

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING OF INDIAN SOCIETY OF
AEROSPACE MEDICINE HELD ON 21 NOV 20**

1. The General Body Meeting (GBM) of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) was held on the **hybrid platform**, where in few of the members were present physically at IAM IAF, Bengaluru while majority were available on online (virtual platform) using Cisco Webex platform. **The first ever GBM on hybrid platform was held on 21 Nov 20 from 1700h to 1830h, and was attended by approx. 75 members physically and 123 members virtually.**

2. The GBM was held under the chairmanship **Air Mshl MS Butola PHS, DGMS (Air) & President ISAM** and was attended by some of the Executive Committee (EC) members physically, while others attended it virtually. The following members of the Executive Committee of the Society attended the GBM:-

(a)	Air Mshl MS Butola PHS	DGMS (Air)	President
(b)	AVM Deepak Gaur AVSM	PMO HQ TC	Member
(c)	Air Cmde R Ravi	Air Cmde MS (S)	Ex –offico Member
(d)	Air Cmde VV Joshi VSM	Comdt IAM	Ex –offico Member
(e)	Gp Capt MPS Marwaha	SMO 11 Wing	Member
(f)	Gp Capt YS Dahiya	Gp Capt MS (CA)	Member
(g)	Col Deepak Kumar Khuknar	Indian Army	Army Rep
(h)	Wg Cdr Ajay Kumar	IAM	Member
(j)	Dr Punita Masrani		Member
(k)	Dr B Vivekanand	Air India	Air India Rep
(l)	Gp Capt Prathu Rastogi	Gp Capt MS (AM)	Secy ISAM

INTRODUCTION

3. Secy ISAM welcomed all the members of the ISAM, attending the GBM either physically or virtually to the GBM and introduced the new members of the EC to the house.

4. Before commencing the GBM, the Secy ISAM read out the obituary to Maj Gen PC Chatterjee (Retd) (21 Oct 1931 to 20 Oct 2020), who was an eminent specialist, physiologist and researcher par excellence. He will always be remembered as a humble, inspiring teacher and a thorough professional.

5. Opening Address by President ISAM.

Secy ISAM requested the President ISAM, to commence the GBM proceedings with his opening address. The President ISAM in his address appreciated the members

for the alluring jobs, which the Society had been doing for the past six decades and urged all members to contribute within their own capabilities for the same. He appreciated the efforts made by the Society members during the difficult times of Covid-19 pandemic. He informed the house about some of the major accomplishments of the Society in last one year, which included commencement of online publication of the Indian Journal of Aerospace Medicine, Society being affiliated with the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA), USA. In the end he conveyed his sincere gratitude to all the Society members for the support rendered to him and wished everyone Good luck for the future endeavors of the Society.

6. After Opening Address by President, Secy ISAM, presented the progress on old agenda points, Society activities since last GBM and deliberated the fresh agenda points in front of the house. The salient points of these deliberations during the GBM are tabulated below in brief: -

Agenda Point	Action by	Info
ITEM I		
<p>7. <u>Progress/Review on Old Points.</u></p> <p><u>Pending Points from previous GBM (before 2019)</u></p> <p>The Last GBM of ISAM was held at IAM IAF on 15 Nov 19, during the 58th ISAM Conference. The points under progress at the last GBM were followed up subsequently and their present status update is illustrated below: -</p> <p>(a) <u>Indexing of IJASM</u>. The indexing of the IJASM was approved in the GBM of 2017 with a budget of ₹ 20 lakhs and a time frame of two years. However, the same is still under progress. The major steps taken so far towards it includes: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On line publication of Journal has commenced wef Nov 2019. • 1st online issue of the Journal was released by the CAS on 14 Nov 19 during the 58th ISAM Conference. • M/s Scientific Scholar has been hired for online publication, development and maintenance of the Journal website (www.indjaerospacemed.com). • The website had been developed and made fully operational. The entire process of submission, review, proof reading as well as publication had been made online. 	Editorial team IJASM	Secy ISAM

