



# **INDIAN SOCIETY FOR STUDY OF PAIN**

**Minutes of Annual General Body Meeting of ISSP.**

**4<sup>th</sup> February 2023, at Amritsar, India**

Dr Pravesh Kanthed

Dr Hitesh Patel

Secretariat ISSP National

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**Held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Amritsar, India**

**Venue: SGRDMC, Amritsar**

**Time: 5.00pm**

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In Attendance on chair: -

President- Dr Pradeep Jain

V. President- Dr CS Cham

President Elect- Dr Muralidhar Joshi

Hon. Secretary- Dr Pravesh Kanthed

Hon. Treasurer- Dr Hitesh Patel

Joint Secretary- Dr. Hammad Usmani

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Meeting started with welcome note of Hon. Secretary with permission of President.

President Dr Pradeep Jain gave his opening remark and requested Hon. Secretary to conduct the meeting.

Hon. Secretary informed the house that there is election for the post of President Elect and Vice President only, he announced the names of candidates for elections

ISSP elections:

President elect: 2 Candidates    1. Prof. Ashok Kumar Saxena

2. Dr. Sunita Lawange

Vice president 2 candidates    1. Dr. Babita Ghai

2. Dr. Krishna Poddar

Election Officer: Dr. Kailash Kothari

- Hon. Secretary also informed that we have received 2 valid nominations of Dr. Kiran Vyawahare and Dr. Siddharth Verma against 3 posts of ISSP GC Members.

- For 3 IAPM GC members post, received 3 valid nominations; Dr. Dr Archana Deshpande, Dr. Asha Barge, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma.

Election process explained and started by Chief Election Officer Dr Kailash Kothari.

### **Agenda No: AGBM – 01/23: OBITUARIES**

The sad demise of Dr. V.P. Kumra (Life Membership No K-117) was informed by Hon. Secretary to the house and 2 min. silence was observed in respect of divine soul. As per the rule, his name was erased from ISSP register.

### **Agenda No: AGBM – 02/23: Confirmation of the minutes of the AGBM meeting held at Bhubaneswar on 15/04/2022 & Valedictory function on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

Explanatory Note: The minutes of the minutes of the AGBM meeting held at Bhubaneswar on 15/04/2022 & Valedictory function on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022, are circulated amongst the members of ISSP and the same has been uploaded on the website. The minutes were accepted without any modification and it was passed.

Proposed by: Dr. Babita Ghai

Seconded by: Dr. Kiran Vyavhare

### **Agenda No: AGBM-03/23: Action taken on various decisions of the AGBM held on 16/04/2022 & Valedictory function on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Hon. Secretary Dr Pravesh Kanthed informed the house about various decisions and action taken during last AGBM.

### **Agenda No: AGBM-04/23: ISSP Secretariat – Secretary's Report**

Secretary Report:

Hon. Secretary Dr Pravesh Kanthed informed the house about various decisions and action taken during last year, since April 2022

1. Hon. Secretary updated regarding Star Health policy for insurance coverage. At present, only 14 procedures are included in Interventional pain management category by star health. The advanced complex procedures are still not included. Members are of the opinion to pursue the matter further with Star insurance to incorporate all the listed procedures under insurance cover. Dr Pankaj Surange updated the GC that around 19 lakhs have already been paid to Mr. Manivannan (our consultant for getting this work done) for the same and around 5% payment

was still due to him. It was further decided to approach Mr. Manivannan to reinstate the talks with other insurance companies to cover all the listed pain procedures under insurance cover. He needs to be reminded that as per the agreement, he had to liaison with at least 2 insurance companies.

