

THE MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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MINUTES OF THE 61th ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON

14th JUNE 2019

The meeting was attended by the following members

1. Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan, President
2. Dr. N.G. K. Pillai, Vice President
3. Dr. K. K. C. Nair, Vice President
4. Dr. V. Kripa, Secretary
5. Dr. K. S. Mohamed, Exe. Member
6. Dr. P.U. Zacharia, Exe. Member
7. Dr. M. R. Boopendranath, Exe. Member
8. Dr. G. Maheswarudu
9. Dr. K. K. Joshi, Chief Editor
10. D. M. S. Rajagopal
11. Dr. P. Vijayagopal
12. Dr. T. V. Sathianandan
13. Dr. P. K. Asokan
14. Dr. K. Madhu
15. Dr. V. A. Iswarya Deepti - Awardee
16. Ms. V. Ravali -Awardee
17. Dr. L. Ranjith
18. Dr. Ramkumar S.
19. Shri. C. Kalidas
20. Shri. Loveson Edward L.
21. Dr. P. R. Behera
22. Dr. R. Saravanan
23. Dr. Rajesh Kumar Pradhan
24. Dr. Sreenath K. R.
25. Dr. Manas H. M.
26. Shri. Vinothkumar R. (Invitee)
27. Dr. M. Sivadas
28. Dr. Sandhya Sukumaran
29. Dr. Sumithra T. G.
30. Smt. Reshma K. J.
31. Shri. S. Thirumalaiselvan
32. Dr. M. Rajkumar
33. Dr. T. Senthil Murugan
34. Dr. A. K. Abdul Nazar
35. Dr. R. Jayakumar
36. Dr. Johnson B.
37. Dr. R. Jeyabaskaran
38. Dr. Purushottama G. B.
39. Dr. Geetha Sasikumar
40. Dr. Joe K. Kizhakudan
41. Dr. Molly Varghese
42. Dr. Prathibha Rohit
43. Smt. Surya S.
44. Dr. P. Gomathi
45. Dr. Vidhya R.
46. Dr. Jasmin F.
47. Dr. Biji Xavier
48. Dr. Divya Viswambaran
49. Dr. P. Kaladharan
50. Dr. N. K. Sanil
51. Dr. R. Narayanakumar
52. Dr. Miriam Paul Sreeram
53. Dr. Jeena N. S.
54. Dr. Akhilesh K.
55. Dr. Manojkumar P. P.
56. Dr. I. Jagadis
57. Dr. Grinson George
58. Dr. Shelton Padua
59. Dr. Mahesh V. ((Invitee)
60. Dr. Ranjankumar R.
61. Dr. Subal Kumar Roul
62. Shri. K. Raghu Ramudu
63. Dr. Shilda Rahagdale (Invitee)
64. Dr. V. Venkatesan
65. Shri. M. Sankar (Invitee)
66. Dr. Anikuttan K. K.
67. Dr. Vinay Kumar Vase
68. Dr. Mohamed Koya K.
69. Dr. Tarachand Kumawat
70. Dr. Kapil Sukhdane

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| 71. Dr. Nakawa Ajay N. | 88. Dr. Vipinkumar V. P. |
| 72. Dr. Abdul Azeez P. | 89. Dr. Rema Madhu |
| 73. Shri. Bhandekar Santosh Magnath | 90. Dr. P. S. Swathilekshmi |
| 74. Dr. Pratheesh Kumar R. (Invitee) | 91. Dr. Jayasree Loka |
| 75. Dr. Sekar Megarajan | 92. Dr. Imelda Joseph |
| 76. Shri. D. Linga Prabhu | 93. Dr. Somy Kuriakose |
| 77. Dr. Suresh Babu P. P. (Invitee) | 94. Dr. Mini K. G. |
| 78. Dr. Dinesh Babu A. P. | 95. Ms. Jeslin I. J. (SGP awardee 2018) |
| 79. Dr. Rajesh K. M. | 96. Mr. Dinu Dasan K. |
| 80. Dr. Jasmin S. | (SGP awardee 2018) |
| 81. Dr. K. S. Sobhana | 97. Mr. E. James Obeth |
| 82. Dr. K. Vinod | (SGP awardee 2017) |
| 83. Dr. Bindu Sulochanan | 98. Dr. Rekha J. Nair |
| 84. Dr. Sujitha Thomas | 99. Dr. T. Balachandran |
| 85. Dr. S. Lakshmi Pillai | 100. Dr. G. Maheswarudu |
| 86. Dr. Remya L. | 101. Dr. Asha P. S |
| 87. Miss. Saloni Shivam (Invitee) | 102. Shri. Anuraj A. |

The Annual General Body Meeting commenced at 5.00 pm. Dr. V. Kripa, Secretary welcomed the President, Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan, Vice Presidents, Dr. N.G.K. Pillai, and Dr. K.K.C. Nair, Executive Members and all members to the 61th Annual General Body Meeting of the Marine Biological Association of India.