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A panel of reviewers comprising of senior Aerosp Med Splts has been created. • Detailed guidelines for authors/ reviewers for publication are made available on the IJASM website. • A total of 03 online issues had been made available till date. • An expenditure of ₹ 2,50,000/- had been incurred so far, from the approved amount of ₹ 20 Lakhs for indexing the Journal. • The online journal is gradually gaining popularity and is being downloaded and viewed by a substantive number of users. • Efforts are being made by the editorial committee for getting the older issues of IJASM, made available online at the same platform with search engine. <p>Efforts of the Editorial Committee were appreciated by all and every one wished the Committee in the future endeavors.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> President ISAM congratulated the editorial committee and trusted faith in the success of the project. He urged the Editorial team and Commandant IAM to pursue with the efforts of getting Journal indexed on priority.</p> <p>Point Open</p> <p>(b) <u>Membership of International Societies.</u> During the ECM & GBM 2018, it was decided that Commandant IAM and Secy ISAM should be sponsored with full annual membership fees for taking membership of one of the organizations (AsMA or IAASM) during their respective tenure. The point is yet to be implemented.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The President directed that the point to be followed up and membership to these International Associations should be sought as per the prevailing decision of GBM. He also directed that efforts should be made to utilize this membership optimally so as gain maximum benefit to the society and its members. The progress of the point to be intimated to the house during next GBM.</p>	<p>Comdt IAM</p> <p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
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<p>Point open</p> <p>(c) <u>Changes in Society Memorandum.</u> During the last GBM (2019) various points requiring verdict were deliberated and ratified by GBM. Secy ISAM compiled all these points and decisions of last GBM and had prepared the Draft Revised Memorandum 2020, which was subsequently circulated on various fora for the comments of the members. The inputs received on the draft have been collated and the Memorandum has been vetted by the competent authorities. The revised memorandum is ready for release after final vetting.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The President directed that in case there are any fresh amendments or policy decisions taken during this GBM, then the same should also be incorporated in the Memorandum before release.</p> <p>Point to be closed after publishing the Memorandum on priority.</p>	Secy ISAM	Members
<p>(d) <u>Publication of Annual Report of the Society.</u> Based on the decisions of ECM and GBM (2018), the 1st edition of the e-newsletter had been released by President during the last GBM (2019) and the 2nd edition is being made available on the ISAM website after the GBM.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The practice to be continued in future and annual e-newsletter to be released during the GBM every year and published on ISAM website.</p> <p>Point closed</p>	Secy ISAM Editorial Board IJASM	Members
<p>(e) <u>Updating the ISAM website.</u> The ISAM website should be regularly updated and made more interactive. Secy informed the house about the modifications and changes made in the ISAM website in the last 2 years, including the creation of online registration and payment module for the 59th ISAM. The Journal website has also been linked with the Society website for providing easy access of the Journals to the members.</p>	Secy ISAM OIC Website at IAM	Comdt IAM Members

<p><u>Decision.</u> The upgradation of website is an ongoing process and should be followed up regularly by the Secy ISAM and OIC Website at IAM.</p> <p>Point closed</p> <p>(f) <u>Sponsoring a Panel during AsMA or ICASM.</u> During the last GBM (2019), it was decided that a Panel may be sponsored by the Society during one of the International Conferences, where in all panellists will be sponsored by the Society. The members settled abroad and regularly attending these Conferences may also be included in the Panel; so as to reduce the financial burden to Society. Secy ISAM along with ISAM members settled abroad to liaise with the International Societies for the administrative feasibility of hosting Panel Discussion sponsored by the Society.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The point is to be implemented in future.</p>	Secy ISAM	Members
<p>Point Open</p> <p>(g) <u>Hiring of Part Time Clerk for ISAM Activities at Society Office.</u> The last GBM had approved the proposal of hiring one part time clerk at Air HQ for ISAM related activities, from ISAM funds with approx financial implication of ₹ 2.5 lakhs/year (₹ 20,000/month).</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The point is to be implemented in future.</p>	Secy ISAM	Members
<p>Point Closed</p> <p>(h) <u>Corporate Membership.</u> The proposal of extending the corporate membership to the airlines and aviation related industries on payment of onetime fee ₹ 10 Lakhs was approved by the last GBM (2019). It was decided that necessary assistance from Gp Capt MS (CA) at the O/o DGCA and other Airlines doctors can be sought for the same. This year due to Covid-19 pandemic and economic crisis thereafter the same could not be materialized.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The point needs to be followed up in</p>	Secy ISAM	Gp Capt MS (CA) Members

