

INDIAN SOCIETY OF HEAT AND MASS TRANSFER

Minutes of The General Body Meeting

Date: 4 January 2008

Venue: JNTU; Hyderabad

1. The President of ISHMT, Prof. S. Srinivasa Murthy chaired the General Body Meeting. He wished all the members a Happy New Year and welcomed them to the meeting. The first item to be taken up was the action taken on and the confirmation of the minutes of the last GBM. As no comments were received, the minutes were confirmed.

2. Prof. T. Sundararajan, Secretary, ISHMT presented the Secretary's report. Prof. M.V.Krishnamurthy, former President of ISHMT, proposed that the Secretary's report be accepted and Prof. U.N. Gaitonde, IIT Bombay seconded.

3. Prof. B.V.S.S.S. Prasad, IIT Madras who represented the Treasurer Prof. M.P. Maiya, who could not make it to the GBM due to personal reasons, presented the Treasurer's Report highlighting the Income and Expenditure Statement which was circulated to the Members. Prof.V.V.Sathyamurthy, IIT Kharagpur enquired whether the postage cost incurred by the society could be reduced with the help of e-mail. Prof. T. Sundararajan responded that the postage was mainly for sending the paper acceptance letters because in many institutions, a hard copy of the acceptance letter was required in order that the members could obtain travel grants for attending the conference. Prof. M.V.Krishnamurthy, former President of ISHMT, proposed that the Secretary's report be accepted and Prof. U.N. Gaitonde, IIT Bombay seconded.

The GB discussed the venue and date for the next conference. The Secretary of the Society had already sent out a letter to all members on 29.11.2007 soliciting proposals for the next conference. One formal request was received from IIT Bombay. Dr. Sushanta Mitra and Prof. U.N. Gaitonde of IIT Bombay presented their case for choosing IIT Bombay for the next conference.

IIT Madras and IIT Kanpur also evinced interest in holding future conferences. It was noted that IIT Madras and IIT Kanpur had hosted the Conference in 1991 and 1997 respectively, and hence they have a case for hosting the conferences in 2010 and 2012 respectively. However, they were advised to make formal requests in the next GBM.

After a detailed discussion, GB decided that the 20th National and 9th ISHMT – ASME Heat and Mass Transfer Conference be held on 4th, 5th and 6th January 2010 at IIT Bombay.

4. The GB also discussed whether any changes are required to the present format of the conference. After a very thorough discussion, it was decided that while the present format was satisfactory, some means must be found to allow all the poster presenters to give a brief “oral” overview of their work.

5. The GB decided that the present Executive Committee shall continue for two more years.

6. The President, ISHMT brought to the notice of the members that at the time of formation of the Society, a Governing Council was formed to guide the activities of the society and that now quite a few members have since passed away or are unable to be contacted. He also mentioned that the council had not met for a very long time. However, he argued that the advice and guidance of the senior members is valuable and also that the Council is essential according to the prevailing statutes. The GBM authorised the Executive Committee to take further action in consultation with senior members of the society to explore means to form the new Council.

7. The GB resolved that the age limit for the Prof. K.N. Seetharamu Medal and Prize for Young Researchers in Heat and Mass Transfer shall be 40 years as on 31st December closest to the conference date.

8. The past students of Prof. P.K. Sharma, formerly from Andhra University, Vizakhapatnam represented by Dr. P.S.V. Kurma Rao requested the Society to institute an award for the best paper at the conference “based on the work done by researchers in India”. The GBM felt that due to the International stature of the Conference, the award should be open to all contributed papers accepted and presented at the Conference.

Prof. M.V. Krishnamurthy suggested that the society needs to specify a minimum amount for the institution of any award. It was pointed out that there is a minimum contribution prescribed (Rs.2,00,000/-). It was suggested that this limit may be adhered to strictly. The GBM also requested the Executive Committee to have a relook at the existing awards to approach the donors to enhance the Award Corpus to the minimum value of Rs.2,00,000/-.

The GB approved the institution of the best paper award.

9. The GB formally recorded its appreciation and gratitude to Prof.K.V.Sharma and JNTU for the successful conduct of the 19th National and 8th ISHMT – ASME Heat and Mass Transfer Conference.

10. Any other matter

- a) Prof. G.Venkataratnam, IIT Madras made a mention that the society fix the maximum number of papers at the conference from an author; either individually or as a Co-Author. After a detailed discussion, it was decided that this number shall be limited to five.
- b) Prof. U.N.Gaitonde, IIT Bombay brought to the notice of the members that on 2.1.2008 at JNTU campus, a one-day symposium was organised in honour of Prof. S.P.Sukhatme. The GB formally recorded its appreciation to Prof. K.V. Sharma for providing all the logistical support to this symposium.
- c) Prof. Gautam Biswas, IIT Kanpur mentioned the need to increase the life membership from the present level of Rs. 1000/-. The President, ISHMT in his response said that efforts will be first made to request the members who have earlier paid Rs. 400/- or Rs. 600/- for life membership to pay up the balance amount.
- d) Prof. Gautam Biswas urged the need to revive the Newsletter either in print or electronic form. He mentioned that Prof. Subhash Mishra of IIT Guwahati has shown interest in this and may be requested to take the responsibility of publishing the Electronic Form of Newsletter. The GB agreed to this proposal and authorised the Executive Committee to take steps in this regard. (Subsequently, the President ISHMT personally requested Prof.Mishra who has kindly agreed to this proposal).

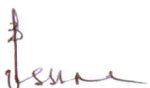
The meeting ended with a note of thanks to the Chair.



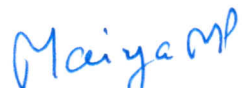
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