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Indian Association for the Study of Population (IASP)

1 ACTIVITIES OF IASP DURING 2017-18

38th Annual Conference

The 38th annual conference of IASP on the theme Population, Health and Development was organised at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam during Dec 20-22, 2017. The conference was attended by delegates from various parts of the country. The inaugural function was organised on Dec 20th. The presidential address was given by Dr U V Somayajulu, President, while the key note address was given by Dr Venkatesh Srinivasan, of UNFPA. Principal of the science college and Rector of AU also addressed the delegates.

Prof Srinivasan award was given to Dr Sanjay Kumar and Dr Brijesh Singh. Prof KB Pathak award was given to Dr Sanjit Sarkar. Dr George Simons memorial oration was given by Prof Muralidhar Vemuri. Five senior Demographers,- Prof H C Srivasatava, Prof MSR Murthy, Prof G Rama Rao, Prof JL Narayana, and Prof G Ramachandrudu – were felicitated by Prof Nageswar Rao, VC and Dr U V Somayajulu, President of IASP.

The conference had two plenary sessions(by PSI and IHAT), one panel discussion on business demography, 22 technical oral sessions and 3 poster sessions. The valedictory session was held on Dec 22, 2017. Prof Umamaheswar Rao, Registrar presided the function. Prof KV Rao gave the valedictory address.

Three best posters were given Dr. S.N. Singh award. The winners of the best posters were: Mr. Radhey Shyam Mishra (Health Inequality among the Elderly in Rural India), Ms. Anjali Pandey (Contraceptive Use before the First Birth: Determinants and Differentials) and Ms. Shalini Meshram (Factors affecting Inter-Caste Marriage in India).

IASP thanked all the abstract reviewers, chair persons, rapporteurs, speakers, presenters, delegates et al. IASP also thanked UNFPA, USAID, PSI, IHAT, Save the children, WISH foundation, Helpage India, and STAR foundation for the financial support

Joint meeting of EC and BOT

Joint meeting of EC and BOT of IASP was held on 19th December, 2017 at Statistics Dept, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. The EC discussed about the GS report for 2016-17, IASP elections, appointment of new auditor, balance sheet etc.

GB meeting

The General Body Meeting of IASP was held on 20th December, 2017, 02.00pm at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. The GB discussed about minutes of the last GB meeting, report of the GS, IASP Elections 2018, IPC 2021, balance sheet, Demography India etc. The GB also decided that as a special case, the tenure of the next elected executive committee and BOT be extended up to 2021 IUSSP Conference. The programme in memory of Prof: Ashish Bose were also discussed.

Demography India

A special issue of Demography India with the selected papers of 37th annual conference was published and released during the 38th annual conference of IASP held at Varanasi.

Appointment New Auditor

As decided in the last GB meeting held at Visakhapatnam, Mr Rakesh Agarwal has been appointed as the new auditor.

EC meetings

Five EC Meetings through Conference call were conducted to discuss various issues, during the last one year. These meetings also helped us in giving approval to the new membership applicants, During this year, 23 Life members and 81 Annual members joined the IASP family.

WORLD POPULATION DAY

This year (2018) the World Population Day was observed by various Universities/ Institutions in collaboration with IASP. These included :Department of Demography and Population Research Centre, University of Kerala. Population Research Centre and Statistics Dept, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam Department of Population Studies and Social Work, S V University, Tirupati Population Research Centre, Dept. of Statistics, Patna University, Patna CSR, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

E -NEWS LETTER AND WEBSITE

During the period three issues of the e – news letter were prepared and shared with the members. The same were made available on iasp website.

ONLINE ELECTION PROCESS

As decided in the last GB meeting, election committee consisting Profs CM Pandey, CP Prakasam and PM Kulkarni was constituted. The process of online election is in the final stage, the next election would use e- voting method instead of postal ballot. Updated list

of members and the e voting software prepared by the IEG programmer have been forwarded the Election committee. The election committee verified the e voting software.

The Updated version of the IASP members' mailing list is posted on the IASP website. All modes of communication including e mail, letter through post, social media, phone message, etc were used to reach out to the members for whom we don't have email id or mobile phone. We were able to get these details to a large extent, but still for a sizeable number of members, we don't have these details. The members are requested to check their mailing address and communicate to the Secretariat (iasp.india@gmail.com) about any changes that need to be made. The members are also requested to send all the communication to iasp.india@gmail.com

IPC 2021

As decided in the last GB meeting, the process for constituting the national organising committee (NOC) has been initiated. The first NOC meeting was held at New Delhi on 1st September, 2018. Several visits have been made to Hyderabad by the President and vice president of IASP. One of these visits was along with Dr Shireen Jeejebhoy, Vice President of IUSSP. President is also in touch with the IUSSP team and IUSSP team (Dr Shireen Jeejebhoy, Dr Mary Ellen Zuppan and Nico ven) visited Delhi and Hyderabad during Sept 24-27, 2018. The second NOC meeting was held at Delhi on Sept 25, 2018. The dates of IPC 2021 have been finalised in consultation with IUSSP and Hyderabad international convention centre. The IPC 2021 will be held at Hyderabad during Dec 5-10, 2021.

2 EC/BOT MEETING HELD AT BHU, VARANASI

The Joint meeting of EC and BoT members of IASP was held on Sept. 17, 2018, at 6.00pm, at Dept. of Statistics, BHU, Varanasi. Dr U V Somayajulu, President chaired the meeting and conducted the proceedings. Dr Somayajulu mentioned about the sad demise of senior Demographer and member of IASP, Prof. B. D Misra. He made a brief mention of Prof Misra's contribution in the field of population in general and towards growth of IASP in particular. The members observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed Senior Demographer.

The application for three life memberships and four annual memberships were approved in the joint meeting of the EC and BOT.

The EC and BOT decided to open up a new bank A/C for the IUSSP conference.

As regards the IASP Elections 2018, President reported that all the documents were submitted to the Election committee and the chairman of the Committee, Prof C. M. Pandey will discuss the details in the GB.

The EC and BOT approved the balance sheet presented by Dr Suresh Sharma, treasurer.

As regards the next conference of IASP, offer was received from Dr. A. G. Khan of Gulbarga University and Prof. V. K. Ravindrakumar of S. V. University. EC direct them to send official request with the recommendation of their head of the Institutions.

The President briefed the members that as suggested by UNFPA, three skill development workshops were introduced with 20 participants each. This is the first time in the IASP is organising such capacity building activity.

3 GB MEETING HELD AT VARANASI

The General Body meeting of the IASP was held at the Hall -2 of the Seminar Complex, Institute of Science, BHU, Varanasi at 7.00 PM on 18th September 2018. The meeting was presided over by the President of IASP, Dr UV Somayajulu. The General Secretary of IASP, Prof P Mohanachandran Nair welcomed the members of IASP. A total of 39 members attended the GB meeting. Copy of the agenda was circulated among the members.

Condolence

Dr Somayajulu mentioned about the sad demise of senior Demographer and member of IASP, Prof B. D Misra. He made a brief mention of Prof Misra's contribution in the field of population in general and towards growth of IASP in particular. He added that Prof Misra served IASP at various roles including the Vice President. The members observed two minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed Senior Demographer.

The balance sheet for 2017-18 presented by Dr. Suresh Sharma, treasurer was placed before the GB and the same was approved and accepted by the GB.

IUSSP -2021 Conference at Hyderabad

Dr.Somayajulu briefed the members about the developments of the 2021 IPC at Hyderabad including formation of the National Organising Committee, NOC. He added that he was not keen to do this until the IASP elections are completed. But IUSSP wanted this to be completed before the visit of IUSSP team to India in Sept 2018. He also added that the EC and BOT as well as the GB that met in Visakhapatnam had authorised the President to constitute the NOC.

In view of this, the NOC was formed and the list of NOC members was circulated among the EC and BOT members and suggestions were sought. He further clarified that we need to wait for the 2019 general elections to get the senior Govt officials on board. This applies to the Govt of Telangana also. He also informed that contacts were established

with the office of Honourable Vice President of India, Governor of Telangana, Chief Minister of Telangana and some of the corporates. He briefed the members about the first meeting of the NOC that was held on August 31, 2018. He further informed the members about the proposed visit of the IUSSP team (Dr Mary Ellen Zuppan and Mr Nico van besides Dr Shireen Jeebhoy) for meetings at Delhi and visit to the IPC 2021 venue, at Hyderabad.

Dr Somayajulu also mentioned that IASP has to open a bank account exclusively for the IPC 2021 and the GB authorised the President to initiate action in this regard. He also said that the list of NOC members would be uploaded on the IASP Website later after getting consent from the NOC members.

Dr Somayajulu mentioned that we will have India sessions over two days, during the IPC 2021, with 1-2 plenary sessions and 8 parallel sessions. IASP would discuss with IUSSP on these sessions and inform the members. He also added that this was discussed in the first meeting of the NOC.

