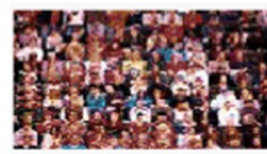




INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF POPULATION



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1 Joint meeting of EC and BOT held at IEG, 6th December, 2016

The joint meeting of Meeting of BOT and EC members was held at IEG, Delhi on Dec 6, 2016. The meeting approved the minutes of the EC meeting held at IIPS, Mumbai on July 4, 2016 and approved the General Secretary's report for 2014-15 and 2015-16.

The members decided to that the next election would use e- voting method instead of postal ballot after sending the information to all the members.

The members discussed about Demography India and approved the new Editorial Board and Advisory Board.

The members approved the Balance Sheet for 2014-14 and 2015-16

The members suggested that all the life and annual members should give official as well as residential (communication) address including e mail id along with land line and mobile phone No. All the annual members are requested to renew their membership, immediately after completing one year, within one month and in case of non renewal, membership would expire.

Dr Suresh Sharma was elected as Secretary of the BOT and Dr. A. G. Khan was elected as Treasurer of BOT

Prof: Aravind Pandey was nominated as Life Time Trustee of the BOT in place of Late Prof: Ashish Bose.

2 General Body Meeting held on 7th December, 2016, at IEG, Delhi

The members expressed condolence and observed silence as a mark of respect for the members of IASP who passed away recently, viz., Prof.Michale Vlassoff, Prof.Kumudini Dandekar and Dr. T. Sathyanarayana.

The GB confirmed the minutes of last General Body meeting held at University of Kerala, Trivandrum on November 8, 2014.

The General Secretary's report, highlighting the activities carried out by IASP during 2014-16, was presented to the GB by Dr. P Mohanachandran Nair. As the GB meeting was not held in 2015, the report for 2014-15 and 2015-16 were presented. The same was accepted by the GB.

The decision of BOT and EC that Prof. Arvind Pandey be nominated as the third lifetime trustee of BOT of IASP in addition to Prof K Srinivasan and Sri AR Nanda was placed before the GB by the President for approval and ratification and the same was approved and ratified by the GB. Prof Arvind Pandey thanked the BOT, EC and GB for the opportunity given to him to serve IASP as life time trustee of BOT.

In response to the discussion about life membership of IASP, the President clarified that the EC meeting held at IIPS, Mumbai discussed and decided that one should have five years of experience in population related fields to become life member.

The President informed the GB that the electoral reforms committee recommendations were discussed in the EC and GB meetings held at Pune and Trivandrum and resolved to stipulate that an EC member can contest only for two consecutive terms. If he/she wants to contest again, he/she has to take a break of one term. The earlier EC and GB meetings also resolved to move to e voting for electing the EC and BOT members instead of postal ballot. The decision to move to e voting was communicated to the members through news letter sent on 3rd August 2016. The BOT and EC meeting held at IEG on 6th December 2016 also confirmed this and resolved to place it in the GB meeting on 7th December 2016. The GB meeting resolved to change the postal ballot system to electronic voting system for IASP elections to be held in 2018.

List of voters of IASP is posted on the IASP website along with their email ID and mobile number and the members who want corrections/changes are requested to intimate the IASP about the changes/corrections needed. Prof. Arvind Pandey suggested that only one email ID should be used by each voter for the web login.

Dr Suresh Sharma, treasurer placed the balance sheets for 2014-15 and 2015-16 for the approval of the GB and the same was accepted by the GB.

The GB discussed about institutional membership and decided to keep the institutional membership fee as Rs 5,000 for one year and renewal of the membership every year. The GB discussed about introducing Population studies at under graduate level so as to attract the students and decided that IASP should initiate steps to make UGC aware of the importance of the discipline so that action is taken in this regard.

The GB also felt that IASP should take initiatives to mobilise funds for capacity building of the members through workshops.

The GB discussed about the issues relating to PRCs and the President explained that a committee was set up to draft a memorandum to be submitted to the ministry of health and family welfare.

The President informed the members that the paper selection committee felt that the quality of abstracts needs to be improved and suggested that measures should be taken to improve the quality of papers. He also mentioned that to get confirmation regarding attending the conference, spot registration is discouraged and registration is considered as a pre requisite for including the paper in the conference programme and provision of accommodation. The members were requested to cooperate and adhere to the same.