This was followed by the Welcome address by the President Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan who also welcomed all the senior members to the function. The President informed that the Committee of the International Symposium on MECOS3 was ready and requested all to take part in this event and make it a grand success.

Agenda-2: Secretary's Report

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

The Action Taken Report was presented and passed unanimously by the house.

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

- Dr. Vinod has promised that the Marine Life photo contest, will be held along with MECOS 3.

- A National level Marine Quiz programme for PG students will also be done during next year by Dr. Kripa after MECOS3.
- Major activities conducted were painting competition at Calicut (Oikos-2018), Interactive programmes for school students at Tuticorin, painting and essay competitions for school students at Mandapam, Painting competitions for students at Mumbai, painting competitions for students and public at Kochi and workshop on recent advances in stock assessment at Kochi.

Membership Status: The membership status of MBAI was reported as 769 members as of 2018-2019 which had gone up considerably from 758 members in 2016-2017 with the addition of 11 new Life Members.

Dr. E. G. Silas Small Grant Programme: Dr. Kripa explained about the Dr. E. G. Silas SGP 2018 which was awarded to Mr. Dinu Dasan K. and Ms. Jeslin I. J. 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. Kripa also said that Dr. E. G. Silas SGP award 2019 will be open again for 2019 in August this year.

Dr. S. Z. Qasim Best Paper Award: Dr. Kripa added that the Evaluation Committee was of unanimous opinion that the following two papers which appeared in Volume 60 (2) deserved to be selected and bracketed for the S. Z. Qasim Best Paper Award.

1. A taxonomic revision of the fishes of the Genus *Bleekeria* (Perciformes, Ammodytidae) by M. S. Varsha*, M. Sethulakshmi, Hitoshi Ida, John E. Randall and K. K. Joshi
2. Length-weight relationship, growth and reproductive biology of *Narke impennis* (Annandale, 1909) (Pisces: Narkidae) off Visakhapatnam coast, Western Bay of Bengal, India by V. Ravali, K. Sujatha* and V. A. Iswarya Deepti

Dr. Kripa presented the details of the forthcoming event MECOS 3. Travel grant has been introduced for the first time to students encourage more students to apply the Symposium. This will be for both national and international students. The report was passed by the members.

After the presentation Dr. Kripa requested Treasurer, Dr. Somy Kuriakose to present the accounts in 2017-2018.

Agenda-3: Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Dr. Somy Kuriakose, presented the Audited report for the period 2017-2018. Dr. Somy mentioned that the Association has an excess of ₹3,72,330/- expenditure over income this year. Fixed deposits with State Bank of India as on 31.03.2018 is ₹21,99,432/-. Interest accrued from the deposits in the bank amounts to ₹1,31,205/-. 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 2018-2019 was pending with the Auditors.

Agenda-4: Editor's Report

Dr. K. K. Joshi, Chief Editor of JMBAI presented the Editor's report. In the report he stated that in 2018, Volume 60 Issue (1 and 2) were published and each issue contained 18 papers. Volume 61 (1) for the period January-June 2019 will be released by July 2019. At present, we have received total a 60 manuscripts for publication in Journal of Marine Biological Association of India. 5 manuscripts were rejected and other manuscripts are in various stages of processing. He requested that two additional Editors with specialization in Socio-economics and Environment monitoring may be added to the editorial team. The GB approved this and Dr. Joshi requested the Secretary to do the needful to include the scientists. He also explained about the new issue alert which is being developed.

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-7: SGP Awardee Presentations

The SGP awardees Ms. Pavithra N (2017), Mr. Dinu Dasan K. and Ms. Jeslin I. J. (2018) presented their report of the awarded project to the audience. In the absence of Ms. Pavithra, Mr. Jamesh presented the report.

Agenda -8. Any other matter

Dr. N. G. K. Pillai, Vice President said that the CMFRI became young due to the younger members and hence innovative ideas should be proposed. Constitution of MBAI remains same and objectives to be modified. Dr. Mohamed said that we amended the constitution in 2016-2017. Any change in constitution involves money charge involved, hence it has to be done with constitution. Dr. Pillai requested to open a chapter at Vizhinjam, involving Aquatic Biology Department. Dr. Jasmine informed that during Platinum Jubilee Celebrations it was initiated but could be completed.

Dr. K. K. C. Nair, Vice President appreciated the effort put in by Dr. K. K. Joshi and Dr. P. U. Zacharia for editing of JMBAI and also appreciated Dr. Sunil Mohamed and Dr. Kripa for their efforts in promoting MBAI.

Dr. Kripa opined that the young scientists should take the responsibility to collect the email ID's of researchers in universities / Institutes to send the MECOS e-brochure to them to get wide publicity. Dr. Sandhya Sukumaran, Dr. Sumitra, Smt. Reshma and Dr. Anuraj have volunteered to collect and send the information. Dr. Kripa also requested the members to think about developing an Asia-MBAI, so that collaborative research to explore the marine ecosystems bordering this region can be undertaken.

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

