



**NEWS LETTER
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**Indian Association for the Study of Population
(IASP)**

Dear Members

Greetings from the EC and BOT of IASP. Through this newsletter, we wish to provide an update of the activities of your association in the recent past and plans for the coming days.

1 EC MEETINGS THROUGH CONFERENCE CALL

EC meetings were held through conference call, at regular intervals to discuss about various issues and approve membership.

2 WORLD POPULATION DAY OBSERVANCE

This year, the World Population Day was observed by the following Universities/ Institutions in collaboration with IASP. The idea is to sensitise the youth about the population issues and concerns.

- Department of Demography and Population Research Centre, University of Kerala
- Population Research Centre and Economics Dept, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam
- Department of Population Studies and Social Work, S V University, Tirupati
- Population Research Centre, Patna University, Patna

3 BOOK RELEASE FUNCTION

IASP organised a function at India International Centre, Delhi to release the book "Population Concerns in India" authored by Prof K Srinivasan on Aug 19, 2017. The speakers included Dr Venkatesh Srinivasan, Asst Representative, UNFPA India, Dr VK Srivastava, MOHFW, Prof Vemuri Muralidhar, JNU and Dr UV Somayajulu, President, IASP. The function was attended by many senior Demographers including past presidents as well as young members of IASP.

4 REGIONAL CONFERENCE AT ISI, KOLKATA

Efforts are being made to strengthen the regional chapters of IASP and expand the base across the four regions. In line with this, the east and north east zone chapter of IASP organised regional conference on "Population and Development in East and North East region of India" in collaboration with ISI, Kolkata at ISI, Kolkata during Sept. 14 -15,2017. Dr JK Basu, coordinator for east and north east, IASP and Dr Prasanta Pathak, of ISI were the conference coordinators. The conference had 24 oral presentations and 5 Poster presentations. It was attended by delegates from ISI Kolkata, Manipur University, IIPS, ICMR, IEG, NIMS, TISS, IDSK, Utkal University, Unicef, JNU et al. In the inaugural session on September 14th, Dr UV Somayajulu gave the presidential address, while Dr Sanghamitra Bandyopadhyay, Director of ISI gave the welcome address and Dr SP Mukherji delivered the key note address.

5 CONTRIBUTION TO LATE DR KRISHNAN NAMBOODIRI THROUGH "HONOR A COLLEAGUE "(HAC) CAMPAIGN

Dr. Suchindran was leading a Population Association of America (PAA) tribute campaign for late Dr. Krishnan Namboodiri through the "Honor a Colleague "(HAC) campaign.

The HAC campaign is a way to personalize a contribution to the PAA Fund in honor of a colleague, friend or mentor. Dr. Namboodiri is showcased with other PAA honorees on the PAA website with his own page and photograph, a brief essay on his accomplishments, and the list of those who contributed toward the tribute for Dr. Namboodiri (see [http://www.populationassociation.org/sidebar/paa-fund-campaign/honored-members/.](http://www.populationassociation.org/sidebar/paa-fund-campaign/honored-members/))

The PAA fund uses contributions to fund a wide range of PAA activities. One of the PAA activities that helps scholars from abroad is the effort to bring young international scholars from abroad to the PAA meetings each year. IASP members were requested to contribute to this cause and many members responded positively.

6 HELPAGE JOURNAL OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Helpage India supported IASP in organising the 37th and 38th annual conferences and also requested to provide full papers on ageing presented at the conference for publication in their journal. Six papers on population ageing presented at the 37th annual conference of IASP were published in the Helpage Journal of Research and Development June 2017 and Dec 2017. The second volume was released in the inaugural function of the 38th annual conference on 20th Dec, 2017. The volume of June 2018 has three papers on ageing presented at the 38th annual conference. IASP is thankful to Help age India for this collaboration and congratulates the authors

7 MEMORANDUM TO MOHFW

IASP submitted a memorandum to the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India regarding the issues of PRCs with a request for action to address the same. The President of IASP had a discussion with Prof Arvind Pandey and Prof KS James, members of Prof PM Kulkarni committee constituted by the MOHFW to look into the issues of PRCs. IASP also has sent a letter to Prof PM Kulkarni about the possible collaboration between PRCs and IASP. Copy of the memorandum submitted to MOHFW was also sent to Prof PM Kulkarni committee also. This issue was discussed in the last joint meeting of EC and BOT as well as General Body meeting held at Visakhapatnam and Prof Arvind Pandey briefed the members about the progress made in this regard.

8 38TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 38th annual conference of IASP, on Population, Health and Development, was held at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam during December 20-22, 2017. The call for abstracts was included in the e news letter dated 03rd August, 2017 and the same was posted on iasp website. IASP received 320 abstracts on line and a committee of senior Demographers completed the blind review /assessment of the abstracts on line by assigning score on a 10 point scale. In all, 114 abstracts were selected for oral and 133 were selected for poster presentations, while 5 abstracts were received for Dr. Chandrasekharan award.