The president also mentioned about the constraints in terms of short duration of time available for organising the conference this year and the delay in getting confirmation about funding. In view of these constraints, AC 3rd train fare could not be given to some of the paper presenters.

The GB thanked UNFPA, USAID, HFG, ICSSR, ICMR, and HelpAge India for their generous financial support to IASP for hosting the 37th annual conference.

3 XXXVII Annual Conference held at IEG, Delhi, Dec 7-9, 2016

The XXXVII Annual Conference of Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP) was held at Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), Delhi during Dec 7-9, 2016. About 150 participants representing ABT Associates, AIIMS, Amity University, Annamalai University, Banaras Hindu University, Delhi University, Gulbarga University, HelpAge India, HFG, ICRW, ICMR, ICSSR, IDS Kolkata, IEG, IIPS, ISEC, Indian Statistical Institute, JNU, Kerala University, Manipur University, MoHFW, NIHFW, NIMS, NIT, Plan International, Population Council, Population Research Centres, Rajshahi University-Bangladesh, Registrar General of India, Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Save the children, Sigma Research, Sight Savers, SV University, TERI, TISS,, UNFPA, UNICEF, USAID, WISH Foundation, et al attended the conference.

The welcome address was given by Dr. Manoj Panda, Director, IEG. Dr. Ulimiri V Somayajulu, President, IASP, highlighted the genesis of IASP and provided the future vision for strengthening the IASP in his Presidential address. He also touched upon on the MDGs, SDGs, and linkages with population dynamics and critical role of demographers in planning strategies for achieving the SDGs.

The key note address was given by Mr. Diego Roberto Palacios, Representative, UNFPA.



He mentioned that some of the Indian states have shown improvements in the demographic, social and economic indicators. However, there is need to do lot more by some of the states that are yet to catch with change in the demographic, social and economic well-being of the country as whole. IASP felicitated Senior Demographers - Shri N. Rama Rao, Prof. P.S.Nair, Prof. C.P.Prakasam and Shri R.P.Tyagi for their immense contribution in the field of population.

Prof K Srinivasan award for best descriptive paper published in Demography India (Journal of IASP) was given to Sonali Chakraborty and Molly Chattopadhyay for the paper entitled "Occupational segregation and gender wage gap". Prof. K. Srinivasan Award for the best technical paper published in Demography India was given for the paper on "Fertility reduction in India: application of Bongaats PDF model" by Rajesh J. Nair and P.Mohanchandran Nair. The paper on "Self-Reported Morbidity and Burden of Disease in Uttar Pradesh, India: Evidence from A National Sample Survey and The Million Deaths Study" by Ajitkumar Yadav, Jitendra Gouda and F.Ram, published in the Journal of Bio Social Science was adjudged as best research paper for the Prof. K. B. Pathak Award.



On line edition of Demography India, was launched by Mr Diego. He also released the conference souvenir and a book edited by Suresh Sharma and others.

Dr Suresh Sharma, Treasurer, IASP proposed vote of thanks and thanked UNFPA, USAID, HFG, ICSSR, ICMR and HelpAge India for their generous financial support to IASP for hosting this conference.







Dr George Simons Memorial Oration

Dr George Simmons Memorial Oration was delivered by Dr. Ravi K Verma, on "Should Gender Equality be an Overarching Frame work for Family Planning from rhetoric to reality'. Dr. U.V. Somayajulu chaired the session. Prof. Arvind Pandey gave brief profile of Prof. George Simons.

The conference had a plenary session, Invited talk and panel discussion. The plenary session was held on 8th December 2016 on "Census and SRS Data". The session was chaired by Dr S Niranjana with three presentations. Dr. Sanjay Kumar spoke on the rich data available from census that can be used by the Demographers. Prof. P.S.Nair compared the estimates of NFHS and SRS and also explained about SRS data, and the dual recording system. He compared the estimates of CBR, GFR, TFR and Infant mortality from NFHS and SRS and concluded that the NFHS and SRS estimates do not differ much.

Mr Rameswar Rao Ojha, Addl RG of India spoke about census 2011, house listing, and population enumeration. His presentation of the census data analysis indicated improvement in main source of drinking water. He also spoke about the SRS data.

