

Minutes of the General Body Meeting of the ISHMT held on 29th December 2013 at IIT Kharagpur

The General Body Meeting of the ISHMT was held at Gargi Seminar Hall of IIT Kharagpur on 29th Dec 2013 at 6:30 pm. More than 70 members were present during the start of the meeting.

Dr. R.B. Grover, President ISHMT welcomed the general body. Before beginning the proceedings, an important agenda item about continuation of auditors of the society for the next two years was added to the agenda.

The items discussed and resolutions passed are presented below:

1. The Minutes of the GBM of the society held at IIT Madras on 29th Dec 2011 were confirmed unanimously.
2. Prof. C. Balaji presented the Secretary's report. Prof.M.V. Krishnamurthy proposed that the report is accepted and this motion was seconded by Prof. B.V.S.S.S. Prasad. The General Body then accepted the report.
3. Prof. C. Balaji presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Prof. K. Srinivasan and highlighted the key points in the financial statement. Prof.Sujoy Saha proposed that the report be accepted and Prof. Ramesh Narayanswamy seconded it. The General Body accepted the Treasurer's report.
4. The venue for next ISHMT-ASME Heat and Mass Transfer Conference was discussed. Dr. Sunil Kumar, Scientist G, LPSC, ISRO, Trivandrum presented his proposal for conducting the conference at LPSC, ISRO Trivandrum. The General Body unanimously agreed to the proposal. Accordingly, the next conference will be held at LPSC, Valiamala, Trivandrum in December 2015. Dr. Sunil Kumar will announce the exact dates after discussions with the administration at LPSC, Valiamala.
5. The Present Executive Council (EC) has completed four years of office. Dr. Grover, President announced that a nominating committee consisting of the following member was constituted.

Mr.S.K. Mehta, Chairman
Prof.S.P. Sukhatme, Member
Prof.M.V.Krishnamurthy, Member
Prof.S.P. Venkateshan, Member
Prof.Souvik Bhattacharya, Member

After an elaborate consultation exercise, the nominations committee gave a recommendation that was announced by the President. The composition of the new Executive Council is as follows,

Executive Council, 2013-2015:

- President - Prof. Gautam Biswas, IIT Kanpur (Presently Director, IIT Guwahati).
- Vice President - Prof. Kannan Iyer, IIT Bombay.
Dr.Ranganayakulu, ADA, Bangalore.
Dr.Nayak, BARC, Bombay
Shri. Selvaraj, IGCAR, Kalpakkam.
- Secretary - Prof.M.P.Maiya, IIT Madras.
- Joint Secretary - Prof.P.K.Das, IIT Kharagpur.
- Treasurer - Prof. Arunn Narasimhan, IIT Madras.
- Members - Prof.M.R.Ravi, IIT Delhi.
Shri.N.V. Ramesh, L&T, Mumbai.

The nominating committee also recommended that the President designate can co-opt two additional members if he desires. General Body Meeting unanimously approved the constitution of the new Executive Council.

6. Prizes and Awards: Dr. Grover informed the general body about the expert committees constituted to select the awardees for Prof. K.N. Seetharamu medal and prize for young researchers and for the Best Paper Awards to be presented at the conference.

Committee for selecting the winner of the K.N. Seetharamu medal and prize

1. Prof. M.V. Krishnamurthy (Chairman)
2. Prof. S.K. Som
3. Prof. B.V.S.S.S. Prasad

Committee for selecting papers for Best Paper Awards

1. Prof. Souvik Bhattacharya, IIT Kharagpur (Chairman)
2. Prof. Subhash C. Mishra (IIT Guwahati)
3. Prof. Amitabh Narain (Michigan Technological University)
4. Prof. Achintya Mukhopadhyay (Jadavpur University)
5. Dr. B. Premachandran (IIT Delhi)
6. Dr. P. Muthukumar (IIT Guwahati)
7. Dr. Ranganayakulu (ADA Bangalore)
8. Dr. Anandaroop Bhattacharya (GE Bangalore)

Dr. Grover stated that the 6 nominations were received for the Prof. K.N. Seetharamu medal and prize, and announced that Dr. Amit Agarwal of IIT Bombay has been selected as the winner. A representative from IIT Bombay received the prize on behalf of Dr.Agrawal. The society congratulates Dr. Agarwal on his achievement.

Prof. Souvik Bhattacharya announced the best paper awards at the end of the conference and commended the high standards of papers presented in the conference. The winners of the best paper awards are as follows:

- Prof. V.M.K. Sastri Best Paper Awards:

“DOMINANT OSCILLATION MODES IN A RADIATIVELY HEATED ACOUSTICALLY LEVITATED DROPLET”, by Apratim Sanyal, Saptarshi Basu and Ranganathan Kumar (Paper No: 1300257) (Presented by Apratim Sanyal)

“A SIMPLE THERMAL MODEL TO CHARACTERIZE THE FLATTENING EFFECT OF A HEAT GENERATING ROD IN A CHANNEL”, by Antarip Poddar, Rukmava Chatterjee, Koushik Ghosh, Achintya Mukhopadhyay and Swarnendu Sen (Paper No: 1300424) (Presented by Antarip Poddar)

- Prof. P.K.Sharma Best Paper Award was awarded to Bikram Bhatia, Hanna Cho and J. Karthik their paper titled ” ENERGY CONVERSION FROM BaTiO₃ THIN FILMS USING THE PYROELECTRIC ERICSSON CYCLE”. (Presented by Bikram Bhatia)

7. Secretary informed that the spadework has been done for hosting a website for ISHMT and that a functional website will be ready in three months time.

Action(s) Taken/Scheduled: With regard to database of members, the email addresses of all members present in the GBM were collected in the attendance sheets. Secretary informed that website is under Preparation.

8. The issue of selecting some papers for the ISHMT Conferences and publishing them in special issues of reputed journals was discussed in detail. It was decided that the above is a welcome step and the GBM gave its in principle approval. The GBM further resolved that the organizing Secretaries along with ISHMT can work out modalities like selection of topics for the special issue, papers to be chosen with the editorial board of the journals concerned.

9. The general body resolved unanimously that ISHMT shall continue with the same auditors (M/s Thirumalai Narasimhan & Co., Chennai) for the next two years.

10. The GBM formally thanked IIT Kharagpur and the organizing secretaries, Profs. P.K. Das and Suman Chakraborty for the successful conduct of the conference and for the excellent arrangements they made to make the stay of the delegates pleasant and comfortable.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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