MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING OF INDIAN SOCIETY OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE HELD AT IAM, IAF BANGALORE ON 10 AUG 2013

1. The General Body Meeting (GBM) of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) was held at IAM, IAF Bangalore on 10 Aug 13 at 1500hrs. President ISAM chaired the meeting. The following were present:-

- Air Mshl AK Behl AVSM
- AVM B Keshav Rao AVSM
- Air Cmde P Kharbanda VSM
- Air Cmde S Chowdhary
- Gp Capt A Agarwal
- Gp Capt Jasvir Singh
- Lt Col VJ George
- Dr Rangaraj
- Dr (Mrs) RL Pujahari
- About 100 Members of ISAM
- Gp Capt S Bhargava

INTRODUCTION

1. The chairman welcomed all the members present. He then directed the Secretary to proceed with the agenda.

2. The Secretary read out the proceedings of previous GBM held in Nov 2012 at IAM and discussed the progress on old points

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<td>3. <strong>Air Mshl PM Sundaram Memorial Travelling Fellowship</strong></td>
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<td>Gp Capt D Gaur, the travelling fellow for 2012 – 13 visited SGRR Institute of Medical&amp; Health Sciences, Dehradun and JN Medical College, AMU, Aligarh. Gp Capt K K Tripathi, the travelling Fellow for 2012 – 13 visited JIPMER, Pondicherry. They gave presentations to final year MBBS students which were well received and presented copies of TMS and IJASM</td>
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<td>4. <strong>Decision.</strong> Chairman directed that the Travelling Fellow should visit a minimum of 2 medical colleges. <strong>Point Closed</strong></td>
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<td>5. <strong>Bid for ICASM 2014 or beyond.</strong> DGMS (Air) had presented the bid for ICASM at ASMA Chicago. The Academy has</td>
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approved the conduct of IACSM in Delhi in Nov 2016.

6. **Decision.** Point closed

7. **Publication of Technical Mini Series in 2012.** A TMS on "Aeromedical Guidelines for the Air Traveller" was released by the CAS on 09 Aug 13.

8. **Decision.** Chairman directed that these mini series should also be distributed to commercial airlines too. On similar lines a brochure also needs to be prepared for the airline & airport.

9. **Award of Fellow Certificate:** Gp Capt N Taneja was elected as Fellow of the society in the GBM last year was handed over the certificate by the President.

10. **Award of Associate Fellow certificate:** Gp Capt Jasvir Singh & Wg Cdr Piush Renjhen were elected as Associated Fellows of the society in the GBM last year were handed over the certificate by the President.

11. **Life members of ISAM**
   Surg Vice Admiral KM Suryanarayana VSM (Retd)
   Gp Capt Jasvir Singh
   Dr. Praveen MG
   Dr. Polash Sannigrahi
   Dr. Avinash B K
   Dr. Vasudev B N
   were presented life member certificates from the Organizing Secretary

12. **Corporate Member.** Environmental Tectonics Corporation (ETC) was declared corporate member

13. **Decision.** Point Closed

14. **Symposium for Civil Airline Doctors.** The secretary informed the house that two symposia had been conducted for Civil Airline Doctors in Dec 2012 and Apr 2013. He also informed the house that a workshop for cabin crew will be organised on the last day of the conference.

15. **Decision.** Point Closed

16. **Sponsoring ISAM delegates to attend ICASM.** Gp Capt K K Tripathi and Maj Binu Sekhar have been selected as ISAM delegates to attend ICASM 2013 at Jerusalem Israel.

17. **Decision.** Point Closed

**ITEM – II FRESH POINTS**

18. **Publication of TMS in 2014** Executive Committee has recommended the following topics:-
   (a) Space Medicine
   (b) Human Performance Enhancement
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<th><strong>Decision.</strong> After a discussion a vote of the house was taken and TMS on “Human Performance Enhancement” was selected as the topic for the next TMS.</th>
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<td><strong>Date and Venue of 54th ISAM Conference</strong> The venue was decided as Bangalore and dates First Choice: 22 – 24 Aug 2014 Second Choice: 29 – 31 Aug 2014</td>
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<td><strong>Decision.</strong> The first Choice was approved by the house subject to the approval of CAS.</td>
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<td>22.</td>
<td><strong>Selection of Air Mshl PM Sundaram Travelling Fellowship.</strong> The ECM recommended the following two for ratification by the GBM for the Air Mshl PM Sundaram Travelling Fellowship this year:- (i) Gp Capt V V Joshi (ii) Gp Capt Vipin Sharma</td>
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<td><strong>Decision.</strong> GBM approved the above two names for the Air Mshl PM Sundaram Travelling Fellowship.</td>
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<td><strong>Selection of Fellow.</strong> The ECM has recommended Gp Capt VV Joshi as Fellow of the society.</td>
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<td><strong>Decision.</strong> GBM ratified the decision. Air Mshl (Rtd.) Kulkarni proposed and Wg Cdr Mohalanobish seconded.</td>
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<td><strong>Application for Associate Fellowship.</strong> The secretary informed that following four applications were received for the award of Associate Fellowship and the applications are in order and meet the criteria. The same have been considered by the ECM and recommended. (a) Lt Col Amit Khurana, Cl. Spl. Av. Med. Dte Army Avn (b) Wg Cdr N K Tripathi, O I/C HE, IAM, IAF (c) Lt Col S Venkatesh, O I/C HAP &amp; Hyperbaric Medicine, IAM, IAF (d) Lt Col R R Kochar, HOD HAP, IAM, IAF.</td>
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<td><strong>Decision.</strong> GBM ratified the decision. Wg Cdr (Rtd.) Mohalanobish proposed and Air Cmde M V Singh seconded.</td>
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<td><strong>Applications for Life Membership.</strong> The following applications were received. All were considered eligible on scrutiny and recommended by ECM as Life Members of ISAM:- (a) AVM T Nagaraja, PMO, MC, IAF (b) Wg Cdr Akhilesh Goyal, MEC, IAM, IAF (c) Sqn Ldr Aseem Sharma, SMO, 272 SU (d) Sqn Ldr Basavaraja, MO, TACDE AF (e) Maj Binu Sekhar, Sqn MO, 666 Army Avn Sqn (f) Dr. Pranilkumar S Borde (g) Dr. George Mathew (h) Dr. Sushil Kumar Garg (j) Lt Col SS Roy, Resident IAM, IAF (k) Lt Col AK Gupta, Resident IAM, IAF (l) Lt Col RK Dewan, Resident IAM, IAF.</td>
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37. **Closing Remarks by the President.** Air Mshl AK Behl AVSM thanked all members of the Society for their whole-hearted participation and useful suggestions. He asked members to contribute to the Society and specialty by improving awareness of Aerospace Medicine, better articles for IJASM and papers for the conference. He requested the seniors that their
experience would be vital for keeping the research and academic fervor alive. The President informed the house that efforts are being made to start a DM Aerospace Medicine and the experience of the retired seniors will be sought to further raise the level of the specialty. He also brought out that there was a proposal of setting up a research establishment on "Metabolomics" as offered by the Airbus Industry as a part of the deal for medium transport aircraft.

There being no further points, the meeting came to an end at 1630 hrs.

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