

# Indian Cryogenics Council

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## **Minutes of the Twenty Sixth Meeting of the General Body of the Indian Cryogenics Council (ICC) held at IISc., Bangalore During NSC-22 on Dec. 5, 2008**

The General Body (GB) of the ICC met on the evening of Dec. 5, 2008 at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore. This coincided with the 22<sup>nd</sup> National Symposium on Cryogenics (NSC-22). In recent times it was the largest attended meeting of the GB. The Meeting was chaired by Dr. Amit Roy, President ICC.

Dr. Roy initiated the proceedings by welcoming the members of ICC and the participants of Twenty Second National Symposium on Cryogenics. He placed before the house the minutes of the previous GBM held at National Physical Laboratory on Nov. 23,2006. The same was confirmed unanimously by the GB.

He then invited T .S. Datta, Secretary (Technical) to present the Activity Report.

T.S. Datta made a detailed Power Point Presentation on the Activities of the ICC since the last GBM (Nov. 24, 2006). The presentation dealt with the Membership Drive, Indian Journal of Cryogenics, Finance, Schools / Workshops , Zonal News and the EC Proposed decision.

The highlights were

1. Number of Life members has increased by 126. Members from all major institutes / Centres of Cryogenics were brought in. It was also mentioned that majority of the members enrolled in last 6 months are from Space Programme. GB approved the new members list.
2. Corporate / Organizational membership went up by 9. GB approved the list of members.
3. Constitution of all the four Zonal Committees was presented. South Zone was specially commended for its revival and doing exceedingly in a short time. It was also pointed out that ad hoc committee for East Zone has been constituted by EC and the members are Dr R. K. Bhandari ( Chairman), Mr Subimal Saha (Secretary), Prof S Sarangi, Prof B. K. Chaudhuri, Prof. Saswati lahiri, Prof V.V Rao. GB approved the adhoc committee, constituted by EC ( ICC). It was also confirmed that ad hoc committee will take initiative to elect new EC ( East Zone) within a year.
4. The closing balance of the ICC as on March 31, 2008 was Rs. 9,17,950. The GB greatly appreciated and commended the hard work put in by President's office in

turning the tables from a negative to a respectable positive balance. The Statement on Account presented by Mr. Datta was approved unanimously. It was also informed that separate Accounts are being maintained by the President office and the Registered Office respectively as per the earlier EC decision ( April 10, 2006). GB approved the separate Accounts to be maintained at the respective offices.

5. Mr N.K. Gupta's suggestion that a Letter of Appreciation should go from the ICC President to institutions opting for Block Membership, was accepted by all the members.
6. A report on Indian Journal of Cryogenics was presented. It was mentioned that back log has been cleared and copies of Vol 32 and first issue of Vol 33 have been dispatched to all ICC members ( who confirmed their mailing address) free of cost. It was also reported that majority of the Libraries of the Institutes / Centres (engaged in Low Temperature Physics & Cryogenic Research ) have agreed for annual subscription of this journal. Decision of the EC on publication of Vol 33 and Vol 34 from President's Office( Delhi)as an interim measure was approved by GB. The GB also approved the New format, Editorial Advisory Board and Cover Page Design of Indian journal of Cryogenics .
7. Discussions were initiated on the need for amendments to ICC By-Laws and proposed decision on EC. The approval of GB ( 23.11. 2006) about the composition of new EC ( Minutes were Circulated ) with total of 17 members was brought to the notice of the GB . It was also clarified that all will be known as 'members' in place of Members and Officers. It was also approved earlier that the term of EC be will be two years and extendable by another two years. This time EC proposed two more additional members from Each Zone. GB approved induction of additional members.
8. With respect to Amendment to ICC By-laws on EC term/ Nomenclature for Members & Fellows, Change of Address etc. Prof. Y.C. Saxena suggested that the old constitution of the ICC should be looked in to and changes be made to fulfill the aspiration of a vast majority of the members of Cryogenic Community. Prof. Sarangi suggested the setting up of a Committee to look in to the changes that ought to be made in the constitution. This suggestion was accepted and the GB constituted the following Committee:

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| (i) Prof. Sunil Sarangi  | Chairman |
| (ii) Dr R. G Sharma      | Member   |
| (iv) Dr. S Kasturirengen | Member   |
| (v) Dr. B. K. Sarkar     | Member   |

The GB suggested that this Committee should submit the report to the President ICC Preferably by June 30, 2008

9. The proposal of the EC for shifting the HQ of ICC from Jadavpur University to VECC Kolkata was then placed before the GB. Majority of the members felt that this issue should also be considered by the Committee set up to look in to the changes that need be made in the original constitution. The same was approved by the GB.
10. The GB also approved that holding the meeting of the GB will be mandatory every two years during the National Symposium event.
11. Prof. Sunil Sarangi proposed to host the next National Symposium at NIT Rourkela which will coincide with the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the institute. Dr. R. K. Bhandari supported the proposal and at the same time he also informed that in case of any difficulty arises in future VECC, Kolkata will be ready to organise the Symposium
12. Dr. Maitreyee Nanda, the returning officer announced the names of the Elected members of EC ( 2009- 2011 ) and they are as follows:

<i>Sl. No</i>	<i>Post</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
1	President	Dr Amit Roy	IUAC. Delhi
2	Vice President (1)	Prof. K. G. Narayankhedkar	Chairman, West Zone
3	Vice president (2)	Dr. R. K. Bhandari	Chairman, East Zone
4	Vice President (3)	Prof. Subhash Jacob	Chairman, South Zone
5	Vice President (4)	Dr. A. K. Gupta	Chairman, North Zone
6	Secretary ( Administration)	Mr. Subimal Saha	VECC. Kolkata
7	Secretary (Technical)	Mr. T.S Datta	IUAC. Delhi
8	Treasurer ( Reg. Office )	Mr. Ranadhir Dey	VECC. Kolkata
9	Treasurer ( President Office)	Dr. Hari Kishan	NPL. Delhi
10	Editor ( Publication)	Dr. R. G. Sharma	Ex. NPL
11	Member, North Zone (1)	Mr. R. B. Saxena	NPL Delhi
12	Member, North Zone (2)	Dr. Tushar Bhowmick	Stirling Cryogenics
13	Member, North Zone (3)	Mr. S. S. Verma	NPL
14	Member, West Zone (1)	Dr. M .D. Atrey	IIT ( Mumbai)
15	Member, West Zone (2)	Prof. R. Nagarajan	Ex. TIFR
16	Member, West Zone (3)	Dr. B. Sarkar	ITER- India
17	Member, South Zone (1)	Mr. N.K. Gupta	LPSC
18	Member, South Zone (2)	Mr. D. S. Nadig	IISc. Bangalore

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19	Member, South Zone (3)	Prof. R Singh	Hyderabad University
20	Member, East Zone (1)	Prof. Sunil Sarangi	NIT
21	Member, East Zone (2)	Prof. V.V. Rao	IIT, KGP
22	Member, East Zone (3)	Prof. Saswati Lahiri	IACS. Kolkata

**GB approved the list of elected members of EC and welcomed the New Executive Council .**

The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Prof. Subhash Jacob and his team for having organized a very successful symposium. Even though it was a National symposium yet a number of distinguished foreign scientists / professors attended the symposium. The GB thanked the organizers for having conducted such a wonderful show and high level of hospitality. The Chairman also thanked the Convener NSC-22 for having provided an excellent opportunity for holding the EC and GB Meetings.

The Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair