

IASP EC Meeting January 15, 2023

Venue: Online using Webex

Time: 10:30 AM to 11.30 AM

Date: 15, January 2023

- I. Participants:** Following Eight EC members convened for the meeting using the online platform.

S. No.	Name of the E.C. Members	Designation
1.	Dr. Suresh Sharma	President
2.	Prof. DP Singh	Vice President
3.	Dr. Usha Ram	General Secretary
4.	Dr. Jeetendra Yadav	Treasurer
5.	Dr. Anil Chandran	Joint Secretary
6.	Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh	Joint Secretary
7.	Dr. Kuna Keshri	Member
8.	Dr. Archana Muthye	Member

Other EC members and Co-opted members could not join the meeting.

II. Agenda:

1. Review 43rd annual conference
2. Distinguished lecture series plan
3. Next regional conference
4. Next annual conference
5. IASP newsletter
6. Any other matter

1. Review 43rd annual conference

The EC members discussed and reviewed the activities of the 43rd conference and noted that the conference was organized well and completed successfully.

The committee noted issues and discussed them to see how best they could be incorporated into future conferences. They included logistic arrangements for the participants and invitees and the active involvement of the local organizers.

Academically, members felt that limiting the number of sessions, including Plenary sessions and papers in each session, is essential to improve the quality, as it allows adequate time for discussion.

The EC members on record thanked and appreciated the engagement of IEG team members in the conference. The members expressed a need to engage EC members in various activities.

However, members felt that a task-specific committee-based approach would enhance the conference quality further for future conferences. It was also discussed that committees comprising of EC members could be assigned and delegated responsibilities to bring clarity on roles and responsibilities.

Beside the overall organizing committee, sub-committees for specific tasks such as the settlement of TA/DA, accommodation, food, transport, etc. must be constituted.

It was apprised that the association has not received any feedback based on the online Feedback form shared with the conference participants and thus, we need to come up with alternative means of evaluation.

2. Distinguished lecture series plan

All EC members were requested to reach out to the scholars in their own networks for the distinguished lecture series. The members suggested organizing a distinguished lecture(s) on Indian Census. Dr. Kunal volunteered to organize the lecture series for the month of February and Dr. Jeetendra for March. Dr. Usha Ram reiterated that, as per her previous communication, she would be able to organize about 4 special lectures in 2023 and would initiate contact on the same in early Feb, 2023.

3. Next regional conference

The members discussed the next regional conference. Dr. Sharma informed that he received a letter from the Vice Chancellor of the University of Science and Technology Shillong for the regional conference. The discussion is at the formative stage. Although there was some discussion over cost sharing and other infrastructure, he is trying to get more details of facilities and logistics which will be shared with the EC team.

There was a suggestion to hold the regional conference at the Bodoland University in Assam as the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ladu Singh, had shown interest. President IASP will reach out to Dr. Ladu Singh and will explore the possibilities.

Dr. Ram reminded that previously Dr. Muthye had proposed to organize a regional conference in Madhya Pradesh. Dr. DP Singh suggested that he would reach out to his contacts at Amarkantak-Tribal University in Madhya Pradesh, who would be keen to host the regional conference and connect Dr. Muthye with them. He said that he would share an update during the next EC meeting.

4. Next annual conference

The members discussed the next annual conference. Dr. Dilip, Patna PRC, had earlier suggested Patna University; however, it was felt that there might not be much support from the university.

The members also suggested looking for collaboration beyond university and mentioned that AN Sinha University in Patna could be reached for the same. Other suggestions included Sanjay Gandhi University Lucknow and National Institute of Technology Rourkela.

5. IASP newsletter

Dr. Kunal and Dr. Ajay will prepare the draft IASP newsletter and be ready by the end of February 2023. It was also discussed that a structured interview with Dr. Srinivasan could be included in the forthcoming newsletter. It was suggested to avoid political news for the newsletter.

Dr. Anil was requested to share necessary material/informatuin for the 43rd IASP conference.

6. Any other matter

Demography India

It was discussed during the meeting that Dr. Vishnu Rao had two meetings with Dr. Suresh Sharma, where he expressed that he is facing difficulties as the reviewer takes lot of time thereby delaying the publication. To avoid these delays, there was a suggestion to charge processing fees for the selected papers. No decision was taken on this.

It was mentioned in the past UNFPA gave Rs. 5 Lakhs for Demography India which was spent the same year.

Dr Ram suggested that IASP can use a fixed percentage of the funds collected for the annual IASP conference towards the Journal to make it sustainable. Everyone agreed for this proposal.

Padma award for Srinivasan

It was also discussed if IASP can send recommendations to PMO for Padma award for Dr. Srinivasan. This can be taken up during the next meeting.

IASP Website

Dr. Suresh Sharma suggested to upgrade the IASP website. No decision was taken during the meeting, and it will discussed during the next EC meeting.