Elections 2018

Dr Somayajulu briefed the members about the progress made so far including updating the list of annual and life members with correct e mail id and mobile number. He added that all the members were sent hard copy of the newsletter along with current address available with IASP with a request to send communication if any changes are to be made. The updated list was sent to the Election Committee.

Dr Somayajulu also briefed the members about the e voting software prepared by Mr Vinod Tyagi, as proposed by the Treasurer in the GB meeting held at IEG, Delhi in Dec 2017. This was demonstrated during the Visakhapatnam conference. Later, this software was shared with the Election Committee (Profs CM Pandey, CP Prakasam and PM Kulkarni) and demonstrated to Prof C M Pandey at Sigma office, in Delhi. On the basis of feedback provided by Prof Pandey, changes were made in the software. And the same was sent to all the members of the EC. He requested Prof CM Pandey, chairman of the election committee to give an update to the members.

Prof. C. M. Pandey explained that the committee has two options viz., one prepared by Mr Tyagi, IEG programmer and the software usually used in academic and professional organizations ie. Survey Monkey Apps.

Display of the software was also done in the meeting. Prof CM Pandey also added that the second one is widely used in several elections including the recent ISMS election. It is also more reliable and costless.

Mr Tyagi asked two questions to Prof CM Pandey, while Dr Suresh Sharma asked for the reasons for not using the software developed by Mr Tyagi as much of time was invested by him in this regard. He argued that the software prepared by Mr Tyagi should be

considered or used. He also added that the Election Committee can review the revise the e voting software developed by Mr Tyagi.

There were arguments and counter arguments and then Dr Somayajulu mentioned that as the matter is handed over to the EC, IASP and its office bearers should not intervene in this matter as it leads to conflict of interest and requested the members to cooperate with the Election Committee so that it can take an independent decision in the interest of IASP. He also requested the Election Committee to consider both the softwares and select the one that is best in terms of various parameters such as safety, confidentiality, reliability, etc. He requested the Election Committee to complete the elections at the earliest as they are delayed. He also informed the members that due to some personal constraints, Prof PM Kulkarni has opted out of the EC and requested Prof CM Pandey to take a decision in this regard as it is his prerogative to decide about his replacement. Prof CM Pandey mentioned that instead of replacement for Prof Kulkarni, he would prefer to have at least four independent observers who have technical knowledge, from various regions of the country. He also added that the software developed by Mr Tyagi is not discarded and it is under consideration but added that revisions in it would take more time.

Prof S. N. Dwivedi, mentioned that many international associations are using survey monkey for their elections and hence it would be the best option for IASP elections, as it also ensures confidentiality of the voting process. Prof VK Tiwari also felt that the Election Committee should be given the freedom to decide about the software to be used. Finally, the GB authorised the Election committee to decide about the election process including the e voting software, schedule etc.

Dr. Subrato Mondal mentioned about the need to have gender balance in the EC and added that the EC members should be more accountable in the activities of the IASP and they have to get involved in all the events and activities of IASP at least in their area.

Demography India

Dr Somayajulu mentioned that all the issues of the Journal were published and they are available online. A special issue with the selected papers of 38th annual conference is getting ready for publication.

Next IASP Conference

The offer to host the next annual conference of IASP was received from Dr. A. G. Khan of Gulbarga University, Gulbarga and Prof V. K. Ravindra Kumar of S. V. University, Tirupati. The President requested them to send formal offer letter with the recommendation of their head of the institution and details about the support in cash and kind that would be provided to IASP.

4 39TH CONFERENCE REPORT

The 39th Annual Conference of IASP was held during September 18-20, 2018 with five plenary sessions, one panel discussion, and 31 technical oral sessions with 120 presentations, and 3 poster sessions with 75 posters in conjunction with Emerging Methodologies in Theoretical and Applied Statistics conference by Department of Statistics, BHU, Varanasi. The conference was attended by academicians, researchers, students, administrators, development practitioners, NGO representatives etc, from UNFPA, USAID, UNICEF, Save the children, PSI, Swasti, WISH foundation, IIPS, JNU, TISS, ISI, Lucknow University, BHU, Delhi University, Utkal university, Ravenshaw University-Cuttack, IEG, ICMR, NIMS, SV University, Hyderabad Central University, Gulbarga University, etc.

