

**MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING  
(HICC, Hyderabad. 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2011)**

The meeting was presided by Prof Jai Prakash (President).

Minutes of the General Body meeting held at Thiruvananthapuram Annual Congress of the Indian Society of Nephrology 2010 were approved (proposed by Prof Kher and seconded by Dr Gopal Kishan).

Minutes of the meeting of the Scientific Committee and Governing Body were presented and approved (Dr Sadre, Dr Modi, Dr Sahu and Dr Sundar)

**ISNCON 2011 at Ahmedabad:** The proposed dates for the next year's meeting were 6,7,8 and 9 December 2012. The preconference CME would be held on December 6 and the main meeting from 7 to 9 December 2012.

**Pre Congress CME:** the house was informed that both the Scientific Committee and the Governing Body had decided that from now on a full-day CME would be held a day prior to the main meeting. The theme of the CME would be decided by the Scientific Committee after wider consultation with the membership. The focus should be on covering new advances which will be of interest to young members and help in refining the practice of nephrology. There was a suggestion to include discussion on Guidelines.

**Guest speaker for Dr KS Chugh award oration 2012:** As suggested by the Scientific Committee and the Governing Body, Dr. BS Kasinath's name was approved. A need was felt to devise objective criteria for selection of the Awardee. Dr Kher, Chair of the Credentials Committee was requested to devise the criteria. The views of Dr Chugh should be incorporated while forming the criteria.

**Topics for symposia:** The Secretary informed that as decided in General Body meeting at Thiruvananthapuram, the final choice of topics will be with the Scientific Committee. This year's topics were selected in this fashion (Use of biological agents in nephrology and Acute renal failure in special situations) and were appreciated by members both in terms of selection of topics and speakers. Any member of the Society can suggest a topic either during the GBM or at any other time by writing to the Secretary. It was suggested that the member should also give the subheads under which the symposium would be discussed. The following topics were under consideration as per suggestions from the members in previous years and as suggested by the members.

- Peritoneal Dialysis in special situations
- Post-transplant malignancies
- Urinary Tract Infections
- Nutrition in chronic kidney disease
- Organ donation: the challenges in India
- ANCA associated vasculitis
- Kidney transplant in a difficult recipient
- Tubulo-interstitial disease
- Pregnancy and kidney disease
- Alternative medicines and kidney disease
- Bioartificial kidney
- Urinalysis
- Secondary hypertension
- Renal stone disease

After some discussion, it was decided that almost all the topics suggested were good, and the Scientific Committee would deliberate on these topics and select two for next year's meeting.

**Debate:** the general body approved the following topic as the subject of debate at ISN 2012.

**Modulation of dietary protein intake retards the progression of CKD**

**Dr JCM Shastry Oration:** Prof Kher, Chair of the Credentials Committee informed the General Body that Dr Chakko Jacob was selected for the award for the year 2012.

**Lifetime achievement award:** the General Body accepted the recommendation of the Governing Body that the Credentials Committee will decide whether or not the Award needs to be given and then select the person.

**FISN awards:** the General Body confirmed the recommendation of the credential committee for award of FISN to the following members:

Dr Gokulnath  
Dr Ratan Jha  
Dr DK Pahari

**Election result of 2011:**

President-elect :	Dr RK Sharma
Vice President:	Dr DK Pahari
Executive Committee member:	Dr Sanay D'Cruz

**Future meetings:** The 2013 meeting will be headed at Gurgaon under the leadership of Dr. Vijay Kher. As decided in the last GBM, since our Congress is now becoming bigger, in order to ensure good logistics, a system of bidding and evaluation by a Committee is being implemented from this year. Announcements will be made for bidding. Bidders will be required to provide information according to a predesigned proforma which will evaluate the preparedness of the city, availability of infrastructure and appropriateness of the conference venue facilities. All bids should have the concurrence of at least 3 life members in good standing. A Committee appointed by the Governing Body will then evaluate all the bids and then finalize the venue if required, after presentations and verification of the facilities. The general body concurred with this proposal.

**New scientific activities by the society:** Members for informed about new features on the society website and the plans to include more materials of educational value both from the main Congress and from other meetings held under the auspices of the Indian society of Nephrology. From this year, the ISN has started organizing "theme-based meetings". The first such standalone meeting was the "Women in Nephrology" meeting organized at Bangalore in August 2011. This was attended by over 80 women nephrologists in the country and was highly successful. Drs Sarala Naicker and A Vathsala were overseas guests. Prof VN Acharya was felicitated on this occasion.

The General Body was informed of the Scientific Committee's decision to organize regional educational meetings, which will be targeted to postgraduates. These meetings will be for small groups and highly interactive in nature. One such meeting will be organized every 3-4 months in different zones of the country. These will be low-cost meetings and the ISN will support the costs of organizing the meetings. The Scientific Committee will be expanded to make the consultation process more broad-based.

**Indian Journal of Nephrology:** Members were informed of the progress made by the Journal. The journal was accepted by the National Library of Medicine and is now indexed in PubMed. The members appreciated this progress. If the number of articles being submitted to the Journal has increased quite substantially, and articles are now coming from outside India as well. The members appreciated improvement in the quality of papers in the journal. Some members pointed out that publication in the Journal entails a significant delay. Members were informed that this will be taken care of to some extent from the next year, when the frequency of general will be increased to 6 per year from the current 4 per year. The Secretary requested the members to send their best scientific work to the journal.

**Statement of accounts of the Indian Society of Nephrology:** the audited statement of accounts (income and expenditure) for the period ending 31 March 2011 was circulated to the members. This was unanimously approved. The secretary informed the General Body that Professor Ramdas Pisharody had contributed Rs. 25 lakhs from last year's annual meeting. The members appreciated this contribution with applause. There was a discussion on the need to appropriately utilize the money accrued in the society accounts in order to comply with the requirements of income tax act. Some of this could be done by increasing the educational activities, traveling fellowships and other such activities. It was decided that the society should try to get it registered under section 35 of the income tax act. Members were informed that accounts for this year's conference was linked to the main society account and a complete audited statement of accounts will be needed from the Organizing Secretary in order to reconcile the Society Accounts. The Secretary pointed out that the Society is in a position to support activities that promote nephrology around the country.

**Approval of new members:** the General Body approved the list of life and associate members of the society that was presented.

#### **Full members**

Uyyala Dasaradha  
Rajendra Prasad  
Usha Samuel  
Surabhi Jindal  
Anjali Mahapatra  
Malathy Natarajan  
Rajesh Khanduja  
Sharmila Thukral

Preeti Singhai  
Pavitra Manu Dogra  
Tauhidul Alam Chaudhary  
Takhellambam Brojen Singh  
Radha Venkatramanan  
Arpana Aprameya Iyenger  
Mohan Das M K  
Biplab Ghosh  
Jyoti Sharma

Nivedita kamath  
Raja Ramchandran  
Rajiv M  
Jayanta Datta  
Jayati Sengupta  
Premlatha R  
Monika Gupta  
Anitha A  
Topoti Raseswar Mukharjee  
E Rama  
Ranjaneer Muthu  
Piyali Sarkar  
Jyothi Hebbur Ramachandra  
Vani Degala  
Pallapotu Ravinder  
Anitha Byreddy  
Goriparth Sasidhar  
B Varalakshmi Devi

Jyothsna Guttikonda  
Ruchi Gupta Samdani  
Shilpa Shetty  
Shahbaj Ahmad  
Maulik Mahendrabhai Shah  
Prashant Jayendrasingh Rajput  
Ashok Kumar Yadav  
Shailesh Ramesh Gondane  
Dhanalakshmi Goriparth  
Fatima Rana  
Monali Rajendrakumar Sahu  
Suchandro Das  
Thomas Jose  
Sanjiv Mahajan  
Sananda Bag  
Navjit Singh Sidhu  
Surendra Singh Rathore  
Prabhakar Yadav

**Associate members**

Vivek Sondhi  
Rajiv Dev Kumar  
Ashok Kumar Aggarwal  
Dinesh Garg  
Vibhanshu Gupta  
Settypalle Pavani  
Sujata Mohan Rajapurkar  
Jaydeep Dutta  
Nagineni Bhaskar Rao

## List of attendees

Prof. G.C.Das  
Prof R.G. Singh  
Mohan Rajapurakar  
Vijay Kher  
J.S. Sandhu  
R.K.Sharma  
Girish Narayan  
Dilip Pahari  
Bijan Bhattacharya  
Sanjay  
H.S. Kohli  
G.H. Malik  
D. Sree Bhushan Raju  
Manisha Sahay  
Anup Kumar Barman  
Narayan Prasad  
T Jaloka  
K. Sampatri Kumar  
Dharmendra  
Anurag  
A.V. Mulay  
R Ram  
C.R. Kar  
Om Kumar  
Raveendra  
Abhay G Huprikar  
Tushar A. Dighe  
Valentine Lobo  
Sudhir Kulkarni  
Prashant  
Rajagopalan  
Parkash Darji  
Haresh Savani

Praful Gajjar  
Himanshu Patel  
T. Brojen Singh  
LK. Sharat Chandra  
N. Sharat Kumar  
R.N. Sahoo  
Bibekananda Kar  
A.C. Mahakur  
Pradeep Deshpandey  
D. S. Rana  
S.N S Yadav  
Satish Balan  
A. Gopal Kishan  
V.N. Acharya  
Nandita Chaudhary  
Muthu Jayaraman  
A Almeida  
V. Chiranjeevi  
V. Ramasuran  
K V Dakshinamurti  
Jinni Jagose  
Martin Desuja  
Bharat V Shah  
Shruti Tapiawala  
D Bhowmik  
Hareesha Babu  
Dhanajay Aggarwal  
Vinay Malthora  
J.H. Bala Singh  
Jai Prakash  
T. Ravi Raju  
Sanjay D'Cruz  
Tarun Kumar Saha