<p>future.</p> <p>Point Open</p> <p>(j) <u>Procurement of Plagiarism Check software from ISAM funds.</u> IAM had proposed to purchase a software 'I-Thenticate' for the plagiarism check with an approx cost – ₹ 7,00,000/- (₹ Seven Lakhs only). In the Journal Advisory Committee meeting held on 03 Nov 20, it was deliberated that with the online publication of Journal, the need for procurement of the software is obviated, as the plagiarism check is in-built in the online publication and hence it is not required as on date.</p>	Secy ISAM	Members
<p>Point Closed</p> <p>(k) <u>Allotment of Registration number and Issuance of Membership cards to all members of the Society.</u> Secy ISAM informed the house that a draft list of all life members based on the available records was prepared and circulated on various fora for comments by the members.</p> <p>Due to administrative constraints, the membership numbers were allocated in alphabetical order till year 2010 and in chronological order after 2010. The inputs received from members have been compiled and the list is ready for release soon.</p> <p>Secy ISAM also intimated the house that in case of error, the same will be incorporated in due course of time and the list will be made available on the ISAM website for information of all.</p> <p>The issuance of membership cards will be taken up subsequently.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The President directed that point to be pursued further till the issuance of the membership cards to all the members.</p>	Secy ISAM	Members
<p>Point Open</p> <p>(l) <u>Bidding to host the ICASM Conference in India.</u> In the GBM 2019, it was proposed that ISAM should bid to host ICASM Conference in near future. Secy ISAM informed the house that conventionally ICASM is hosted by the same country only after a gap</p>	Secy ISAM	Members

<p>of 10 years and the bidding process usually starts 3-4 years in advance. India had last hosted ICASM in 2016, so earliest we can propose to host ICASM is in 2026, for which bidding process will start in 2022.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The point needs to be pursued in 2021-22.</p> <p>Point Open</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">ITEM II</p> <p>8. <u>Society Activities.</u></p> <p>Secy ISAM intimated the house that due to the prevalent Covid-19 pandemic some of the important activities of the Society like participation in various International Conferences, DGCA workshop for Class I & II Medical examiners, awareness campaign of the Speciality, through Air Mshl PM Sundaram Travelling Fellowship etc could not be conducted this year.</p> <p>Some of the salient activities/ achievements of the Society are enumerated below: -</p> <p>(a) <u>Aeromedical Support to the Gaganauts.</u></p> <p>Secy ISAM informed the house about the role of IAM and the Aerospace Medicine Specialists in the Selection and training of the Gaganauts and the various steps being taken towards this.</p> <p>Point closed</p> <p>(b) <u>Affiliation of ISAM with AsMA.</u> Secy ISAM informed the house that Society Secretariat initiated the step of getting ISAM affiliated with Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA) of USA, which is the largest, professional membership organization in the fields of Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance. On 29 Aug 20, the executive Committee of AsMA had concurred the ISAM's proposal and the Society has been included in the list of affiliates of AsMA (http://www.asma.org/about-asma/affiliates).</p> <p>Point closed</p> <p>(c) <u>Standardisation of Specialty Name and Abbreviation For AFMS</u> Presently, both Advance course and the MD Degree are known by the name of Aerospace Medicine. However, in practice both</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p> <p>Secy ISAM</p> <p>Secy ISAM</p> <p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Members</p>

