



INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF POPULATION

Executive Committee Meeting

11:00 AM on Saturday 02 November 2024

Using Webex Platform

Minutes of the Meeting

Members present

The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 11:00 AM on 02 November 2024. The following members were present.

1. Dr Suresh Sharma
2. Dr. Dilip Kumar
3. Dr. Anil Chandran S
4. Dr. Jeetendra Yadav
5. Dr. Rajesh K Chauhan
6. Dr. Emily Das
7. Dr. Gudakesh
8. Dr Archana Muthye
9. Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh
10. Dr. A. G. Khan
11. Dr Bhaswati Das, JNU (Special invitee)

Agenda

1. Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting
2. Review and feedback of the Eastern Regional Conference held at Utkal University
3. Arrangements for the 45th Annual Conference at JNU
 - a. Logistics for the conference
 - b. Pre-conference workshop
 - c. KB Pathak Award
 - d. Sudesh Nangia Award
 - e. PP Talwar Award
 - f. Chandrasekharan Award
 - g. George Simmons Memorial Lecture
 - h. Felicitations of Senior Demographers
 - i. Draft programme
 - j. Designating tasks and roles for managing the conference
4. Distinguished lecture series
5. Any other matter with the permission of the chair

Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Executive Committee started at 11:00 AM on 2nd November 2024 under the Chairpersonship of the President, IASP.

Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes

The General Secretary presented the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held on 6th October. The draft minutes had been circulated to all members for review and were finalized based on their feedback. The members confirmed the minutes. The President recommended that the finalized minutes be uploaded to the IASP website.

Item 2: Review and feedback of the Eastern Regional Conference held at Utkal University

The committee reviewed the Eastern Regional Conference held at Utkal University. Overall, members agreed the conference was successful, with positive feedback on the plenary and technical sessions. However, concerns were raised regarding the poster sessions: the display arrangements were insufficient, and attendees' interest in the posters was low. Additionally, the food quality was noted as below expectations. The committee recommended learning from these shortcomings and implementing improvements for future conferences.

Item 3: Arrangements for the 45th Annual Conference at JNU

The committee discussed the organizational details for the upcoming 45th Annual IASP Conference at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

Logistics for the conference:

Dr. Bhaswati Das, the local organizer, updated the committee on the logistical arrangements: She informed that the activities on Day 1 of the conference, including the inauguration, plenary sessions and George Simmons Memorial Lecture will be held at the JNU Conference Hall. All the activities on Day 2 and Day 3 will happen at the CRRD building. There are 10 halls with seating capacity between 40 and 80. The members suggested that for the plenary sessions on Day 2 and Day 3, there was a requirement for a larger hall that could seat about 150 participants. Dr Das informed that the Committee Room which can accommodate up to 200 participants could be used. The President suggested discussing this further once the participant registration is completed. The IASP team would visit JNU to finalise the logistics for the conference.

Regarding accommodation, Dr Das informed the meeting that they have secured accommodation for 130 participants at JNU, 30 at NCERT and 15 VIP rooms in the JNU Guest House (which is currently under renovation). Some rooms may be available in the National Institute of Immunology, which would be known by 15 November. The requirement of accommodations will be known only after completion of registration by 5th November.

She has also informed the EC that there is sufficient space available at the CRRD first floor or ground floor for conducting poster sessions. Based on the feedback of the Eastern Regional Conference, it was suggested to set aside at least an hour solely for people to watch the poster presentations.

Dr Bhaswati Das has also informed that their efforts to secure funds for the conference did not yield any result yet, though they approached IIPS and ICSSR. Talks with the Unicef would happen in the coming days and she was hopeful of getting support from Unicef.

The arrangements for food and transportation can be finalised after a clear picture of the number of participants and accommodation is emerged.

Pre-Conference Workshop

Dr Baswati Das informed that their efforts to secure funding for the pre-conference workshop did not materialise. So no external agency would be hosting the Pre-Conference Workshop. Dr Das informed the possibility of a workshop on geo-spatial representation of population data that could be offered by the faculty at CRRD. This was agreed upon. The workshop will be held on 11th December 2024. It was also suggested to include, as far as possible, those who are participants of the conference in the workshop. In case required, a brochure can be circulated to get the sufficient number of attendees in the workshop. A committee comprising

three members, Dr Ajay (Coordinator), Dr Rajesh Chauhan and Dr Bhaswati Das was constituted to organise the Pre-Conference Workshop.

KB Pathak Award

Dr Ajay, the coordinator of the KB Pathak Award informed that a total of 46 papers were received for consideration in the KB Pathak Award. The papers were sent to the evaluation committee members for their review and marking, which is expected to be completed by the 7th of November. The second level committee will finalise the winners by 10th November.

Sudesh Nangia Award

The General Secretary, on behalf of the Coordinator of the Award, Dr AG Khan, informed that a total of 193 people have registered for the conference. An email has been sent to them with instructions to participate in the essay competition. The registered participants will be asked to write the essay at 11:00 AM for a duration of one hour. The topic of the conference will be intimated 15 minutes before the competition. The essays will also be reviewed by a two-tier committee, as in the case of the KB Pathak Award.

PP Talwar Award

The brochure for the PP Talwar Award for Women in Technical Demography has already been circulated among members. The last date of submission is 5th November 2024. The modalities for evaluation of the PP Talwar Award will be decided based on the number of submissions for the award.

Chandrasekharan Award

Eighteen abstracts are received for the Chandrasekharan Award. Since the presentation happens in a single session, we can only accept six papers for the presentation. A committee is constituted with three members, namely Dr Emily Das, Dr Gudakesh and Dr Archana to coordinate all the activities related to the Award.

George Simmons Memorial Lecture

The President informed that this year's George Simmons Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Maj. Gen. (Prof) Atul Kotwal, Executive Director, NHSRC, New Delhi.

Felicitation of Senior Demographers

Five senior demographers have confirmed their availability to be felicitated by IASP during the conference. They are Prof. DC Nath, Prof, NS Bist, Dr Sulabha Parasuraman, Dr KVR Subramanian, and Prof. RB Bhagat.

Draft programme

A draft programme of the conference is to be prepared and the meeting gave the responsibility to Dr Anil and Dr Ajay.

Designating tasks and roles for managing the conference

For the smooth conduct of the conference, various tasks are assigned to the EC members. The tasks and responsible persons are given in the sheet attached. The President requested members to work wholeheartedly for the successful completion of the conference.

Item 4: Distinguished lecture series

Dr Anil informed that Professor Mala Rao from the Imperial College, London has agreed to deliver the distinguished lecture on 3rd December 2024. The same can be advertised once a confirmation is received from her.

The members were requested to explore the possibilities of getting people for the distinguished lecture.

Item 4: Any other matter with the permission of the chair

The President suggested the members to book their tickets for the conference before November 15 to save money on tickets.

The meeting ended at 12:40 PM.

