Proceedings of the General Body Meeting of ISVM held on 06.02.2020 at 05.00 pm in the Auditorium, Veterinary College, Bengaluru

The 38th General Body Meeting (GBM) of Indian Society for Veterinary Medicine (ISVM) was convened at the Auditorium of Veterinary College, Bengaluru on 06.02.2020 at 5.00 PM which was presided over by the President and General Secretary of ISVM.

A total 110 life members of the ISVM were present in the GBM.

Dr. D.S. Nauriyal, President; Dr. R.Ramprabhu, General Secretary; Dr. A.P Singh Kushwaha, Vice President; Dr. P.T. Ramesh, Vice President; Dr. Swaran Singh Randhawa, Editor IJVM; Dr. Dhiraj Gupta, Assistant Editor, Regional Secretaries:- Dr.M.Ranjith Kumar, Dr. Ravindra Jadhav, Dr. Kailash Chhaby Gangurde; and Dr.SNS Randhawa, Past- President ISVM were present.

- A. The President, ISVM welcomed all the life members of ISVM.
- B. Dr.R.Ramprabhu, General Secretary, ISVM appraised the house regarding the financial status of ISVM and informed that 124 new life members were enrolled ever since the new Executive Body of ISVM took over.
- C. The General Body of ISVM was informed that 10 % of registration fee was received from the Organizing Secretary of 37th Annual Conference of ISVM held at RAJUVAS, Bikaner.
- D. The General Secretary informed that steps have been taken for filing IT return for ISVM account.
- E. The General Body of ISVM approved minutes of the 37th GBM meetings held at RAJUVAS, Bikaner.

Decisions taken in the General Body Meeting (GBM) held during the 38th ISVM Conference:

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During the General Body Meeting, agenda -wise discussion was made and the following decisions were taken:

- 1. The General Body of ISVM approved newly enrolled 124 life members with the society.
- 2. The General Secretary apprised the members that the ISVM Secretariat has made different Fixed Deposits of Rs. 35 lakh with different maturity dates. Besides, an amount of Rs. 5.75 lakh was put in the Savings Bank account of ISVM. Further, the General Body informed that 10% of registration fee was received from the Organizing Secretary, ISVM Conference 2019 held in Bikaner.
- The General Body of ISVM was informed that based on the evaluation reports of the jury members for various awards, the awardees were finalized for the year 2019.
- The General Body of ISVM approved the panel of judges to evaluate oral presentation of Intas Young Scientist award.
- 5. Following modifications regarding eligibly criteria for the following ISVM awards, earlier approved by the Executive Committee, were put before the General Body and approved:
 - a. ISVM Fellowship Award—The applicants must have attended minimum TEN ISVM Conferences after enrolment as life member.
 - b. For all other ISVM awards (except Intas Young Scientist Award and the two awards to be introduced from the next year for young life members), the applicants must have attended minimum FIVE ISVM Conferences after enrolment as life member.
- It was proposed that no ISVM life member after getting Fellowship will be eligible to apply for any award in ISVM and was approved by the General Body.
- 7. The General Body of ISVM approved felicitation of Dr. S.K. Dwivedi and Dr. P. Dhanapalan for their outstanding contribution to the Veterinary Medicine discipline as well as the ISVM.
- The General Body of ISVM approved the felicitation of retired life members during the inaugural function of the symposium.

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 The General Body of ISVM approved felicitation of Dr A.P.Singh, the past- Organizing Secretary, ISVM Conference - 2019, held at RAJUVAS, Bikaner.

10. Updating information regarding ISVM life members mainly A and B series:

The General Body of ISVM approved the decision of Executive Committee to nominate one representative from each region of the country to update information related to ISVM life members. The nominees are Dr.Dheeraj Gupta, Ludhiana for Northern region, Dr. Shanker Kumar Singh, Mathura for Central and Eastern region, Dr. Kailash Gangurde, Maharashtra for Western region and Dr. P. Thirunavukkarasu, Chennai for Southern region.

11. The General Body of ISVM approved the decision of Executive Committee to enroll more corporate members for the financial welfare of the society. It was decided that each corporate member will have to donate a minimum of 50,000/- for obtaining membership. In turn, one free registration will be provided to their representative during each ISVM annual conference.

12. The General Body of ISVM unanimously decided to invite and felicitate all the past presidents, general secretaries and chief editors to the next conference.

13. The General Body of ISVM resolved to bring fair and transparent evaluation of best paper in each technical session of the symposium by putting in to practice the following:

i) Chairman of the technical session will be at least of Professor rank and its equivalent.

ii) There will be 2 Co-chairmen of either the rank of Associate Professor or its equivalent OR Senior Assistant Professor or its equivalent with 10 years of experience.

iii) Rapporteur of each technical session will be of the rank of Assistant Professor or its equivalent. He / she will collect the technical information and submit it to the organizing committee.

iv) Evaluation of the oral / poster sessions will be carried out by a chairman and two cochairmen.

