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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING
OF INDIAN SOCIETY OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE
HELD AT IAM ON 26 AUG 17

1. The General Body Meeting of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) was held at the Sri Nagesh Auditorium at IAM on 26 Aug 17 at 1630h.

2. Air Mshl Pawan Kapoor VSM & BAR PHS, DGMS (Air) & President of Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) chaired the meeting and the following were present: -

(a)	Air Mshl Pawan Kapoor VSM & BAR PHS	DGMS (Air)
(b)	AVM SC Banerjea	PMO HQ TC
(c)	AVM P Kharbanda VSM (Retd)	EC Member
(d)	Air Cmde Deepak Gaur AVSM	PDMS (S)
(e)	Air Cmde N Taneja VSM	Comdt IAM
(f)	Air Cmde CS Thakur	DPMO MC
(g)	Air Cmde VV Joshi	PMO SAC
(h)	Gp Capt Rahul Pipraiya	CI IAM
(j)	Col KN Rao (Retd)	Member
(k)	Gp Capt Mona Dahiya	DMS (AM) & Secy ISAM
(l)	Gp Capt Piush Renjhen	DMS (MB)
(m)	Dr PC Tripathi	Air India Rep
(n)	Surg Cdr P Promod	EC Member
(o)	More than 150 Society Members	

INTRODUCTION

3. The Secretary of Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine, Gp Capt Mona Dahiya, DMS (AM) started the proceeding at 1630 hrs. On behalf of the President ISAM, Air Mshl Pawan Kapoor VSM & BAR PHS, DGMS (Air), Secy

ISAM welcomed all the members to the GBM. She presented the progress and review on old points, fresh points, the various actions completed and tasks required to be undertaken in future.

Agenda Points	Action by	Info
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ITEM I</u></p> <p>4. <u>Obituary AVM SK Adaval AVSM VSM (Retd).</u> The meeting of the Society began with paying homage to one of its illustrious member, AVM SK Adaval AVSM VSM (Retd), who passed away on 23 Aug 17 at Bangalore. He had joined the AFMS in 1962, was a trained Aviation Pathologist and a teacher par excellence. He had a long tenure at IAM and contributed immensely to the Society. On behalf of all members of the Society, the President conveyed his condolences to the family of AVM Adaval.</p> <p>5. <u>Presentation by Lt Col Srinivas G on his experiences in the Race Across America.</u> Lt Col Srinivas G, a Life Member of the Society participated and completed the Race Across America(RAAM) this year. He cycled 4900 Kms in this Ultra Cycling event, sleeping only 3 hrs very nights, and completed this race becoming the First India to do so. This year only ten cyclists were able to complete the race. He also informed the house about the preparations for the race and the finances involved, wherein he spent 25 lakhs of his money to prepare and participate in the race.</p> <p>6. <u>Progress Review on Old Points.</u> The Last GBM of the Society was held on 09 Nov 16 at New Delhi</p> <p>(a). <u>Recognition of IJASM Reviewers and Committee Members.</u> Certificates have been instituted for recognizing the Reviewers. The same will be sent to all reviewers by post</p>	<p>-Secy ISAM -Executive Editor IJASM</p>	<p>- Chief Editor IJASM</p>

<p>(b). <u>Air Mshl PM Sundaram Travelling Fellowship 2016-2017.</u> It was awarded to Air Cmde S Bhargava and Dr Punita Masrani in 2016. Air Cmde S Bhargava delivered a talk at the Gujarat Medical Education and Research Society, Ahmedabad. Dr Punita Masrani delivered a talk at IAM during the “Aerospace Medicine Spread The Word” seminar for undergraduate medical students in Feb 2017. She planned one more talk at KEM in Sep 17.</p>	<p>- Secy ISAM</p>	
<p>(c). <u>IAM Diamond Jubilee.</u> During the ECM earlier Air Cmde N Taneja VSM, Comdt IAM placed on record the contribution of Rs 5,00,000/- by the Society out of which 2,70,000/- was only utilised judiciously in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of IAM. Balance Rs 2, 30,000/- was returned back to society by IAM. This was brought in front of the GBM for information.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The President complemented team IAM on the judicious utilisation of money for conduct of the grand event.</p>		<p>- Comdt IAM - Secy ISAM</p>
<p>(d). <u>Grand Rounds in Aerospace Medicine Series 1.</u> Comdt IAM informed that 350 copies have been printed with ‘Restricted Classification’ as it comprises of unique cases only and may hamper individual secrecy. The point of consideration before the GBM was whether to make the publication regular event annually.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> It was decided by the Society members by show of hands that one more issue is to be published before a final decision to print more issues and deciding on periodicity.</p>	<p>- Comdt IAM - Secy ISAM</p>	
<p>(e). <u>TMS 2017.</u> Medical evaluation for Civil Flight Crew is the TMS for 2017 which was released on 25 Aug 17 during 56th ISAM Conference by the CAS.</p>		<p>-Secy ISAM</p>

(f) Best Dissertation Award. A pending point, which has now been addressed. From this year (2017) the AOC-in-C Rolling Trophy for best MD Dissertation has been instituted. It was awarded this year to Dr. Devdeep Ghosh during the Inaugural Function by the CASISAM GBM.

