

**Minutes of the General Body meeting of the Academy of Sciences, Chennai**

*held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 3.30 pm. in the Prof. V.Devanathan Seminar Hall,  
Dept. of Nuclear Physics, University of Madras, Guindy Campus, Chennai-25*

Prof. P. Maruthamuthu, President of the Academy presided over the meeting. Prof. J. Kumar, Vice President, welcomed the Fellows of the academy. Prof. A. Stephen, Secretary read the minutes of the last GB (06.10.2018) and the annual reports. The Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2019-2020 was presented by Prof. G. Anbalagan, Treasurer of the Academy. The Executive council meeting reports were presented by Dr. N.Vasudevan, Joint-Secretary. A total of 22 members attended the Annual General Body meeting and the name with signatures of the members is enclosed herewith.

1. The Minutes of the last General Body (GB) meeting held on 06-10-2018 and the annual report (2019-20) were placed by the Secretary and were duly approved by the members.
2. Report of the Executive Council (EC) was placed in the meeting.
  - (a) The Annual Report for the year 2019-20 was adopted by the General Body and the same is given in Annexure I.
3. Donation and Endowment Fund: Following Endowment funds have been created in the Academy:
  - i. Dr. M.Anandkrishnan Endowment Fund (Rs.3 Lakhs)
  - ii. Dr.V.Devanathan Endowment Fund (Rs.3 Lakhs) and
  - iii. Dr. M.Santhappa Endowment Fund (Rs.4 Lakhs)

All the donations to create the above Endowment funds are exempted from income tax under the section 80G for the donor.
4. Reports of Executive Council: The reports of the EC was presented by Prof. N.Vasudevan, Joint Secretary. Following major resolutions were adopted by the GB.
  - i. An Endowment fund was created in the name of Dr.M.Anandkrishnan and the interest generated from that is to be utilized for excellence in the discipline of Engineering and Technology for Young Scientist Award every year.
  - ii. Physics and Chemistry Olympiads were held on 16.2.2019 and Dr.G.Anbalagan was the Director of the programme.

- iii. Six candidates were selected for Young scientist Award as listed below and the Awards were presented on 15.3.2019.
1. Mathematical Sciences (Saraswathy Srinivasan Prize)  
Dr. Santanu Sarkar, Dept. of Mathematics, IIT M, Chennai
  2. Physical Sciences (Saraswathy Srinivasan Prize)  
Dr. R. Sivakumar, Dept. of Physics, Alagappa University, Karaikudi  
Dr. M. Arivanandhan, Centre for Nanoscience and Technology, Anna University
  3. Chemical Sciences (Saraswathy Srinivasan Prize)  
Dr. Srinivasan Sampath, Dept. of Material Science, Central University of Tamilnadu
  4. Biological Sciences (Saraswathy Srinivasan Prize)  
Dr. M. S. Kiran, Biological Materials Laboratory, CLRI, Chennai.
  5. Engineering and Technology (Dr. M. Anandkrishnan Prize)  
Dr. S. Mathava Kumar, Dept. Civil Engineering, IITM, Chennai
- iv. Summer Training Programme in four subjects – Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics were sponsored by Science city and they were conducted in Madras and Anna Universities during the period May 28 to June 17, 2019. Dr. C. Venkateswaran, Dr.N.Yogesh, Dr.T.N. Sridhar, Dr.L.Jones T. Doss and Dr. N. Matheivanan were the Directors of the Programmes and Dr.N.Vasudevan coordinated the activity.
5. The Budget estimate for the year 2019-20 was presented by Dr. Anbalagan and the same was adopted by the GB.
  6. Newly Elected Fellows: Dr. Mathivanan presented a list of 35 scientists as new fellows of the Academy which is given in Annexure 2 which has been approved by the E.C for election as New Fellows. The same was adopted by the G.B.
  7. As regards to the admission of Young Scientist Awardees as Fellows of the Academy, it is resolved that candidate be admitted only as Fellows, following the usual procedure of nomination as per the Bye laws of the Academy.
  8. As per the bye-laws of the Academy, the tenure of the E.C. Member is fixed as three years and one is eligible for re-election as E.C. member after a lapse of one year. Dr.V. Subramanian and Dr.K. Sethupathi will be completing three years as E.C. member by the end of 2019 and so the E.C. is authorized to fill the vacancies. However, Dr.V. Subramanian and Dr.K. Sethupathi will be invited as special invitees to E.C. The other office bearers will continue for the year 2020, as per the bye-laws of the Academy.
  9. The GB approved the decision to start a E. Journal of the Academy. To start with, Review articles in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics will be published. Dr. R. Jayavel and Dr. C. Venkatesan will initiate steps to register and get the ISSN number for the E.Journal.

10. GB approved the creation of an Advisory Council to oversee the activities of the Academy and Dr. M. Anandakrishnan will be the Chairman of the Council. The Advisory Council will consist of senior Fellows of the Academy and also some of the ex-officio honorary Fellows of the institutional members of the Academy.
11. The Principal, Kandasamy Naidu College, Chennai suggested that the PG Colleges can become the members of the Academy. Teachers from the Colleges may also become Fellow of the Academy.
12. The GB congratulated the Anna University and Indian Institute of Technology Madras for being awarded the status of Institute of Eminence by MHRD, Govt. of India.
13. The members suggested to extend the Academy of Sciences Web Link to PG Colleges to access the website
14. Prof. Jayavel presented the photograph of 6 generations of Ph.D. scholars starting with Prof. V. Devanathan PhD. Supervisor for the 1<sup>st</sup> generation.
15. It is also approved that the Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics Olympiad may be conducted by the Fellows of the Academy in their Colleges and the question paper may be set by the Academy for conduct of Olympiad in their respective colleges.

The Meeting concluded with the vote of thanks by the Secretary.