<p>terminologies (Aviation Medicine and Aerospace Medicine) and different abbreviations (Av Med, Avn Med and Ae Med etc) were being used. DGAFMS concurrence has been accorded for standardizing the name and abbreviation of the Specialty as Aerospace Medicine and Aerosp Med respectively for the AFMS.</p> <p>Point closed</p> <p>(d) <u>Amendment to Composition of Editorial board IJASM.</u> There were no written guidelines available for the Editorial board and Advisory board of IJASM. The same has been formalized this year with due approval of President ISAM. As per the revised guidelines, the composition of Editorial & Advisory Board will be as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President ISAM • Senior Most IAF Serving Aerosp Med Spl • Air Cmde MS (S) • Secy ISAM • 03 Retired Aerosp Med Spl (preferably Bengaluru based with a maximum tenure of 03 years) <p>Point closed</p> <p>(e) <u>Shifting from Physical to Virtual platform.</u> Covid-19 pandemic and the administrative constraints thereafter, resulted in shifting of the conference from conventional physical platform to virtual (online) platform. Necessary arrangements for the same has been made and it included creation of online registration and payment gateway with Pay U (third party gateway) at a cost of approx. ₹ 48000/- and converting the ISAM website into secure site (http→https) with annual cost of ₹ 3500+GST.</p> <p>Point closed</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p> <p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p> <p>Members</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ITEM III</p> <p>9. Fresh Agenda Points</p> <p>(a) <u>Contribution From AMI</u> Aerospace Medicine International (AMI) came in to existence in 2016 and had 42 members across the world. It was formed out of AMERIT, which was giving bursary to students</p>		

<p>presenting scientific papers at international fora. However, AMI had to be closed due to certain unavoidable circumstances. The assets of AMI worth Aus \$ 5400 amounting to ₹ 2,54,809. 50/- have been transferred to ISAM account and taken on charge as Grant from AMI. ISAM expresses its sincere gratitude towards the founders and all members of AMI for the grant.</p> <p>It was proposed by one of the AMI official AVM JS Kulkarni (Retd) to commence an award in the name of Late Gp Capt GS Nayar.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any award to be instituted in someone's name should be entirely funded from the corpus given by the sponsoring agency. At present the Best Paper award during the annual conference of ISAM is ₹ 5000/- each for Institutional and Field category and ₹ 5,000/- for the best Poster. This categorization based on Field and Institutional category, is to be discontinued and the awards to be renamed as Best paper and 2nd Best paper awards and the award money to be revised as ₹10,000/- and ₹ 5,000/- respectively. ₹ 10,000/- award for the Best paper presented during the Conference will be named as “Late Gp Capt GS Nayar Award for Best Paper” and will be paid out of this corpus, while the 2nd best paper award will continue to be paid out of the Society funds. ₹ 5000/- award for the Best Poster will also continue to be paid from the Society funds. <p>Point Closed</p> <p>(b) <u>Ratifications of Points from IJASM Advisory Committee.</u> IJASM advisory committee meeting was held on 03 Nov 20 on virtual platform under the chairmanship of President ISAM and the following were the major outcomes of the deliberations of the meeting: -</p> <p>Expansion of Reviewers panel</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p> <p>Comdt IAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
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<p>Eminent splts from allied specialties will be shortlisted by IJASM editorial board annually, and will be included as the Domain Experts after due approval of President ISAM for a tenure of 01 year.</p> <p>Efforts to improve the quality of papers for IJASM One original research article/ case report/ review article/book review etc (any one) is to be submitted by all IAF Aerosp Med Splts annually. Senior/ Zonal advisors Aerosp Med to monitor the quality and timely submission of papers/ articles for all the specialists under their jurisdiction.</p> <p>Archiving of previous publications A onetime expenditure of ₹ 1.5 lakhs will be required for archiving the old articles and publishing them online on IJASM website along with the search engine. These funds have been projected over and above, the already approved ₹ 20 lakhs for indexing of IJASM.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> All these points need to be ratified by GBM</p> <p>Point Open</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p> <p>Journal Editorial Committee</p> <p>Comdt IAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
<p>(c) <u>Extension of Air Mshl PM Sundaram Travelling Fellowship for 2020 to 2021.</u> The Air Mshl PM Sundaram Memorial Travelling Fellowship for 2019-20 was awarded to Gp Capt MS Nataraja and Gp Capt Rahul Pipraiya. Due to ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, no awareness campaign could be carried out this year. Hence, it was proposed that the Travelling Fellowship may be extended for one year to the same members and the Medallion to be presented next year.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The point was ratified by GBM</p> <p>Point Closed</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
<p>(d) <u>Amendment to Composition of Executive Committee.</u> A proposal has been received to include ACAS (Med), 2nd in chain of command at Air HQ, as the ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of the Society. Presently only Air Cmde MS (S) and Comdt IAM are the ex-officio members</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Senior most IAF Serving Aerosp Med Splt</p>