The conference started with the inaugural session held on Dec 20, 2017. Prof K Srinivasa Rao, General Chair of the local organising committee and Dr.KVR Subrahmanyam, Vice President of IASP welcomed the delegates. Prof. Vinod Rao, Principal, Science College, Andhra University delivered the inaugural address.

Dr.U.V.Somayajulu President of IASP gave the Presidential Address. Presidential Remarks were given by Dr.Gayatri, Devi, Rector, AU. The key note Address was given by Dr. Venkatesh Srinivasan, Assistant Representative of UNFPA on "Research, Policy and Practice: *Are They Symbiotic?*"

Prof K Srinivasan award for best substantive and technical papers published in Demography India was given to Dr Sanjay Kumar and Dr Brijesh Singh respectively. Prof KB Pathak award for best paper published in peer reviewed journal was presented to Dr Sanjit Sarkar. Prof PMohanachandra Nair, General Secretary announced the awards. Dr Suresh Sharma, Treasurer of IASP proposed vote of thanks and thanked UNFPA, USAID, Population Council, IHAT, ICRW, Helpage India, Save the children, MCSP, WISH foundation and STAR Foundation for the financial support.

George Simmons Memorial lecture

George Simmons memorial lecture was given by Prof. Vemuri Murali Dhar on "Income Inequality, Poverty and Contraceptive Use in India".

On 20th, in the evening, past Presidents of IASP, namely Prof. K. Srinivasan, Prof. Sudesh Nangia, Prof. SC. Gulati, Prof. Arvind Pandey and Prof. F. Ram were felicitated by Dr U V Somayajulu, President of IASP and Prof G Nageswara Rao, VC, Andhra University.

Five senior Demographers, namely, Prof. H.C. Srivastava, Prof. G. Rama Rao, Prof. MSR Murthy, Prof. G. Ramachandrudu and Prof. J.L Narayana were felicitated for their contribution to the field of population studies in general and to IASP in particular. The book on Technical Demography written by Late Prof PVS Sarma with foreword by Dr P V R Prasad was released by the VC and IASP President.

There were four plenary sessions

1. The first plenary session had three presentations. Dr. Devender Singh, of UNFPA, talked on Demographic transition in India, while Dr.M Hanimi Reddy, of Save the Children talked on Post al care in India, and Mr. G. Prakash of Plan India talked about Gender Vulnerability Index. Prof Arvind Pandey chaired the session. The authors highlighted the issues that need attention and suggested action to be taken to address the same.
2. The second plenary session was on Family Planning Situation in India: Looking back and looking forward had four speakers. The session was chaired by Prof K Srinivasan and Dr S K Mondal. Prof. F.Ram, former Director IIPS and Sr consultant, Population Council, spoke about Family Planning Situation in India-What do numbers say?

Ms. Alia of Abt Associates, presented her views on Adolescent care-seeking for Family Planning in Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. Dr.Kumudha Aruldas from Population Council spoke about Contraceptive Use Dynamics in India: Findings from a Prospective cohort study. Dr.Niranjan Saggurti from Population Council talked about Leading the Debate on Family Planning through RASTA initiative.

3. The third Plenary Session was on Improving MNCH health outcome in Uttar Pradesh, approach and evidence from the Technical Support to Govt of Uttar Pradesh. The speakers were Dr. Rajesh Jha, Dr. Krishnamurthy, Mr. Antony Joseph, Mr.Sanjeev Kumar, and Dr. Arup Kumar Das. The session was chaired by Prof G Rama Rao and Prof F Ram.
4. On the third day of the conference, there was a panel discussion on Business or Applied Demography. It was moderated by Prof K V Rao and the speakers were Prof. S. Parasuraman, Prof. Ravi Verma, and Dr.D.V.Sastry. The panelists mentioned about the opportunities for applied or business demography and the skill set needed among the Demographers to get in to the field of Business Demography.

Technical Sections

The oral technical sessions covered fertility, family planning, marriage patterns, reproductive and child health, health status and issues of elderly, policies and programmes for elderly, non communicable diseases, child health and nutrition, health coverage and systems, women's health and nutrition, migration and emerging issues, emerging health issues, urbanisation pattern and issues, gender issues, urban issues and planning, population and environment, Statistical approaches and innovations, education and work participation etc.

