



## **Minutes of the First Meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee (EC) members of the Indian Association for Study of Population (IASP)**

The Executive Committee (EC) meeting of the newly elected members was held at 10.00 AM on 31.3.2019 under the Chairpersonship of President Dr U V Somayajulu at the Office of Sigma Research and Consulting, C-23, South Extension Part-1, New Delhi. Following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr U V Somayajulu
2. Prof PMC Nair
3. Prof D P Singh
4. Dr K V R Subrahmanyam
5. Prof V K Tiwari
6. Prof Sanjay Mohanti
7. Dr AK Ravi Shankar
8. Prof Suresh Sharma
9. Dr A G Khan
10. Dr Jitendra Yadav
11. Dr Laxmi Kant Dwivedi

President Dr U V Somayajulu welcomed all the members and congratulated the newly elected members. The Agenda of the meeting and decisions taken thereon are given below:

### **Agenda Item 1 : Confirmation of the Minutes of the last EC Meeting held at BHU, Varanasi**

Prof P M C Nair, General Secretary briefly mentioned about the minutes of the last EC meeting held in Varanasi. The EC has approved the minutes of the last EC Meeting held at BHU, Varanasi on 17.9.2018, with Prof Suresh Sharma proposing and Prof D P Singh seconding the same.

### **Agenda Item No 2 : Update on IPC 2021**

President Dr U V Somayajulu briefed the EC members on the development and progress made so far relating to the IPC 2021 to be held at Hyderabad during Dec 5-10, 2021. As informed by the president, the National Organising Committee and Fund raising committee have been formed.

He also mentioned that steering committee was formed in the IOC meeting held at UN House, New Delhi on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019. The steering committee has 4-5 people from IUSSP/IOC and 5 people from the NOC. The NOC members in the steering committee include : Sri AR Nanda, Chair Person of NOC, Dr U V Somayajulu, IASP President, Co-chair and convener of NOC, Dr KVR Subrahmanyam, Coordinator of Fund Raising Committee, Prof Leela Visaria and Prof KS James, Director of IIPS.

He further added that IASP is in touch with various government officials at national and state level. He emphasised that each of the EC and BOT members has to play bigger role in making the conference grand success. He mentioned that all the EC and BOT members would be part of the Fund Raising Committee.

The various challenges of IPC 2021 include: raising fund from developmental, research, government, corporates and other organizations and effectively executing the conference. The President informed the members that budget estimate for the IPC 2021 is Rs 20 crores and briefly mentioned about the efforts being made to mobilise the resources. He also said that as suggested by the IUSSP, separate bank account has to be opened at Hyderabad exclusively for the IPC 2021. He also informed the members that this was discussed with the NOC Chair Person, Sri A R Nanda.

### **Agenda Item No 3 : Admission of the New Members**

The EC endorsed the membership of four life members and nine Annual members . The EC discussed and suggested to raise the fee for annual member to Rs 1000/- from the existing Rs 500/- and to Rs 6000/- from the existing Rs 5000/- in case of life member. However, this needs to be ratified in the next meeting of the General Body and then only it can be implemented.

### **Agenda Item No 4 : Update on IASP Election 2019**

The President thanked Chairperson and members of the Election Committee and the team at the SGPGIMS, Lucknow for designing the software for conducting the IASP 2019 election smoothly. President expressed his gratitude on behalf of IASP to Prof CM Pandey, Prof PM Kulkarni, Prof CP Prakasam, Prof RS Goyal, Dr Sanjay Kumar, Prof S Unisa, Prof MM Gandotra, Prof GK Panda, Prof Prashanta Pathak and Prof MSR Murthy for their support in conducting the IASP elections 2019. He also said that Prof CM Pandey did not vote in the election keeping the ethics in mind.

The EC sanctioned an amount of Rs 10,000/- as appreciation of efforts at SGPGI team that can be sent to the Chairman Prof C M Pandey to distribute the honorarium to his team members. The EC also sanctioned Rs 10,000/- to Mr Tyagi at IEG as token of appreciation for his contribution in IT service provided to the IASP over the past 2 years. President also informed the members that IASP is able to save Rs 2 lakhs because of shifting to e-voting.

#### **Agenda Item No 4: Election of Office Bearers 2019-2022 (including Regional Chapters Coordinators)**

The President appealed to all the EC members to select the Office Bearers through consensus. He reminded about the challenging task of successfully organising the IPC 2021. He also made a brief presentation on the objectives of IASP roles and responsibilities of the EC members as per the IASP bye laws.

The president suggested names of the Office Bearers as per the functional requirements and giving due weightage to geographical representation and institutional affiliation. The names suggested by the President were accepted by the EC except for the GS and Treasurer positions.

In case of GS, Prof V K Tiwari and Prof PMC Nair were the contenders and Prof Nair withdrew his candidature in favour of Prof Tiwari. In case of treasurer, there was a contest between Prof Suresh Sharma and Dr KVR Subrahmanyam. The former was keen to continue as treasurer as he has the experience of being treasurer. The latter was keen due to his active involvement in IPC 2021 fund raising activities and his proximity to Hyderabad. As none of them yielded, the EC decided to have both of them as treasurer, as a special case in view of the IPC 2021 and it would be difficult for one person to manage both. The work allocation was that Prof Suresh Sharma would focus on IASP accounts while Dr Subrahmanyam would focus on IPC 2021 related accounts.