ITEM II

New Agenda Points

7. ICASM 2016. House was informed by the Secy about the successful conduct of 64th ICASM in which total 324 delegates attended out of which 199 were from India and 125 from abroad. A total of 60 podium and 48 posters were presented. President complemented the contribution of Civil aviation, particularly Indigo, Jet Airways and Air India in helping to curtail expenses during ICASM by providing tickets for various dignitaries. The Secy informed that the Society earned a profit of about Rs.8 lakhs from the organising of ICASM. After the auditing of accounts is complete this amount will be transferred to Society account.

8. Audit Report for FY 2016-17. Secy ISAM presented the Audit Report of the Society Accounts to the house brought out that essential income of the society is by means of interest on the investments. The ratification of the same was proposed by AVM Pankaj Tyagi VSM (Retd) and seconded by AVM J S Kulkarni. The Audit report for 2016-2017 was approved by the GBM.

9. Air Mshl PM Sundaram Travelling Fellowship 2017-18. A committee headed by Air Cmde Deepak Gaur AVSM, PDMS(S) was constituted on approval of the President ISAM. The committee carried out a selection and selected Air Cmde R Ravi and Gp Capt Piush Renjhen for the Fellowship for 2017- 2018.

10. Technical Mini Series 2018. The topic for TMS publication in 2018 'Field based

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<p>Aviation Medicine Activities – a Primer’ was ratified by the ECM and approved by the house.</p> <p>11. <u>Nomination of Fellows of the Society.</u> A selection of fellows of the Society was carried out by the Committee headed by Air Cmde Deepak Gaur AVMS, on behest of the President. The names of AVM SC Banerjea and Gp Capt Vipin Sharma were approved by the ECM for seeking approval of the GBM</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The selection of AVM SC Banerjee and Gp Capt Vipin Sharma as fellows of the Society was approved by the house.</p> <p>12. <u>Acceptance of Applications for Associate Fellowship/Life Membership/Annual Membership of ISAM:-</u> Surg Capt SS Mohapatra and Surg Cdr P Promod have applied for Associate fellowship which were approved by the house. In addition life membership for all the doctors listed below was also approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gp Capt Keshava Murthy - Sqn Ldr Shantanu Duarah - Wg Cdr Ashu Chandra - Lt Col TP Nepal - Maj Soumen Mandal - Maj Barkha Singh - Maj Ashok B Warthe - Maj Parvez Kaleem - Maj Anshul Bhide - Dr Rahul Dev - Dr Jyoti - Dr Swathy Kuppala <p>13. <u>Election of two Executive Committee Members:-</u> AVM P Kharbanda VSM (Retd) and Air Cmde VV Joshi had completed their term as members of the executive committee and election of new members took place before the GBM through ballot on 25 and 26 Aug 17. AVM MS Butola and Wg Cdr NK Tripathy were elected through the voting as EC Members.</p> <p>14. <u>Executive Committee Reps of Army and Navy Av Med Spl:-</u> Names of Col RR Kochhar and Surg Cdr Harminder Singh were</p>	<p>- Secy ISAM</p> <p>-Secy ISAM</p> <p>-Secy ISAM</p> <p>-Secy ISAM</p>	
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<p>recommended from sister services and were unanimously agreed to by the ECM. The same was ratified by the GBM.</p>		
<p>15. <u>Life Time Achievement Award:</u> - Opinion of the house was sought on a fresh proposal initiated by IAM on life time achievement award. Comdt IAM informed that an SOP to this effect has been sent to AHQ with Broad based Objective and Subjective QRs. Gp Capt Rahul Pipariya gave a presentation on the QRs and modalities for the Award. The matter was discussed in detail by the house members. <u>Decision.</u> The GBM authorised the President ISAM to set up a committee to examine the QRs and make recommendations for the modalities for institution of the award.</p>	<p>-Secy ISAM</p>	
<p>16. <u>Publication of Book written by Gp Capt VN Jha (Retd).</u> An amount of 49,500 was been approved by President ISAM towards printing of 100 copies of a book titled 'Aeromedical Considerations in Design of Aviators' Life support equipment written by Gp Capt VN Jha. This book was published by the society.</p>	<p>-Secy ISAM</p>	
<p>17. <u>Disposal of Old TMS & Journals.</u> Fresh proposal on disposal of Old Journals, TMS and CDs from IAM was discussed. <u>Decision.</u> After discussion with the house President directed that proper marketing of the CDs takes place so that members and those interested would buy these CDs and the old IJASM be given free to anyone who need s the old copies. All old stock is to be disposed of by next GBM.</p>	<p>- Comdt IAM - Secy ISAM</p>	
<p>18. <u>Date and Venue of 57th ISAM Conference:-</u> Proposal for Bangalore as the venue and two different dates was given (16-18 Nov 18 & 31 Aug-02 Sep 18). <u>Decision.</u> The GBM approved the 16-18 Nov 18 dates. The President directed Secy ISAM to put up a noting to CAS Sectt for Nov 18 dates for</p>	<p>-Secy ISAM</p>	