There were three Poster sessions with display of 65 posters over the three days of the conference

The valedictory session was presided by Dr U V Somayajulu, President of IASP. He mentioned that selected papers presented at this conference would be published in the special issue of Demography India. He informed the delegates that selected papers on ageing would be published in the Helapge Journal of Research and Development. He briefly mentioned about the International Population Conference 2021 to be held at Hyderabad and requested the members to extend all possible support to IASP in hosting the same. He also said that more regional and state level events such as conferences would be planned in the coming months and requested the members to take active part in the same. He emphasised that Demographers should play active role in policy advocacy and come out with new evidence for decision making that helps the policy makers and programme managers. He urged the members to prepare proposals for in depth analysis of NFHS 4 data as UNFPA is interested to collaborate with IASP on this. Dr Manoj Alagarajan, rapporteur general presented a brief report of the three days conference. Prof Umamaheswara Rao, Registrar, Andhra University was the guest of honour.

Prof K V Rao, delivered the valedictory address and urged the young Demographers to become good applied Demographers. He offered support from India Network foundation to young Demographers who present papers on business demography at PAA or IASP conference.

Prof. C. Chandrasekharan award was presented to Ms. Priyanka Yadav, from JNU and Prof. S.N. Singh award for best poster presentation was given to Ms. Deepika Phukan, Ms. Deepanjali Vishwakarma and Mr. Mani Deep Govindu. Prof P Mohanachandran Nair, General secretary announced the awards.

Dr Suresh Sharma, Treasurer, IASP proposed vote of thanks and thanked the Department of Statistics, Andhra University, for hosting the 38th Annual conference of IASP.

Dr KVR Subrahmanyam thanked the VC, Registrar, faculty, scholars, non teaching staff of Andhra University, media, EC and BOT members, chair persons, plenary and panel discussion speakers, oral and poster presenters, rapporteurs, staff of Sigma, IEG and others.

General Body Meeting

The General Body meeting of the IASP was held at the Platinum Jubilee Hall of the Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, on 20th December 2017. The meeting was presided over by the President of IASP, Dr. UV Somayajulu. The General Secretary of IASP, Prof. P Mohanachandran Nair welcomed the members of IASP.

The President, Dr Somayajulu mentioned about the sad demise of three senior Demographers and members of IASP, namely, Dr. P. H. Reddy(former Director, Population Centre, Bangalore), Dr. Bhattacharjee (former Director, Population Centre, Bangalore), Dr. Moneer Alam(Professor, IEG, Delhi). He made a brief mention of their contribution in the field of population in general and towards growth of IASP in particular. The members observed 2 minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed Senior Demographers.

The General Secretary's report, highlighting the activities carried out by IASP during 2016-17, was presented to the GB by Prof. P Mohanachandran Nair.

The GB decided to form an election committee with Prof C. M Pandey as chairman, Prof P. M Kulkarni and Prof C. P. Prakasam as members. The GB also ratified the decision of the EC and BOT that as a special case, the tenure of the next elected committee would get extended up to 2021 IUSSP Conference.

The Treasurer, Dr. Suresh Sharma presented the balance sheets for approval of the GB and the same was approved.

The president mentioned about the discussion with the IUSSP and the work in progress for the conference. GB decided that all the decisions taken by the current President and EC regarding the IUSSP conference 2021 (including formation of national organising committee , fund raising committee etc) would be respected and accepted by the EC that would get elected in 2018 .

The GB that met at IEG, Delhi in Dec 2016 had suggested to change the auditor in accordance with the stipulations of Givt of India, but not much progress on this was reported. So the present GB again suggested to select an auditor and authorised the President to change the auditor particularly in view of the IUSSP conference in 2021. In line with this, IASP has appointed Mr Rakesh Agarwal as the auditor with effect from April 1, 2018.

9 DEMOGRAPHY INDIA

The volumes of 2015 (1 and 2), 2016 (1 and 2) and 2017 (1) are now available on line. Special issue of Demography India with selected papers presented at the 37th annual conference was released in the inaugural function of the 38th annual conference. IASP congratulates all the authors and thanks the editorial board and advisory board members as well as reviewers. Request all the members of IASP to send their papers for publication in Demography India. The members are also requested to cooperate with the managing editor in the review process so that it can be done in a time bound manner.

10 IUSSP 2021 COFERENCE

Pleased to inform that IASP will be hosting the 2021 International Population Conference at Hyderabad during Dec 5-10, 2021. Preparatory work has already begun. Dr Somayajulu and Dr Subrahmanyam have been making visits to Hyderabad and meeting the concerned officials. Dr Somayajulu is also in touch with the IUSSP team. The work relating to constituting the national organising committee and fund raising committee is in progress.

11 ONLINE ELECTION PROCESS

IASP 2018 elections would be conducted by the IASP Election Committee consisting Prof CM Pandey, Prof CP Prakasam and Prof PM Kulkarni. As decided in the earlier EC as well as GB meetings of IASP, the 2018 election would use e- voting method instead of postal ballot. All the life members and annual members who paid their membership dues should send their correct e mail id and mobile number to the IASP secretariat immediately, and latest by May 20, 2018. Correct and functional e mail id is mandatory to take part in the e voting. E voting may not be possible without a functional e mail id.