Following are the office bearers of IASP for 2019-2022 :

1. **President:** Dr U V Somayajulu
2. **Vice President:**
  1. Prof D P Singh
  2. Prof PMC Nair
3. **General Secretary:** Prof V K Tiwari

4. **Joint Secretary :** 1. Dr A G Khan  
2. Dr LK Dwivedi
5. **Treasurer :** 1. Prof Suresh Sharma (IASP)  
2. Dr K V R Subrahmanyam (IPC)
6. **Members :** 1. Prof Sanjay Mohanti  
2. Dr AK Ravi Shankar  
3. Dr Jitendra Yadav
7. **Regional Chapter Coordinator:**
- 1. **South:** Prof AK Ravi Shankar
  - 2. **North and Eastern region:** Dr Jitendra Yadav
  - 3. **Western Region:** Prof D P Singh, and Dr LK Dwivedi

The president mentioned that we have the provision to co-opt two EC members and one BOT member. He added that efforts would be made to get officials of MOHFW and RGI on board as the co-opted members. He suggested the name of Prof Sanghmitra Acharya from the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and it was accepted by the EC.

In line with the decision taken by the EC and BOT that met on December 19, 2017 at Visakhapatnam and ratified by the GB that met on Dec 20, 2017 at Visakhapatnam, the President, EC and BOT members elected in 2019 would continue upto 2022, in view of the IPC 2021. The same decision was ratified again by the GB that met at Varanasi on September 18, 2018.

#### **Agenda Item No 4 : Demography India**

The Executive Committee (EC) has decided to have new team for managing the Demography India. The EC expressed its thanks to Prof K K Singh, Chief Editor and Dr Brijesh Singh, Managing Editor of the Demography India for their immense contribution in making the journal online and effectively managing backlog of Demography India.

Prof Mohanti said that instead of managing editor, he wants to be one of the editors. Some members suggested that instead of Chief Editor and Managing Editor, we can have two editors. It was also opined that the system that was followed for several years should be respected and adhered.

The President elaborated his discussion with many senior Demographers including Prof P M Kulkarni, Prof James, Director IIPS et al. After lot of discussion, the EC decided that Prof R B Bhagat will be

the Chief Editor and Prof Sanjay Mohanti will be the Managing Editor of Demography India. He also said that Prof Arvind Pandey, Prof DC Nath, Prof F Ram and Prof KK Singh were the past chief editors of Demography India, the prestigious journal of IASP. He informed the members that Prof TV Sekher, the then EC member of IASP was the Managing Editor of Demography India, when Prof Ram was the chief editor.

EC Members appreciated the contribution of Prof K. K. Singh and Dr Brijesh Singh in making the publication of Demography India on line and saving precious resources of IASP.

Members exuded confidence in Prof Mohanty and requested to improve the status of Journal. Members and President requested him to accept this in the interest of the association. It was also requested to get this Journal in the approved list of UGC Journals.

#### **Agenda Item No 5 : Next Conference of IASP**

The president informed the EC that earlier, offer to host the 40<sup>th</sup> annual conference was received from SV University, Tirupati and Gulbarga University, Gulbarga. Later on the SV University did not submit the offer letter with assured support from the host institution. He also said that it was decided earlier to consider the offer of the Gulbarga university. But the Gulbarga University was willing to take care of accommodation for all the three days only for the EC and BOT members and food for all the delegates only for the first day, as per the latest communication from Prof Shinde. They were also asking for full or partial registration fee, which is against the age old practice of IASP.

The president clarified that ISAP would retain the full Registration Fee received and the host organisation has to take care of boarding and lodging arrangement for all the delegates as well as EC and BOT members. He informed that Prof PMC Nair has expressed his willingness to hold the next Annual Conference of IASP at the Department of Demography, Kerala University on the occasion of 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Department. Dr A G Khan and Prof Nair were requested to send detailed letter with commitments to host the next conference at the earliest.

#### **Agenda Item No 6 : Any other item with permission of Chair**

The EC had a detailed discussion on instituting awards and orations in the name of legendries in the field of Demography and Population Studies. The committee unanimously agreed that institution of awards should be based on two criteria (1) Significant contribution in the field

of Demography (to be reviewed by EC and external members jointly) and (2) Minimum of five lakh rupees contribution. However, members also suggested that donation of lesser amount may be accepted and duration and prize may be flexible depending on the nature of award. It was also decided that a committee will look into the matter.

There was a discussion on Prof Asish Bose oration fund proposed by Prof Sudesh Nangia. The President informed the members that we need to check with Prof Nangia about the same. He also mentioned that Dr ME Khan also offered to give money for the best paper award as communicated earlier. Dr. Vijayanunni (IAS Retd) also expressed his willingness to contribute some funds to IASP, and the EC authorised Prof P.M. Nair, to discuss with him in this matter. It was also decided to get clarity from Prof K. K. Singh on the amount contributed for Prof S. N. Singh award fund. Some members opined that funds should be received from experts in Demography and the award will be distributed for three or five years depending on the funding provided and after that the amount can be transferred to the BoT.

The EC decided to open a bank account at Hyderabad, for the IPC 2021 with President, General Secretary and Treasurer (IPC 2021) as signatories.

There was also discussion on training workshops during the conference and pre conference workshops. It was decided that this will be decided later depending on the funding opportunities. It was also mentioned that fund raising at local level should be encouraged.

The EC thanked Dr Anil Chandran, BOT member and Sunil for their support in managing the IASP website and members mailing list.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-  
(Prof V K Tiwari)  
General Secretary

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