The Invited talk on Demographic Dividend in Arab countries was given by Prof. P.C.Saxena. The session was chaired by Prof. S.C. Gulati. The talk focused on the concept of window of demographic dividend in the context of immigration and emigration. Other studies had focused only on fertility and mortality variables.

The panel discussion on HMIS and its Utility was held on 9th Dec. The panellists included Dr. Alia Kauser of HFG, Dr. Vishnu Kant Srivastava, Chief Director Statistics, MoHFW, Govt of India, Ms. Neeta Rao USAID and Dr. A. Jayachandran with Dr Lysander of HFG being the moderator. The panellists highlighted the utility of HMIS data for meaningful analysis and research. They also suggested that HMIS data can be used for validating the findings or explaining the trends from large scale surveys such as NFHS. The findings of HMIS quality assessment study carried out and specific case studies where use of HMIS data can add value.

Oral and Poster Presentations

There were 22 technical sessions with 86 paper presentations. In the two poster sessions, 95 posters were presented. Two posters viz., "Investigating major determinants of out of pocket expenditure among rural elderly in India", by Rinshnu Dwivedi, Jalandhar Pradhan and Pallavi Banorjee" Influence of Mothers nutritional knowledge and Well-being on nutritional status of children", by Garima Dutta were selected as the best posters for Prof S N Singh award.

Manisha Bothra, ("India and Roadmap towards Sustainable development Goals)and Varsha Nagargoje("Measuring Perception of Women towards Participation in Employment in Slum Dwellings of Mumbai City") were awarded Prof Chandrasekharan award.

Valedictory session

The valedictory session of the conference was held on 9th December, 2016 with the valedictory address by Mr Mathew Cherian, CEO HelpAge India. He felt that IASP should take up research on elderly and their issues to help policy and programme formulation. Dr. U.V. Somayajulu, President IASP chaired the session and sought suggestions from the participants for improving the quality of papers presented at the conferences. He also mentioned about the plans to have regional and state level events of IASP and urged the members to actively participate and support IASP in the coming days. Dr. P.Mohanachandran Nair, General Secretary IASP thanked IEG, UNFPA, USAID, HFG, MOHFW, ICSSR, ICMR, and HelpAge India for all the support. He also thanked all the chair and co chair persons, plenary speakers, panellists, invited speakers, paper/poster presenters, rapporteurs, Dr. Manoj Alagarajan for his rapporteur general report, EC and BOT members, volunteers, paper selection committee members, Prof Pathak award selection committee members, Prof K Srinivasan award selection committee members, and members of IASP for their support in conducting the conference. Dr. Suresh Sharma, the local organising secretary proposed vote of thanks in general and particularly to the main sponsors and the local organizing committee members.

4 Demography India

The issue Vol 43 was sent to the members in 2016. Work on Vol 44 which would be online edition, is in progress. Communication about the procedure to access the journal would be sent later. Members are requested to send papers of good quality to the Chief Editor through e mail.

Mailing list : updated mailing list is posted on the IASP website. Members are requested to check their mailing address, e mail id and mobile No and communicate to IASP secretariat of any changes that are needed.

5 UPCOMING EVENTS

Regional Conference of IASP

TOPIC : "Population and Development in Eastern and NE regions of India"

Venue: Kolkata

Date: April 27-28, 2017

The two days Regional Conference of IASP for the Eastern and NE region of the country is planned to focus on the population and development issues in this region by providing common platform to the Demographers and development agencies/practitioners of this region. The conference would discuss the present socio-demographic situation in the region and policy and programme implications. The development agencies working in the region would be invited so that they interact with the Demographers of the region.

Proposed sub Themes

1. Inter linkages between Population and Development
2. Population Policies and Programmes
3. Development programmes and achievements
4. Population and Environment linkages including climate change
5. Youth Development including education and skill development
6. Fertility, Mortality and Migration Trends and Determinants
7. Health Transition, Policies and Programmes

The last date for submission of short abstract of 300 words and extended abstract of 2 pages through e mail is March 20, 2017.

The abstracts should be sent to iasp.india@gmail.com

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38th Conference of IASP

THEME : "Population and Health : Policies and Programmes"

Venue: Andhra University, Visakhapatnam

Date: Nov 27-29, 2017

We are preparing the conference announcement and the same would be sent to all the members besides posting on the IASP website.

We will keep you updated about the related developments. We need your support in this regard including funds mobilisation.

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