

SOCIETY FOR REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY AND COMPARATIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY (Regd.)

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<u>Annual Report 2009 – 2010</u>

Dear Members of the SRBCE,

Greetings. It is my pleasure to present the 29th Annual Report of SRBCE for your approval. As on 31st March 2010 the SRBCE has 330 Life members and 400 annual members.

We had our 28th annual meeting of SRBCE in 2010 was held along with the "International symposium on Endocrinology and reproduction: molecular mechanisms to molecular medicine" at New Delhi-110067 under the able and efficient leadership of Dr. Rakesh K. Tyagi, Associate Professor, Special Centre for molecular medicine. The three-day meeting during February 4-6, 2010 was a scientific feast and social gathering for the SRBCEans. The international conference was inaugurated by Prof. B.B. Bhattacharya, Vice Chancellor, JNU and Prof. Deoki Nandan, Director National Institute of Health and Family welfare, New Delhi delivered the keynote address. The scientific sessions were flagged off by Prof. G.P. Talwar, with his plenary lecture on "Immunological approaches to prostate cancers".

It was a wonderful gathering with very good participation of young and senior Scientists from different parts of India and many other countries as well. Altogether, there were 265 participants, and the scientific deliberations included seven plenary Lectures, 17 invited lectures, 8 oral presentations, 11 young-scientists presentations and 101 poster presentations. The participants were entertained by a treat of cultural events, rich food and a local sightseeing trip. The Society places on record its deep appreciation for the services rendered by Dr.Rakesh K. Tyagi FRE, organizing Secretary and the Co-organizer Prof.T.G.Srivastav, Department of Reproductive Biomedicine, National Institute of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi-110067 and their team of faculty members, students and well wishers in organizing SRBCE 2010 – a most successful and memorable one.

The meeting of Executive committee was held at 5.30 pm on 4th February 2010 at the venue and the resolutions adopted in the meeting were presented to the general body meeting of SRBCE held at 17.00 hrs on 5th February 2010 for discussion, ratification and adoption. The president of SRBCE, Prof. Saumen Kumar Maitra, Visva Bharati, Santininketan, the Secretary Prof. M. Michael Aruldhas and the treasurer Dr. J. Arunakaran were on the dais. Prof. S.K. Maitra, President welcomed the members.

The Secretary, Prof. M.Michael Aruldhas presented the annual report for the year 2008 – 2009.Following thorough discussion on the report, Prof. A.V. Ramachandran proposed, Prof. Oommen V Oommen seconded and was adopted.

The treasurer, Dr. J. Arunakaran presented the audited statement of accounts for the year 2008 – 2009, which was thoroughly discussed by the members and Prof. Chandana Haldar proposed and Dr. T. Shivanandappa seconded the proposal for adoption.

The Executive committee and the General Body placed on record with appreciation, the wonderful arrangements made by Prof. R.K. Tyagi the Organizing Secretary of SRBCE 2010 along with Prof. Dr. T.G.Shrivastav & Prof. M. Misro of NIHFW and Dr. Subeer Majumdar of National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi and their team of students.

The General Body approved unanimously the decision of the Executive Committee to hold SRBCE 2011 during February 2011 at the University of Mysore , where Prof. Sivabasavaih , Department of Zoology would act as the Organizing Secretary and Dr. T. Shivanandappa, Director Grade Scientist, CFTRI, Mysore as the Joint Organizing Secretary.

The General Body also unanimously approved the decision of the Executive Committee for holding SRBCE 2012 at the Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur with Dr. Maheep Bhatnagar, Professor, Department of Zoology, in the capacity of Organizing Secretary. It was also resolved that the organizers of the annual symposium shall decide the exact date and theme of the symposium.

It was also resolved that the registration fee will be decided by the organizers but there should be difference in the registration fee between members and non-members of SRBCE. Non-member students have to pay Rs 300/- more than the student members of SRBCE. The non-member faculty members/ Scientists will have to pay Rs 500/- more than the members of SRBCE.

It was resolved that the number of oral presentations by young scientists be increased in future SRBCE Symposia by restricting the number of invited /plenary lectures, so as to encourage young scholars/ students .It was also resolved to that competitive sessions be held for oral and poster presentations. The abstract submitted for the same shall be screened by the organizing committee. The authors of qualified papers will be informed accordingly. The remaining papers for oral or poster presentations will be included in the general category. The competitive sessions shall be restricted to students who are pursuing their Ph.D/P.G. programmes. Teachers who are working for Ph.D or students who have already been awarded Ph.D. degree will be considered only for general category of presentation.

The General Body unanimously approved the decision of the Executive Committee to record its reservation about the letter received from the organizers of SRBCE 2009 at Hyderabad to waive the 10% of the registration fee to be given to SRBCE due to want of fund, while resolving to waive the conference fee share to be paid as a special case.

The General Body also unanimously approved the decision of the Executive Committee to amend the guidelines for the award of MRE and FRE to Life members, who are active. The nominees of FRE / MRE, who have been participating in SRBCE

meetings regularly, shall submit a write up of about 250 words about their achievement in the selected area of his/ her research with copies of 5 and 10 of their best publications, respectively in peer reviewed journals with citation index, impact factors and H. A committee of past and present presidents and secretaries constituted by EC will shortlist the candidates every year. The candidates should be nominated by the fellows of the Society. The number of awardees of FRE will be restricted to the maximum of two every year and the remaining applicants, if any, shall be considered for the next year. The nominees should update their bio-data for consideration for ensuing year. The enrollment fee will be Rs.3000/- and 1500/-for FRE and MRE, respectively.

The General Body unanimously approved the decision of the Executive Committee to confer "FRE" 2010 on Dr. Thameem Dheen, Department of Anatomy, National Institute of Singapore and was conferred on him during the same meeting of the General Body on 05.02.2010. It was also resolved to refer the six nominations received during this year for next year. The decision will be informed to the candidates subsequently.

The General Body unanimously approved the decision of the Executive Committee to confer Professor Pera Govindarajulu Gold Medal oration 2010 on Prof. Rakesh K. Tyagi, Jawaharlal Nehru University. The Gold medal will be presented to him and he shall deliver the oration during SRBCE 2011 at University of Mysore. It was also resolved to confer the Professor Pera Govindarajulu Gold Medal oration 2011 on Dr. Subeer Majumdar and will be delivering the oration during SRBCE 2012 to be held at Udaipur in 2012.

The General Body unanimously approved the decision of the Executive Committee and to entrust Prof. Oommen V. Oommen, Dr. Francis Sunny, and Dr. Subash Peter to discharge the responsibility of getting the Journal of Endocrinology and Reproduction (JER) indexed in Pub med. The General Body also resolved to update the membership list in the website with the request to the members to send their updated information.

The General Body unanimously approved the decision of the Executive Committee to appoint M/S Rajarathinam, Chartered Accountant, Chennai-17 as auditors of SRBCE for the current year who will hold the office until the convening of next general body meeting. The resolution was proposed by Prof. S.K. Maitra, seconded by Prof. Oommen V. Oommen and adopted.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by the Secretary.

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