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Minutes of the General Body meeting of SRBCE held on 29th December 2021

The General Body (GB) meeting of SRBCE was held at 18.00 hours on 29th December 2021. The meeting was held at the University of Mysore, Manasagangotri, Mysuru. In the absence of the President, the Vice President Dr. Suresh Yenugu presided over the meeting. A total of 127 members participated in the meeting.

The Vice President of the Society Dr. Suresh Yenugu welcomed the members. The following items in the agenda were discussed and approved by the General Body, unanimously.

1. The Secretary reported the demise of our past President Late Professor Kaliwal and another life member of SRBCE Prof. H. B. Devaraj Sarkar. All members observed a minute of silence to pay homage to Late Professor Kaliwal, and Prof. H.B. Devaraj Sarkar. The GB resolved to record its deep condolence to the bereaved family members of Late Professor Kaliwal and Prof Devaraj Sarkar.
2. Prof. Laxmi Inamdar, former colleague of Late Professor Kaliwal and Professor in Zoology, Karnatak University, Dharwad paid tributes to Prof. Kaliwal, recollecting his involvement in the creation of the Departments of Biotechnology and Microbiology at his Alma mater and in the development of Davanagere University, Karnataka. The members recollected the significant role played by Late Professor B. Kaliwal for the growth of SRBCE and readily hosting two of its annual meetings and conferences, in a successful manner. Dr. T. Shivanandappa, past President SRBCE and a research student of late Prof. H. B. Devaraj Sarkar paid rich tribute to his mentor by recollecting his contribution to the field of comparative endocrinology in India. He appreciated the exemplary human nature of late Prof. H.B. Devaraj Sarkar and his efforts in establishing reptilian and amphibian endocrinology research at the University of Mysore.
3. As the post of President fell vacant due to the unexpected demise of President B. Kaliwal on 9th December 2021, the Secretary Prof. M. Michael Aruldhas moved that the resolution of the Executive Committee (EC) of SRBCE, which met on 28th December 2021 “as per the Bye Law of 14, rule 6 (n) of the Society, Prof. A.V. Ramachandran Senior most Past President of SRBCE, and Professor Emeritus & Mentor School of Sciences, Navrachana University, Vadodara be the

interim President of SRBCE, until the election of new office bearers is held” be approved. Dr. T. Shivanandappa proposed, Prof. N. Srinivasan seconded, and the resolution was unanimously accepted and adopted by the GB.

4. Immediately after the approval of the GB, Prof. A.V. Ramachandran thanked the G.B. for selecting him as the President of the Society unanimously and took over the charge from Vice President Dr. Suresh Yenugu, assumed charge as the President of the SRBCE and presided over the GB meeting.
5. The Secretary, Prof. M. Michael Aruldas presented the **Annual report for the year 2020-21**, which was proposed by Dr. S. Malini, seconded by Dr. R. Devkar, and was adopted.
6. The **Audited report and the Annual statement of accounts of the Society for the year 2020-2021** were presented by the Treasurer, Dr B Ravi Sankar online; the same was proposed by Prof N. Srinivasan, seconded by Dr. T. Shivanandappa, and adopted.
7. The Secretary reported the resolution passed by the E.C. to **appoint M/S Rajarathinam and Associates, Chartered Accountants**, T. Nagar, Chennai-17 as Auditors of SRBCE for the year 2020-2021. Dr. Ilangovan Ramachandran proposed, Dr. Rajesh Kumar Jha seconded, and the motion was adopted.
8. The GB ratified the following decisions of the EC meeting held on **25th February 2021, online**.
 1. Resolved to modify the title of ‘Fellowship on Reproduction and Endocrinology (FRE) as, **‘Fellow of the Society for Reproductive Biology and Comparative Endocrinology’** with the abbreviated form to continue as FRE.
 2. Resolved to ratify the decision of the EC to **accept the resignation Prof. Vikas Vasu from the post of Joint Secretary, and to nominate Dr .R. Devkar, Executive Committee member as Joint Secretary of SRBCE** with effect from 25th February 2021 as per the Bye Law of 14, rule 6(n) of the Society.
 3. Resolved to ratify the decision of the EC that in future **it will be mandatory for nominees of all Gold Medal Orations, FRE and MRE to have published at least one full length paper in JER during the preceding five years of their nomination.**

9 The Secretary presented the minutes of the EC meeting held on 25.11.2021 and the following resolutions of the EC were discussed and approved unanimously:

- 1) Resolved to ratify the decision of the EC to confer **Prof. P. Govindarajulu Gold Medal Oration 2020 on Dr. Malini Laloraya**, Scientist G, Division of Molecular Reproduction, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Thiruvananthapuram - 695 014. Dr. Malini Laloraya was conferred the Gold Medal Oration on the inaugural day (28th December 2021) of SRBCE 2021 and she delivered the oration thereafter.
 - 2) Resolved to ratify the decision of the EC to confer **Prof. B. Kaliwal Gold Medal Oration 2020 on Prof. Chandana Haldar**, UGC-BSR Faculty Fellow Former Head, Department of Zoology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi – 221005. Prof. Chandana Haldar was conferred the Gold Medal Oration on the second day (29th December 2021) of SRBCE 2021 and she delivered the oration thereafter, online.
 - 3) Resolved to ratify the decision of the EC to confer **Prof. M.A. Akbarsha & Prof. M. Michael Aruldas Gold Medal Oration 2020 on Dr. Arnab Banerjee**, Assistant Professor in Biological Sciences, BITS Pilani K.K. Birla Goa Campus, NH 17B, Zuarinagar, Goa- 403726. Dr. Arnab Banerjee was conferred the Gold Medal Oration on the second day (29th December 2021) of SRBCE 2021, and he delivered the oration thereafter, online.
 - 4) Resolved to ratify the decision of the EC to confer **“Fellow the Society for Reproductive Biology and Comparative and Endocrinology (FRE)”** on (i) Prof. Ashutosh Halder M.B.B.S.,M.D., DNB, DM Professor and Head, Department of Reproductive Biology All India Institute of Medical Sciences New Delhi 110029 (LM473- 2018) (ii) Dr. Kuladip Jana Principal Scientist, Division of Molecular Medicine, Bose Institute, P1/12, CIT Scheme VIIM, Kolkata-700054 (LM387-2012).
 - 5) Resolved to ratify the decision of the EC to confer **“Membership in Reproduction and Endocrinology (MRE)”** on (i): Indrashis Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor in Zoology, HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar, Pauri-Garhwal-246174, Uttarakhand (LM447- 2016).
 - 6) Resolved to ratify the decision of the EC to defer the election to Office bearers of the Society, as the present officers could not execute their plans fully due to the prevailing pandemic situation.
10. After the ceremonial procession, following Covid-19 safety protocol, the Secretary presented the candidates for the conferment of FRE and MRE. The **President conferred FRE on Prof. Ashutosh Halder** and presented him the plaque and Certificate. Since Dr. Kuladip Jana and

Dr. Indrashis Bhattacharya could not attend the meeting, they were conferred FRE and MRE, respectively, *in absentia* by the President.

11. The Secretary presented the minutes of the EC meeting held on 28.12.2021 and the following resolutions of the EC were discussed and approved unanimously:

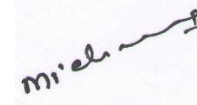
- 1) Resolved to ratify the decision of the EC to confer **Prof. B. Kaliwal Gold Medal Oration 2021 on Prof. Laxmi Inamdar** during the next annual Meeting of SRBCE 2022, where she will also deliver her Oration.
- 2) The GB recorded with appreciation the receipt of Rs.1.0 lakh (rupee one lakh only) each from the past Presidents, Prof. Chandana Halder (BHU, Varanasi) and Prof. Saumen Kumar Maitra (Visva Bharati, Santiniketan), respectively. Resolved to approve the decision of the EC to deposit the money in two separate fixed deposits in a nationalized bank, and to use 80% of the interest accrued to award prizes in the name of the donors, while 20% of the interest will be added to the principal amount. It was also resolved to institute **“Prof. Chandana Halder best paper award for young Scientist”** and **“Prof. Saumen Kumar Maitra best paper award for young Scientist”**. The two best paper awards will be given to Life members of the Society, who is a faculty member or Scientist working in India up to the age of 50 years, when they submit the nomination. The award will be for an original research paper published by them in leading peer reviewed, indexed Journals in the field of Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology, out of the research work carried out by them in India during the preceding three years of their nomination. The nominee should provide a written consent of the coauthors to consider the award in his/her name. Papers published in predatory journals, which publishes articles only based on payment shall not be entertained. Detailed guidelines to be approved by the EC will be posted on the website of SRBCE.
- 3) The GB ratified the decision of the EC that the awardees of Gold Medal Orations, FRE and MRE should henceforth be present physically at the annual meeting of SRBCE, but for an unexpected or unavoidable genuine reason.
- 4) The GB ratified the decision of the EC to authorize Secretary and the Treasurer to open and operate a new bank account in a Nationalised bank of their choice, and to close the account in the Indian Overseas Bank, Thiruvanniyur, Chennai, to overcome the practical difficulties and hassles in operating bank transactions. It was also resolved to reinvest all Fixed Deposits of SRBCE available in the Indian Overseas Bank, Thiruvanniyur, Chennai, which were unilaterally transferred to the savings bank account of the Society by the bank without consulting the office of SRBCE.

Appropriate new Fixed Deposits may be opened, after the existing F. D. money being transferred to the new Savings Bank account of the Society to be opened in the new bank, in consultation with the auditor of the Society.

- 5) The GB ratified the decision of the EC that the Journal of Endocrinology and Reproduction (JER) be published as an open access journal online from July 2022 onwards. It was also resolved that to overcome the cost of production, the authors may be charged Rs.5000/- and Rs3000/-, respectively for non- members and Life members of SRBCE, respectively towards PDF charges. The EC also resolved to handover the job of printing of hard copies of the journal to the publishers. The profit will be shared at 60:40 and 40:60 between the Society and publishers for online and offline publications, respectively.
- 6) The GB ratified the decision of the EC that in future, in the inaugural function of the Annual conferences, the President and Secretary of SRBCE should be given appropriate time to speak on behalf of the Society.
12. The GB noted the report of the Treasurer that the Society has purchased a new laptop - Dell Inspiron 1454102-in-1 with active pen and two years extended warranty at a cost of Rs. 96,737/- (rupee ninety six thousand seven hundred and thirty seven only), as approved by the EC earlier. The fund for the purchase of the laptop was drawn from the donation of Rs.1.0 lakh (rupee one lakh only) from Prof. Chandana Haldar to the Society 'for any purpose deemed to be essential for SRBCE'.
13. The GB welcomed and unanimously accepted the proposal of Dr. G. Umamathy, Senior Scientist, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad to organize the 39th annual meeting of the Society, SRBCE -2022 at CCMB, Hyderabad, jointly with Dr. Suresh Yenugu, School of Life Sciences, University of Hyderabad during August September 2022.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by the President.

Sincerely



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29.12.2021

