

Minutes of second monthly meeting of the IASP EC held on June 5, 2022

Venue: Online using Webex Platform **Time:** 11 AM to 12.30 PM **Date:** 5, June 2022

- I. Participants:** The following nine EC members convened for the meeting using the onlineplatform.

S. No.	Name of the EC Members	Designation
1.	Dr. Suresh Sharma	President
2.	Dr. D P Singh	Vice President
3.	Dr. Dilip Kumar	Vice- President
4.	Dr. Usha Ram	General Secretary
5.	Dr. Jeetendra Yadav	Treasurer
6.	Dr. Anil Chandran	Joint Secretary
7.	Dr. Ajay Kumar Singh	Joint Secretary
8.	Dr. Rajesh Chauhan	EC Member
9.	Dr. Sanghamitra Acharya	Co-Opted Member

Dr. Kunal Keshri, Dr. Archana Muthye, Dr. Sushanta K Banerjee and Dr. Vijay Tiwary could not join the meeting.

- II. Agenda:** The agenda for the meeting was as follows;

- a. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of EC.
- b. Appointment of a new Chartered Accountant (CA)
- c. Progress of updated database of IASP members and Newsletter
- d. Progress of event on World Population Day, July 11, 2022
- e. Talk on Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)
- f. Distinguished Lecture Series of IASP
- g. Progress of Demography India
- h. New Admission of Life Members (if any)
- i. Any other matter with the permission of the chair

- III. Minutes of the Meeting:** Below are agenda-wise broad minutes of the meeting

A. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of EC.

The minutes of the last meeting held on May 1st, 2022 were approved during the session by the EC Members. However, the members discussed about the delay in transferring IPC funds to the IASP account. It was suggested that Dr. Jeetendra, Treasurer, would discuss the said matter with Dr. Somayajulu and Dr. Subramaniam to expedite and complete the transfer process soon.

B. Appointment of new Chartered Accountants (CA)

To appoint a new CA, Dr. Jeetendra and Dr. Suresh, discussed with 3 to 4 CA firms for managing IASP audits and explored the market rate. The table below highlights the necessary details in this regard:

S.No.	Name of the Firm	Annual Charges (in Rs.)
1	Meenakshi Gujaral and Co.	50,000/-
2	Sharma & Sharma Co.	35,000/-
3	Dharam Taneja Associates	45,000/-

Upon thorough discussion, the members suggested that in view of the IASP's current requirements, it may be advisable to go with Sharma and Sharma Co. as they have quoted the lowest price. The IASP CA Services were thus confirmed with Sharma and Sharma Co.

C. Update database of IASP members and Newsletter

The matter was discussed at length. The members agreed that there is a need to update the membership list. The team suggested that Dr. Jeetendra, Dr. Kunal, and Dr. Ajay will develop a google form and google sheet and subsequently update the database.

The first draft of the Newsletter would also be worked out soon. Dr. Ajay would share the draft with Dr. Usha in a week time.

The members also discussed about the modalities of membership and if that needs a revision. For example, instead of having 2 recommendations for the IASP membership requests, recommendation of one IASP member may suffice.

A general consensus was made to boost membership, one may reach out using WhatsApp, email, and other social media platforms but one should follow the due process by filling in the application online and pay the fees.

D. Progress of event on World Population Day, July 11, 2022

It was resolved that there will be a full-day academic program (Offline) on the occasion of world population day (July 11 2022) at Population Research Centre, IEG, Delhi. The members were asked to suggest and share themes and names of the experts for a panel discussion session.

E. Talk on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)

To commemorate AKAM, Dr. Niranjan Saggurti of the Population Council will deliver a talk on AKAM on July 11 2022.

F. Distinguished Lecture Series of IASP

The first lecture under the special lecture series of the IASP, Prof. Gouranga Dasvarma of Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia would deliver on "Population, Health and the Environment: with a few references to a Global and Indian situation".

Some of the possible themes for subsequent lectures were suggested as follows:

- SDGs for maternal and newborn health
- COVID19 and Mortality in India
- Gender and adolescent mental health

G. Discussion on Demography India

There was a discussion to provide responsibility to the new editorial team of Demography India, as the current Editor-in-Chief had expressed his unfortunate unavailability to take the next term. President, IASP approached to a few renowned social scientists and demographers for the composition of the Demography India Editorial board. This information was then shared and discussed in the EC meeting. Final confirmation was received from the following members, and their inclusion in the Demography India editorial board was unanimously agreed by the EC members.

1	Advisory Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prof. F. Ram▪ Prof. A. Subhia▪ Prof. Mohan Chand Nair▪ Prof. R.S. Goyal▪ Prof. Sudhesh Nagia▪ Prof. S.C. Gulati▪ Prof. P. P. Talwar
2	Chief Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prof. Vishnu Vardhan Rao
3	Associate Chief Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prof. A.K. Sharma▪ Prof. C.M. Pandey▪ Prof. Jyoti Hallad▪ Prof. Chandrashekhar
4	Managing Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. William Joe
5	Associate Managing Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dr. Rajesh Kumar Chauhan▪ Dr. Gudakesh
6	Editorial Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prof. Bhaswati Das▪ Prof. Aswini Kumar Nanda▪ Dr. A.G. Khan▪ Dr. Ravishankar▪ Prof. Anuradha Banerjee

Regarding the procedure of publications, Dr. Usha proposed that each paper should be assigned an academic reviewer, a practice followed by several high-quality journals. Such practice would ensure high quality of publications in the Demography India. It was also discussed to have a guideline for peer review to cut down the time.

H. Any other matter with the permission of the chair

The members discussed about IASP Annual Conference. It was suggested to seek proposals from institutions/organization interested in hosting the conference by placing the same on the IASP website.

Participants during the Meeting



Prof. Usha Ram,
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