr. Gopalakrishnan, President of MBAI suggested that 12<sup>th</sup> February should be celebrated as MBAI day. Dr. M. S. Rajagopal suggested that General Body should be clubbed with Foundation day so that all retired scientists can come and attend as well as meet all staff. However Dr. Mohamed explained the reason for holding the meeting in April along with the IRC so that maximum attendance is obtained.

After discussion it was decided to hold the following programmes this year-

- Quiz competitions. **(Action: Dr. V. Kripa,)**
- Open a new chapter of MBAI in Mumbai **(Action: Dr. S. K. Chakraborty & Dr. V. V. Singh)**
- Marine life photo contest **(Action: Dr. Vinod K.)**
- Veraval and Vizhinjam agreed to do some programmes. **(Action: Dr. Koya & Dr. Jasmine)**

Dr. N. G. K. Pillai opined that members should submit photo and upload it on the website to enable other members interacts with them. Dr. Sunil replied that the members can do it themselves MBAI office will try to help them.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Dr. Rekha Nair, Associate Secretary. The meeting came to an end by 6.30 pm.