<p>besides the President and Secy ISAM.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The point was deliberated in detail by both serving as well as retired officers attending the GBM and the following were decided: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Society matters should be dealt separately and not mixed with the Air HQ hierarchy.• All the files and notes pertaining to the Society should be processed between Secy and President ISAM and other members of the Executive Committee may be kept informed about the decisions.• Only the ISAM files pertaining to the IAF procedures and policies should be processed on IAF hierarchy.• ACAS (Med) not to be included as ex-officio member of EC of the Society• The senior most IAF serving Aerosp Med Splt should be the Ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, in place of the Air Cmde MS (S).• The present and revised composition of the ex-officio members of the EC is tabulated below :- <table><tr><th>Present Composition</th><th>Revised Composition</th></tr><tr><td>DGMS (Air)- President</td><td>DGMS (Air)- President</td></tr><tr><td>Air Cmde MS (S)</td><td>Senior most IAF serving Aerosp Med Splt</td></tr><tr><td>Comdt IAM</td><td>Comdt IAM</td></tr><tr><td>Gp Capt MS (AM) – Secy & Treasurer</td><td>Gp Capt MS (AM) – Secy & Treasurer</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The decision to be incorporated in the revision of the Society Memorandum <p>Point Closed</p> <p>(e) <u>Continuation of Third-Party Payment Gateway.</u></p> <p>Secy ISAM proposed that the third-party payment gateway created this year for virtual Conference may be continued in future. This will facilitate members in depositing membership fee and will be useful for the future conference too. The standard fee of 2 % to 3 % bank charges will be paid by the Society. In addition, a one-time expenditure of approx. ₹ 48,000/- has</p>	Present Composition	Revised Composition	DGMS (Air)- President	DGMS (Air)- President	Air Cmde MS (S)	Senior most IAF serving Aerosp Med Splt	Comdt IAM	Comdt IAM	Gp Capt MS (AM) – Secy & Treasurer	Gp Capt MS (AM) – Secy & Treasurer	<p>Air Cmde MS (S)</p> <p>Comdt IAM</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Secy and Treasurer ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
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<p>already been incurred on creating the module through the vendor maintaining the ISAM website (Dotline Web Media Pvt Ltd)</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The proposal was agreed by all the members. However, it was decided that the choice of the third-party gateway (PayU or any other) should be finalized based on the experience with 'Pay U' gateway this year.</p>		
<p>Point Open</p> <p>(f) <u>Issuance of Life membership/ Fellowship Certificates.</u> The Secy ISAM informed the house that present practice is to issue the certificates for new life membership/ associate fellowship/ fellowship in the next GBM (i.e after one year of approval of the names by the GBM). It was proposed that the certificates to be prepared after the decision of ECM and will be issued only after ratification by the GBM in the same year.</p>	Secy ISAM	Members
<p><u>Decision.</u> The proposal was ratified by the GBM.</p> <p>Point Closed</p>		
<p>(g) <u>Technical Mini Series No 18 -2021.</u> It was proposed that TMS for the year 2021 should be in continuation of the HSP series and focused on Gaganauts Training.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> Comdt IAM to take a final call on the topic of TMS for 2021, based on the progress of the HSP. In case of delay in HSP or technical issues with regard to publication of TMS on this topic other options like Aircrew Flying Clothing (2nd edition) and PTU/ Aeromedical evacuation of casualties etc may be considered.</p>	Secy ISAM Comdt IAM	Members
<p>Point Open</p> <p>(h) <u>Virtual GBM to be given the same weightage as Physical Meeting.</u> This year due to unavoidable circumstances the Conference and the GBM could not be held in the conventional physical format and we have moved on to digital platform. This year Executive Committee Meeting, General Body meeting as well as</p>	Secy ISAM	Members