<p>57th ISAM.</p> <p>19. <u>Indexing of the Journal</u>:- The IJASM has struggled for quality and quantity of articles for several years. It is felt that the main cause is due the lack of indexing of the journal. Gp Capt Vipin Sharma made a presentation to the House about the felt need and the road ahead. The House discussed the same and agreed that the road head lies in taking up the Indexing.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The house gave a go ahead to start the process of indexing and approved a sum of 20 lakhs towards the Indexing of IJASM in the next two years.</p> <p>20. <u>Any other points</u>:-</p> <p>(a) <u>Expenditure on Air Mshl PM Sundaram Fellowship.</u> AVM J S Kulkarni brought out that there is no expenditure from the interest on the PM Sundaram Fellowship as the fellows are not wailing the expenditure.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The President directed that all future Fellows to utilize the money or travel needs rather than use a TD for the same.</p> <p>(b) <u>Reduction in Corporate Fees.</u> Gp Cat S Sood (Retd) brought out that the Corporate fees of Rs 10_lakhs is high for non profit organisations like Pilot associations who wish to become members.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> After a discussion it was decided to put up the point for discussion in the Next ECM to work out the feasibility.</p> <p>(c) <u>Financial Help to Lt Col Srinivas G.</u> AVM P Tyagi VSM (Retd) brought out that Lt Col Srinivasn G had spent a lot of his funds in his quest for completing the Race across America and that the Society could help one of its members financially .</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The House approved a Sum of Rs 5 Lakhs as a onetime grant to Lt Col Srinivas G</p>	<p>- Comdt IAM - Executive Editor IJASM -Secy ISAM</p> <p>Secy ISAM</p> <p>Secy ISAM</p> <p>-Secy ISAM</p>	
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<p>(d) <u>Membership of International Societies.</u> The house discussed the sponsoring of International Membership of two members every year to project our Society at the International level. A lot of discussion took place on the same.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The President directed that the QRs for sponsoring the Membership of AsMA and IAASM be worked out and that the Society will fund Fifty Percent of the Annual Membership fees of two members every year.</p> <p>(e). <u>Farewell to outgoing members.</u> AVM P Kharbanda VSM (Retd) on behalf of the Executive Committee bid farewell to the President who retires in Dec 17.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ITEM III</u></p> <p>21. <u>Award of Certificates and Awards .</u>The President awarded Certificates to the following:-</p> <p>(a) Fellow</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">AVM JS Kulkarni (Retd) AVM P Kharbanda VSM (Retd)</p> <p>(b) Associate Fellow</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Wg Cdr Anirudh Agrawal (Retd)</p> <p>(c) Award of President's Gold Medal for Standing First in MD (Aerospace Medicine)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dr Devdeep Ghosh</p> <p>(d) Air Mshl Kuldip Rai Award for Best Published Scientific Paper in IJASM for the year 2017</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dr Savita Gaur</p> <p>(e) Certificates for Air Mshl PM Sundaram Travelling Fellowship 2016-2017</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Air Cmde S Bhargava Dr Punita Masrani</p> <p>22. <u>Release of Book authored by Gp Capt VN Jha (Retd).</u> The President ISAM and Air Mshl L K Verma (Retd) released the book authored by Gp capt V N Jha (Retd) titled 'Aeromedical</p>	<p>-Secy ISAM</p>	
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<p>Considerations in Design of Aviators' Life Support Equipment'.</p> <p>23. <u>Closing remarks by President.</u> At the end of the meeting the President addressed the house. He thanked all the society members for the support he received during his tenure as President. He stressed on the following points:-</p> <p>(a) Successful Organisation of ICASM 2016 for a third time by the Society and the recognition it has brought us.</p> <p>(b) Need for all members to spread awareness about Specialty and Society.</p> <p>(c) Mentoring of young specialists by senior specialists & encouraging them to do more research and publish.</p> <p>(d) Need for greater participation by all members in Society activities.</p> <p>(e) Need to have a greater international presence of Society Members.</p> <p>(f) More active participation from Civil Aviation in Society.</p> <p>(g) More effort to make Specialty relevant in Civil Aviation Sector.</p>		
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24. In the end the President ISAM thanked all members of the society for providing full support, trust and faith in him. The meeting concluded at 1730h.

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