12 APPEAL FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

An appeal was made to the members to make financial contributions to IASP and in response to this, Prof PMC Nair, Dr KVR Subrahmanyam, Dr Suresh Sharma and Dr UV Somayajulu contributed Rs10,000 each. This was discussed in the last GB meeting held at Visakhapatnam and members were requested to contribute generously. As suggested by the GB, guidelines for using this amount would be prepared.

13 39TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF IASP ON "POPULATION, GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT"

Venue : Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, Dates : September 18-20, 2018

Sub Themes for 39th Annual Conference

1	Population and Gender
1.1	Mortality and Gender
1.2	Gender and health
1.3	Gender and nutrition
1.4	Disease burden, Morbidity and gender
1.5	Education, and Livelihood by Gender
1.6	Work participation and Gender
1.7	Political Participation and Gender
2	Population and Environment
2.1	Climate change and population
2.2	Climate change and food security
2.3	Population and sustainable development
2.4	Population and Disasters
3	Fertility and Family Planning
3.1	Fertility Trends and Differentials
3.2	Trends in family planning use and unmet need
4	Reproductive and sexual health
4.1	Maternal health and mortality
4.2	Sexual health and HIV/AIDS
4.3	Abortions- trends and determinants
4.4	Violence and abuse – children, adolescents and women
5	Ageing and Emerging Issues
5.1	Health, nutrition and wellbeing of Elderly
5.2	Living arrangements, Social, Economic and Physical security and abuse of Elderly
5.3	Needs of Elderly, Policy and programme Initiatives
6	Children and adolescents
6.1	Health status, issues and concerns
6.2	Nutrition status, issues and concerns
6.3	Child survival and mortality including IMR and U5MR
7	Health : Status, Policies and Programmes
7.1	Mental Health
7.2	Urban health
7.3	Tribal health
7.4	Rural health
7.5	Universal health coverage and insurance
7.6	Health Management Information System
8	Migration and Urbanisation

8.1	Migration and Gender issues
8.2	Urbanisation and gender issues
8.3	Urban development including SMART cities
8.4	Urban poverty and gender
8.5	Urban housing, transport and sanitation
9	Statistical Approaches and Models
9.1	Mathematical models for study of population
9.2	Forecasting and population projections
9.3	Large scale surveys : Issues, challenges and innovative approaches in data collection and analysis
9.4	Big data analytics

Short abstract of 300 words and extended abstract of 2 pages (1000 words) are to be submitted online.

<http://iasp.mantragrid.com/iaspconf/index.php>

Dates to Remember

- On line Abstract Submission : May 20, 2018
- Intimation of acceptance : June 10, 2018
- Request for travel support from IASP : June 30, 2018
- Communication about travel grant : July 10, 2018
- Registration form and fee : July 25, 2018
- Full paper submission : August 10, 2018

PROF CHANDRASEKHARAN AWARD

Single author papers on the conference theme /sub themes are invited from young scholars (below 30 years of age) for Dr. Chandrasekharan award. Authors of the papers selected by the Screening Committee would be invited for presentation during the Annual Conference. The eligible members are requested to send the abstract by May 20, 2018 (through email as word document along with age proof) and full paper by June 15, 2018 to the IASP Secretariat (iasp.india@gmail.com). The author of the selected paper would be intimated by July 10, 2018. The first and the second best papers will be presented Dr. Chandrasekharan Award during the annual conference. The young scholars whose papers are selected will be reimbursed up to maximum AC-3 Tier train fare for their travel if requested in advance. Please note that the paper should not be of joint authorship. The abstract as well as full paper should be sent through e mail and no on line submission for this category please.

PROF KB PATHAK AWARD

The annual award in memory of Prof K B Pathak would be presented in the annual conference of IASP to the author of the best paper in the field of Population and Health with significant contribution in terms of methodological innovation. The papers must have been published in any refereed journal on Population/Demography and Health in the past two years. The author applying for the award must be below 40 years of age. The papers along with age proof must be sent to the IASP Secretariat (Sigma Research and Consulting, C23, South Extension I, New Delhi - 110 049) before June 15, 2018.

PROF S N SINGH AWARD

This award in memory of Prof S N Singh would be presented to the authors of the best poster presented in the annual conference of IASP. Selection would be made by a committee.

PROF K SRINIVASAN AWARD

Best technical and substantive papers published in Demography India would be selected by the committee and the award would be presented at the annual conference.

14 MAILING LIST

The Updated version of the IASP members mailing list is posted on the IASP website. The members are requested to check their mailing address and communicate to the Secretariat (iasp.india@gmail.com) about any changes that need to be made. The members are also requested to send all the communication to iasp.india@gmail.com

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