<p>the Conference were organized primarily on virtual platform. It was proposed that the meetings held online (virtual platform) should be given equal weightage as that of physical meetings.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> In view of the current digitization and numerous platforms available for holding virtual meetings which even have provisions for online voting; the proposal was ratified by GBM and it is to be incorporated in the Society Memorandum being revised.</p> <p>Point Closed</p> <p>(j) <u>Postponement of Election of New Members of EC for the 2020. Elected members (2018).</u> As per the existing norms, the tenure of elected members is 02 years. New members are to be elected during the GBM, based on the number of members completing their tenure. This year two members Gp Capt YS Dahiya and Wg Cdr Ajay Kumar are completing their tenure of 02 years. As this GBM is being conducted on virtual platform for the first time and we were not sure about the participation and response of the members; it was proposed to postpone the election this year and grant extension to the two members for the current year.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The proposal was ratified by the GBM and it was recommended that in future online voting provision may be explored</p> <p>Point Closed</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p> <p>Gp Capt YS Dahiya</p> <p>Wg Cdr Ajay Kumar</p>
<p>(k) <u>Audit Report for the financial year 2019-20.</u> The Secy and Treasurer ISAM presented the audit report along with the trial balance for the financial year 2019-20 duly vetted by the Chartered Accountant. He also informed the house, that the CA in his audit report has recommended to create property in the name of ISAM and to check if the Society is required to pay GST as per the IAF norms and the Society regulations.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The audit report was ratified by GBM. The proposals for creating the property in the name of Society (e.q buying a flat for Society office/ Guest</p>	<p>Secy and Treasurer ISAM</p> <p>Comdt IAM</p>	<p>Members</p>

<p>house, a hostel facility for the civilian PG residents of IAM, buying a digital wall for IAM auditorium etc) were deliberated and it was decided that Comdt IAM should work out a feasible proposal and forward it to Secy ISAM for 'In principle approval' of President ISAM, which would be further ratified by the GBM. Secy ISAM was also asked to check the GST related issue with the competent authorities.</p>		
<p>Point Open</p> <p>(l) <u>Selection of New Fellows of the Society.</u> Based on the recommendations of BOO under the chairmanship of senior most IAF Aerosp Med Splt (AVM Deepak Gaur AVSM) the names of AVM Navin Rattan AVSM VSM (Retd) and Surg Capt SG Swamy were proposed to be conferred with the Fellowship of ISAM this year.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> Both the names were ratified by the GBM. Secy ISAM to ensure that the certificates are issued to the new Fellows.</p>	Secy ISAM	Members
<p>Point Closed</p> <p>(m) <u>Amendment in the QRs of selection of Associate Fellow.</u> The present QRs approved by the GBM (2019) include 08 years of Life membership as one of the mandatory requirements for applicant for the Associate Fellowship. During the ECM, it was recommended to <i>amend the QR of minimum life membership of 08 years to Minimum Life membership of 08 years OR 18 years of Cumulative membership (Annual + Life membership)</i>, so as to enable a greater number of senior specialists from allied specialties to apply for the Associate Fellowship of the Society. There will be no change in other QRs as approved in GBM -2019.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> After detailed deliberations the proposal was ratified by GBM.</p> <p>Point Closed</p> <p>(n) <u>Selection of New Associate Fellows of the Society.</u> Applications for Associate fellowship were</p>	Secy ISAM	Members

