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Secretary's Report for the year 2013 – 14

President Prof. S.K.Samaddar and Members of the Association,

At the very outset let me welcome you to this Annual General Body Meeting of the Association. Main and important information, academic programmes , organizational activities and other relevant matters pertaining to the year 2013-14 are reported below

Executive members & Office Bearers of Executive Committee of SINPAA for 2013-14

The following are the Executive Committee (EC) members of the Association for the year 2013 – 14.

Prof Santosh Kumar Samadder	President
Prof Jadunath De	Vice-president
Prof Jyotsnamoyee Chatterjee	Vice-president
Prof Harashit Majumder	Secretary
Prof Maitreyee Nandy	Jt. Secretary
Prof Sudeb Bhattacharya	Treasurer
Prof A.K.Ganguly	Member
Prof. Samir Sarkar	Member
Prof. R. Bhattacharya	Member
Prof Samita Basu	Member
Dr. S. Lahiri	Member

Academic Activities

The EC , right from the very beginning of its functioning , thought of different academic programmes, e.g., outreach activity like teaching physics students in rural schools, arranging colloquia on relevant science topics, one/two-day long seminar/workshop etc etc. Though much was talked about we could do little in reality. One main programme was a two-lecture seminar in July 2013 where Prof Milan K Sanyal, the then director, SINP, spoke on SINP academic activities stressing upon important projects, both in-house and with foreign collaboration. The topic of the other lecture by Prof. Partha P Majumdar, director, National Institute of Biomedical Genomics, Kalyani, was "In Search of Drivers". Prof Majumdar here presented an interesting deliberation on driver genomics and mentioned that the key challenge in the analysis of cancer genomes is the identification of the various cancer driver genes.

It may be worthwhile to mention that we also arranged a half-day Annual Seminar on May 8, 2014.

e-Bulletin & Logo

In last year we arranged altogether 5 EC meetings. Two proposals were discussed in at least 2 ECs. One concerns the making of a suitable and meaningful logo of the Association. The Secretary presented, in an EC meeting, two draft logos for the Association prepared by Mr D. Sen of SINP. Most of the members

preferred the oval shaped one. Prof H. Majumdar opined that some relevant message/symbolic words might enhance the intrinsic and aesthetic appeal of the logo. Other few members opted for the logo as it is.

In principle the idea of launching of an e-bulletin was accepted but there is variance in opinions as to its content and technical layout.

The opinion and suggestion of the general members may be sought through e-mail/phone before finalizing both the matters.

New Membership & Financial Matter

In the last financial year we had 5 new life members. As per suggestion of Prof M.K.Pal we have put all membership fees into fixed deposit at UBI. Compared to earlier years the financial health of the society seemed to be better mainly in terms of higher membership fees, FDs and closing balance in the year under review.

Office Space & SINPAA Homepage

After long and persistent efforts for last few years and meetings with earlier directors we are going to have an office of the Association here in SINP, thanks to the present director for this positive decision.

Of late some restructuring of the SINP Homepage(which housed our homepage) was done and as a result SINPAA icon, previously on the first page of SINP homepage, is no longer there. Instead one has to access it through an intermediate icon. We took up the matter with the competent authority and requested to bring back the icon in the first page. Though it is not yet done, the computer centre gave us positive assurance.

Felicitations

Only regular and pleasant programme of the society is the felicitation of its octogenarian alumni. Last year we have felicitated Profs. Jayanti Mahalanobis, Sukhendu Bikash Bhattacharya, Sephali Guha, Ila Mukherjee, Pankaj Narayan Ray and Saroj K Majumdar with usual flower bouquet, Uttariyo and Misti.

Conclusion

With our capabilities and limitations we have tried our best to do whatever we have achieved. I hope the next Council will complete the unfinished jobs and pursue more appropriate activities to fulfill the objectives of the Association.

Finally my sincere thanks to our President, Prof. Santosh K Samaddar for his constant help and advice. I am grateful to the Council members for their assistance and cooperation in various activities of the society. I am also thankful to SINP director for providing us infra-structural and other facilities to carry out our programmes.

I now present this report for your kind approval.

(Prof. Harashit Majumdar)
Secretary, SINPAA

Kolkata
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