The conference started with the inaugural function that was held on 18th Sept 2018 with Prof. B B Khare (HOD of Statistics department, BHU) welcoming the dignitaries. Prof. KK Singh, Convener of the local organising committee briefed about the statistics conference. Dr. U V Somayajulu, President of IASP gave the presidential address. He mentioned about the challenging task taken up by the IASP in hosting the IUSSP's International Population Conference in 2021 in Hyderabad. In his Presidential address, he highlighted the need for gender equity, gender and development, and explained the role of demographers in research on these issues. For instance, he mentioned about time use studies that can help us in understanding the health, nutrition and development implications of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and availability of clean fuel. He also talked about various programme initiatives of the Indian Government towards gender equity and equality. He particularly expressed his concern regarding presence of female demographers in IASP's executive council, for taking up active role. He also informed about support from UNFPA on Skill Development workshops. Dr Jenifer Butler, UNFPA chief and the Chief Guest gave the key note address. She added that we can't talk of Demography if we can't talk of Gender. She praised the intellectual force of India and suggested that investment on young people in the country can get demographic dividend. She emphasized for gender analysis of the census data.

Prof. Joshi, Director Institute of Science, BHU talked of Pitambar Panth and his contribution in Statistics. Prof PMC Nair, General Secretary, IASP announced the awards. Prof KB Pathak award for best paper published in peer reviewed journals was given to Mukesh Ranjan. Prof K Srinivasan award for best technical and substantive paper published in Demography India was awarded to S K Singh, Arpita Das and Deepanjali Vishwakarma and Binoj Kumar Singh. The conference souvenir and two books viz, Maternal, New born, and Child Health Programmes in India, A Programme Science Approach, by BM Ramesh, Shiva S Halli, Krishnamurthy Jayanna and Mohan HL, and Morbidity in Kerala, Levels, Determinants and Differentials by P Mohanachandran Nair, Asha T Chacko, Rajeev V and Arun Kumari VS were released by the chief guest. Dr Suresh Sharma, Treasurer, IASP proposed Vote of Thanks and thanked all the dignitaries, participants, delegates and media for their participation. He thanked all the funding agencies, viz, UNFPA, UNICEF, USAID, IHAT, IIPS, PSI, Swasti, WISH Foundation, Save the Children et al for the generous financial support to IASP.

Immediately after the inaugural session, Prof George Simons memorial lecture was delivered by Dr Shireen Jeejbhoy on "Keeping the promises of the SDGs for adolescents and youths in India: What needs to be done?" This session was chaired by Dr U V

Somayajulu, President of IASP. Dr Shireen talked about seven key markers of a successful transition from adolescent to adulthood with evidences from India and other parts of the Globe. She raised major questions that whether India will meet the SDG on health and well-being and gender equality during the stipulated time period. She suggested some possible solutions like entitlement for school going adolescents, Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) to promote school completion, comprehensive skilling programme, school based comprehensive sexuality education, focused programme for the married girls and programmes to engage the parents of the adolescents to improve outcomes.

The first plenary session was on Health Status of the Urban Poor in UP and it was chaired by Prof Arvind Pandey. The speakers were from Govt of India, Govt of UP, Varanasi district administration, USAID, PSI and Swasti. Dr. Basab Gupta, Dy. Commissioner- NUHM, Govt. of India talked about Govt's newly launched programme "Ayushman Bharat" and showed State level disparities in indicators and said that urban health is a socio-economic problem. Dr. Sanjay Pandey of PSI emphasized on use of evidence on decision making. Ms. Shyama from Swasti discussed on i4We Investment for Wellness Model. Dr Singh from State Health department of Govt. of UP said that in spite of having urban health and wellness centers, people still prefer to visit well established Govt. hospitals. Dr Dipankar Bhattacharjee talked about Knowledge Catalyst, Learning for impact.

Prof S N Singh memorial oration was delivered by Prof. R C Yadav of BHU on Prof Singh's contribution to Stochastic Model.

The second plenary session was chaired by Prof. F. Ram. The presentations were made by the IHAT- UP team on improving MCH outcomes in the State, Prof. Shiva Halli talked about theory of changes and approaches. It was explained how UP- TSU is supporting to improving access to FP services.

System Strengthening for better governance and improved service delivery in UP was presented by Sandeep Srivastava. MNCH interventions for better and improved outcomes in UP was presented by John Anthony. UP-TSU's support to improving access to Family Planning Services in UP was presented by Preeti Anand. UP-TSU's support to Poshan Abhiyan roll out in UP was presented by Manish Kumar.