<p>received from Gp Capt Prateek Kinra, Wg Cdr Ajay Kumar and Wg Cdr Aprajita Bhayana (Retd).</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> All three names were ratified by the GBM. Secy ISAM to ensure that the certificates are issued to the new Associate Fellows.</p> <p>Point Closed</p>	Secy ISAM	Members
<p>(o) <u>Selection of New Life Members of the Society.</u> Secy ISAM presented the house with the details of new applications for life membership received by him. As all the applicants were meeting the QRs, ECM has recommended grant of life membership to all of them. The same was ratified by GBM. The list of new life members approved is as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Anoop M Pinto • Sqn Ldr Yujvender Singh Thakhur • Surg Lt Cdr Karthikeyan S • Surg Lt Cdr B Vinod • Surg Lt Cdr Shruthi B Cahndran • Sqn Ldr Nandishwar Rathore • Maj M Hemanth Kumar Ayyappa • Maj Deepan Rai • Dr K Surya Kiran • Dr Aneha Arun Rao • Dr Akshay C Shirur <p><u>Decision.</u> The names to be ratified by GBM</p> <p>Point Closed</p>	Secy ISAM	Members
<p>(p) <u>Air Mshl (Retd) Kuldip Rai award for best published paper in the IJASM.</u> The BOO has selected the paper titled "Simultaneous analysis of eight benzodiazepines in blood and urine matrix by gas chromatography–mass spectrometry: Implications for air crash investigation" published in Summer 2019 edition of IJASM. The author of the article is Dr Santosh Kumar of IAM IAF</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> Dr Santosh was awarded a cash prize of ₹ 25,000/- for the best published paper in IJASM.</p> <p>Point Closed</p>	Secy ISAM	Members

<p>(q) <u>Increase in the Honorarium for the Med-8 staff working for ISAM.</u> The Med-8 staff looking after the day to day work of ISAM and documentation is being paid an honorarium of ₹ 500/- per month since 2010. It was proposed to increase the same from ₹ 500/- to ₹ 1000/- per month and was recommended by the ECM.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The proposal was ratified by GBM and need to be implemented wef 01 Jan 21.</p> <p>(r) <u>Venue and date for 60th ISAM Conference.</u> Secy ISAM proposed that the venue for the next conference should be IAM IAF Bengaluru and discussed the available options of dates for the Conference</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> Venue - IAM Bengaluru Conference to be scheduled from Thursday to Saturday Dates First Choice - 25 – 27 Nov 21 Second Choice – 21 – 23 Oct 21 The choice of dates to be finalized after due approval of CAS.</p> <p>Point Closed</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p> <p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p> <p>Members</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ITEM V</p> <p>10. <u>Awards during the 59th ISAM Conference.</u></p> <p>(a) Following awards were given during the Inaugural function of the 59th ISAM Conference by CAS: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAS Trophy for Primary Course in Aerospace Medicine (PAMC) - Sqn Ldr Balikesh Rani • AVM MM Srinagesh Trophy for best officer in Advance Course in Aerosp Med -- Lt Col TP Nepal • AOC-in-C Trophy for Best Dissertation in the MD Exam- Flt Lt Rahul Dev • DGMS (Air) Trophy for the best student in Introductory Course in Aerospace Medicine (INTAM) - Flt Lt SS Bhandari <p>(b) Following awards were given by DGMS (Air)</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>

<p>during the GBM : -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President's Gold Medal for best student in MD Aerosp Med - Flt Lt Rahul Dev • Air Mshl Kuldip Rai Award for best published article in IJASM – Dr Santosh • Best Papers presented during 59th ISAM Institutional – Dr Kumari Pooja Field – Gp Capt Parli Raghvan Ravi <p>11. <u>Release of 2nd edition of Society News Letter.</u> The 2nd edition of the Society newsletter, giving the glimpses of the Society activities of last one year was released by President ISAM and subsequently uploaded on the ISAM website.</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p> <p>Editorial Board IJASM</p>	<p>Members</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ITEM VI</p> <p>12. <u>Vote of Thanks to the outgoing President.</u> Secy ISAM requested AVM Deepak Gaur AVSM, PMO HQ TC to propose the vote of thanks to Air Mshl MS Butola PHS, DGMS (Air) & President who is going to superannuate on 16 Dec 20, AVM Deepak Gaur, on behalf of the Executive committee and all members of the ISAM expressed his gratitude towards the President for the unprecedented support and leadership. He handed over a memento to the President ISAM as a token of remembrance from the Society.</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">ITEM VII</p> <p>13. <u>Closing Remarks by the President.</u> The President thanked all the members of the Society for the good work being done by them and urged them to continue doing the same. He requested members to put in some more efforts as a team for the betterment of the Aerospace Medicine as a Specialty in the country.</p>		

14. There being no further points, Secy ISAM thanked the President ISAM and all members of the Society attending the GBM either physically or virtually, for their valuable time and contribution.

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