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14. The General body of ISVM unanimously approved the introduction of three new awards, which include one each for Canine Medicine and Small Ruminant Medicine for the young ISVM life members of the society with maximum age cap as eligibility criteria. A proposal for a third new award for Best Teacher in Veterinary Medicine was also accepted.

The General Body was informed that the details of the award will be notified once the modalities for the awards are finalized. These awards will be given away during the next ISVM conference and onwards.

- 15. The General Body of ISVM accepted the resignation of Dr. R.C. Sundararajan, Treasurer and nominated Dr. M. Ranjithkumar, Regional Secretary, Southern Region to replace Dr. R.C. Sundararajan as Treasurer ISVM w.e.f.1.4.2020. Further, it was decided to request Dr. R.C. Sundararajan to hand over to Dr. M. Ranjithkumar all the account details (including cash book, cheque book/receipt book/ audited statements/IT return, FDs etc) after the end of financial year 2019- 2020. Dr. M. Ranjithkumar was requested to take over charge of Treasurer, ISVM from Dr.Sundararajan w.e.f. 01.04.2020.
- 16. The General Body of ISVM resolved to welcome the life members of ISVM to give their inputs to update the ISVM website and online enrollment of new members.
- 17. The General Body of ISVM deliberated at length on an unfortunate development involving a handful of life members of ISVM and subsequently ratified the following resolution earlier passed by the Executive Committee:

Resolution:

Indian Society for Veterinary Medicine was founded in 1981 at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana by a small group of senior committed teachers of Veterinary Medicine led by Prof.S.K. Misra as Founder President. Over the years the society has grown in one of the largest societies of various veterinary disciplines in the country and has around 1820 life members. The ISVM has its

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life members among veterinary professionals, predominantly associated without the off shoots of Veterinary Medicine, namely; Veterinary Clinical Medicine as well as Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine. However, in the year 2019, a few disgruntled life members of ISVM formed a new society and recently held its first conference at DUVASU, Mathura. It's most disheartening to note about the formation of a new society for Veterinary Medicine and to bring the ISVM in disrepute.

The General body of Indian Society for Veterinary Medicine strongly denounces this act and urges its life members to reject such people who are working against an old and prestigious scientific society representing the discipline of Veterinary Medicine.

- 18. The General Body of ISVM requested the life members of ISVM not to support or promote the activities of the newly established society.
- 19. The General body of ISVM decided that those holding positions in the Executive of newly formed society will not be considered for any award / felicitations by the Indian Society for Veterinary Medicine.
- 20. The General Body of ISVM appreciated the work done by Editorial Board of IJVM for ISVM website, which is at present fully functional.
- 21. The General Body of ISVM was apprised that the Indian Journal of Veterinary Medicine is now functioning in online mode.
- 22. The General Body of ISVM was informed that the opening of payment gateway in the website will be done very soon and online life membership enrollment will be carried once it is updated.

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23. It was decided in the General Body Meeting of ISVM to confer Dr. P.L. Narayana Rao award for the year 2019 on Dr. S.N.S. Randhawa.

24. The General Body of ISVM resolved that the Organizing Secretary of every ISVM conference should submit the reports/recommendations of the symposium to the General Secretary, ISVM within a fortnight so as to enable him to transmit it to the competent authorities.

25. The General Body of ISVM was apprised that the suggestions regarding modification of the proforma for evaluation of various ISVM awards / merit scholarships have been received from experts. It was resolved that based on the suggestions of experts, the proforma will be modified and the revised proforma will be used for evaluation for the awards to be advertised for future conferences and the same was approved by the General Body.

26. The General Body of ISVM resolved that the lead paper presenters and list of persons doing the duty of Chairman, Co-chairman and Rapporteur during the technical sessions of symposium will be decided by the Organizing Committee of ISVM conference in consultation with President and General Secretary.

27. The General Body of ISVM approved that the name of the presenter of oral / poster presentation should be mentioned as first author in the certificate.

28. The General Body of ISVM approved the venue for holding the 39th annual convention of ISVM at College of Veterinay & Animal Science, G.B.Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar (Uttarakhand).

29. The General Body of ISVM unanimously resolved that Intas Pharmaceuticals, Ahmedabad be asked to make one time deposit of Rs.2 lakh as corpus fund towards sponsorship for the Intas

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Young Scientist Award. Further, it was decided that the interest accrued on the corpus fund is to be used for the award each year.

- 30. The General Body of ISVM approved the number of abstracts of a registered delegate to be uploaded in the conference website is restricted to THREE only.
- 31. The General Body of ISVM was informed that the soft copy of the compendium of the ISVM conference will be available on the ISVM website for ready reference.

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