There was a brainstorming session on "Emerging opportunities for IASP, how to tap?" . It was chaired by Dr ME Khan and coordinated by Dr Subrato Mondal. Several suggestions were given by the panelists and these include proactive role by IASP in advocacy to Govt. on alarming demographic situation in the country, strengthening association with Govt., increasing study of population in the universities and institutes and most importantly how to generate more fund and resources for IASP. Most part of the discussions went on how to generate fund for IASP so that the association can take up several activities (regional workshops, skill building workshops, etc.) in different regions of the country in addition to the Annual Conference.

Four skill Development workshops (three of them supported by UNFPA) were conducted by the resource persons with about 75 participants altogether. The four workshops were 1. Applied Research Methods in Evaluation conducted by Dr M Hanimi Reddy and Dr S Rajaram, 2. Use of data for urban planning conducted by Prof RB Bhagat and Dr Archana Roy, 3. Research methods for Applied or Business Demography, conducted by Dr U V Somayajulu and Dr KVR Subrahmanyam and 4. How to Write Scientific Papers for Peer-reviewed Journals was conducted by Prof P C Saxena and Prof Sayeed Unisa .A lot of enthusiasm was found among the participants – mostly by the young scholars and students of Demography in asking questions and participating actively in the discussions.

The feedback received from the participants indicate that the young scholars want such skill building sessions to be continued by IASP either as part of the conference or as pre conference sessions.

The third plenary session was by the IIPS team and it was chaired by Prof Leela Visaria. This session was interesting and very informative. Prof L Ladu Singh, Acting Director of IIPS talked about the social security issues for the elderly in India. He showed the trends and inflows and out flows in National Transfer Accounts (NTA). Prof Sayed Unnisa talked on understanding the childhood stunting, Dr Archana K Roy talked on out migration from Bihar and Prof. R B Bhagat discussed about demographic transition and public policy in India and gave a strong insight into it.

The 4th Plenary Session by Unicef, Uttar Pradesh Field Office, Lucknow was on gendered messaging and Swachha Bharat Mission (SBM) Gramin programme in UP. Mrs. Piyush Antony, Inclusive Social Policy Specialist and Mr Chiranjivi Tiwari, WASH Specialist talked about the gendered views of sanitation and mentioned that economic impact per household is available but not available for the society. They suggested some of the opportunities for research as follows:

- Are we promoting gender stereotype?
- If and how women and socially excluded groups are given scope to participate and influence SBM decisions
- Are we putting enough efforts on generating evidence and empowering women and girls?

The fifth plenary session of Wish foundation was chaired by Prof Aravind Pandey. There were presentations and discussion on operationalizing Health and Wellness Centers for comprehensive primary health cares across the States. The panelists included: Dr Rahul Bhawsar, Mr. Dinesh Songara (State Program & Technical Head) Mr. Anand Panjiyar (Program Specialist). The learning from different States was discussed to arrive at practical solutions to the issues. A lot of enthusiasm and active participation was found among the research scholars and the students during the technical sessions. Many of them presented papers from their M Phil/PhD dissertations. The following technical sessions were conducted successfully:

- Safe Abortion/MCH

- Ageing
- Child Health and Survival
- Family Planning
- Fertility
- Food Security / Child Nutrition
- Gender
- Livelihood/Education
- Mathematical models/ Large scale surveys
- Migration, Health/ Mental Health
- Disasters and climate change

Six papers were presented by the young scholars for Dr. Chandrasekheran award.

Poster sessions: 75 posters were displayed in the three poster sessions. The poster evaluation committee selected three posters as the best posters. The authors of these posters were given Prof SN Singh award in the valedictory session held on 20th September, 2018. The award winners are Ms. Ayantika Biswas, Ph. D Scholar, IIPS, Mumbai, Mr. Tarique Anwar and Ms. Ramya R. Ph. D Scholar, Kerala University

The valedictory session was held on 20th September, 2018. Prof KNS Yadava was the Chief Guest and in his address, he highlighted the role of Demographers in research. Dr U V Somayajulu, President of IASP mentioned about the plans to strengthen IASP further and sought the cooperation of all the members. He added that earnest efforts are needed to strengthen IASP financially and requested all the members to actively participate in the same. Nilima and Mani Deep Govindu were given Prof Chandrasekharan award for best paper presented in this category. Prof KK Singh talked about the conference. Prof Gyan Praksh gave vote of thanks on behalf of BHU. Dr KVR Subrahmanyam, Vice President of IASP proposed vote of thanks on behalf of IASP and thanked all the funding agencies, BHU, staff of Sigma, NIMS, IEG, abstract reviewers, chair persons, poster evaluators, paper presenters, SDW coordinators, poster presenters, media et al.

5 EC MEETING OCT 2018

The Meeting of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees was held through conference call **on October 13, 2018.**

39th Annual conference of IASP

Dr U V Somayajulu, who presided the meeting, thanked all the EC and BOT members, and BHU team for making the 39th Annual conference a success. He also added that about Rs 20Lakhs was mobilised by IASP for the conference and the idea was to save some money from this to meet the IUSSP council and IPC meetings to be held at Delhi in Jan 2019. Dr Suresh Sharma, Treasurer briefed the members about the expenses

incurred so far and added that BHU has asked IASP to clear the food and local transport related expenses, on the basis of his discussion with Prof KK Singh.

Dr Somayajulu asked the members to give their views on this. The members suggested that IASP should save money to meet the IUSSP meeting expenses. The treasurer was requested to speak to Prof KK Singh in this regard. The members also felt that IASP can provide Rs 5 lakhs to BHU in view of the need for funds for IASP. Dr JK Basu and Dr Jeetendra Yadav were requested to complete the conference report and SDW report at the earliest as funding agencies were asking for the same.

IPC 2021

Dr Somayajulu briefed the members about the second NOC meeting held at Delhi on Sept 26, 2018 and the visit of the IUSSP team (Dr Mary Ellen, Nico van and Dr Shireen Jeejebhoy) to Delhi and Hyderabad. He mentioned about the meetings IUSSP and IASP team (Dr Somayajulu and Dr Subhrahmanyam) had with the UNFPA team and DFID team at Delhi, HICC team, HCVB team and Govt of Telangana team at Hyderabad besides the visit to HICC for IPC 2021 planning. He added that these agencies assured support to IASP in making the IPC 2021 a success. He also mentioned about the IUSSP council meeting, IPC meeting and NOC meeting to be held at Delhi in Jan 2019.

New Members

The EC and BOT approved the membership of two life members and four annual members and welcomed the members to IASP family.

Demography India

The EC and BOT expressed the need to monitor the visits, downloads, impact factor and distribution of technical and non -technical papers published in Demography India. The General Secretary was asked to get these details from the Chief Editor.

Next Conference

Dr Somayajulu mentioned that offer to host the 40th annual conference of IASP was received from SV University, Tirupati and Gulbarga University, Gulbarga. Given the experience with the past two conferences, where the host institutions could not mobilise funds to the extent expected, which affected the resources of IASP, EC and BOT suggested that this time, IASP should insist for assurance from the host institutions regarding the support they would provide.

The members were asked to share their views on this issue and they suggested that Gulbarga University should be selected as the next conference venue as we never had IASP conference there. The President was authorized to take this forward.

The President gave a brief update on the IASP elections 2018. He mentioned that as suggested by Sri AR Nanda, he had written to Prof CM Pandey to examine/review both the software options, viz, survey monkey and software prepared by Mr Tyagi of IEG and communicate the decision with reasons for selecting an option to the President. He also mentioned that it would be better to complete the elections at the earliest as the work relating to IPC 2021 should continue.

Dr Suresh Sharma suggested that the elections should be conducted by non IASP member. Dr Somayajulu mentioned that though this is a good suggestion, this can't be implemented this time as GB's ratification is needed for this. He also added that in IASP, GB is the ultimate decision making body and its decision is final.

Dr Sharma also mentioned that the Election Committee members should not vote. Dr Somayajulu mentioned that as members it is their democratic right to vote. In India, the election commission members also vote and denying someone the voting right is anti-democratic. Dr Somayajulu mentioned that all the office bearers would be bound by the collective responsibility with regard to all the decisions taken by the EC. He also added that the EC is not competent to change the decisions of the GB and there is no possibility of organising the GB meeting this year.

Opinion of all the members was sought through voting on two aspects:

1. IASP Elections 2018 to be conducted by the Election Committee (Prof CM Pandey and Prof CP Prakasam) - 6 for and 1 against
2. The software to be used for IASP elections 2018 would be decided by the Election Committee - 6 for and 1 against

The President requested all the EC and BOT members to cooperate in ensuring smooth conduct of the elections in the larger interest of IASP so that we can move forward with the IPC 2021 work.

The President visited Lucknow on Nov 13, 2018 to discuss about the IASP elections with Prof CM Pandey and his team. He also requested Prof Pandey to initiate the election process.

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The end