2. Indemnity insurance by Cover U. They are ready to give indemnity cover for all 140 procedures (plus any procedure that will be added in future) listed in ISSP coding document. However, clarification was needed regarding nomenclature used in the MOU by the insurance company. Hon. Secretary to go ahead with the MOU after clarifying the nomenclature.
3. Regarding Ayushman Bharat, the secretariat is following up for list of procedures to be included in the policy with competent authorities.
4. Meeting was conducted with Hon Governor of UP Mrs Anadi Ben Patel, by Dr Pravesh, Dr. Hitesh, Dr. Anurag and Dr. Shivani Rastogi. Importance of Pain Medicine as a super specialty in all universities has been explained to her. Hon. Governor suggested to follow proper channel and communicated with VC of University. Dr Pravesh Kanthed has communicated through mails & letters with the VC'S of 3 universities (RMLIMS, KGMU & SGPGI) in UP.
5. Meeting with Executive Director (HP&QA), National Health Authority, Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY, Government of India, New Delhi, Dr Shankar Prinja was done. ISSP was represented by Dr Pravesh Kanthed, Dr Pankaj Surange & Dr Anurag Agarwal. Very fruitful meeting was done wherein all the data regarding inclusion of Pain Medicine as a specialty with Interventional Radiology/ Neurosurgery & addition of procedures not listed in Ayushman Bharat scheme was discussed. The NHA assured that our proposal will be discussed & implemented as per their policy.
6. National Medical Council - Mail and letter, both from ISSP has been submitted to NMC to recognize Pain Medicine as a specialty and also to start DM Pain Medicine. It has been suggested by GC that support letter, if requested should be given to individual institute from ISSP. Dr Pravesh Kanthed informed that the Secretariat is supportive of the idea & the society will back every member who needs any type of help from the Secretariat. NMC recognition is the need of the hour and Dr Hitesh Patel was requested to follow up for an appointment with the concerned authorities (specially MoH & FW) to recognize Pain Medicine as a super specialty and to start DM (Pain Medicine) courses under NMC
7. Laptop received by the past Secretariat was of very old configuration & slow speed hence budgetary provision was requested to buy a new laptop and passed in last GC meeting. Bought new laptop by secretariat.
8. Website upgradation and software care will be done. Funds for this activity are passed as needed.
9. To maintain uniformity ISSP Helpline number is generated as **8889998301**. Whatsapp communications will be available on the same. This number will be passed to the next secretary to secretary.
10. 10th to 16th October 2022 was celebrated as Pain Awareness Week again including 11th October as World Pain Day. Secretariat gave various creatives for each day

which were circulated by majority of members on their social media handles which created a big impact.

11. IASP Conference representation was done by Dr. Pradeep Jain, Prof. Ashok Saxena, Dr. Jeetinder, Dr Babita Ghai Dr. Hammad Usmani. Prof Ashok Saxena was bestowed with IASP award for excellence in Pain research in developing countries.
12. New member addition: Total number of ISSP members till 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 was 2785. 174 new members added after last ISSPCON. Till today during this conference, the number has increased to 2800.
13. It was unanimously decided that the new members of ISSP that will join ISSP after the date of notification of elections will not be able to vote that year in AGBM. This will be announced in newsletter also.
14. Twitter account (@issphq) has been started by ISSP Secretariat and it was requested to all GC members to follow it.
15. ISSP Newsletter will now be released twice in a year, instead of once.
16. A Condemnation committee was formed and members of the committee will be Vice President, Past Secretary, Treasurer, Joint Secretary and senior most members of GC (any three out of five) along with President and Secretary
17. The current GC members body has been updated to IASP and SARPS.
18. ISSP Registration renewal is due in May 2023 at Varanasi, Hon. Secretary with the help of Dr. Muralidhar Joshi will proceed for the same.
19. Database updation is being done. 216 members were added to membership software who were missing in software. Also informed to chapter/branch Secretaries to share updated members details.
20. Constitution review committee under Dr. Muralidhar Joshi has given their final draft, it will be posted on website after finalizing it.

Approved Unanimously

### **Agenda No: AGBM-05/23: ISSP New members and Chapters/branches**

Hon. Secretary informed that there are total 2800 members till date. We have added 174 new life time members this year Membership numbers and cards have been issued to all the new members.

One new City Branch Raipur is added under ISSP.

### **Agenda No: AGBM-06/23: IASP**

- Hon. Secretary expressed that all the changes in office bearers and address have been informed to IASP. There has been good communication between IASP and ISSP offices.
- IASP Conference representation done by Dr. Pradeep Jain, Prof Ashok Saxena, Dr. Jeetinder, Dr Babita Ghai and Dr. Hammad. Prof. Ashok Saxena received IASP award for excellence in pain research in developing countries.

### **Agenda No: AGBM-07/23: Treasurer report**

- Dr Hitesh Patel presented the unaudited accounts received from the Past Treasurer from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023.  
Proposed by: Dr. Ruchi Gupta  
Seconded by: Dr. Siddharth
- Dr. Hitesh Patel informed about transfer of account from Canara Bank, Dwarka to Canara Bank, Indore.
- Treasurer informed about the bank balance and FD records.
- We were registered under Section 12AA of Income Tax Act. However, the ITR for financial year 2021-22 was filed without availing the exemption. After enquiring with previous CA firm, we were informed that because of late audit and last date of IT Return, the exemption could not be availed. Further the 12AA was taken as a provisional exemption but no application was filed to claim the permanent exemption. Hence as of now, our society is not registered under 12AA.
- AS PER THE AUDIT REPORT OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-22, the amount receivable from Wolter Kluwer India is Rs 8,63,265.69. However, after doing correspondence with the company, as per their ledger, we were informed that there is no such receivable due towards ISSP at their end. So, we need to do this technical correction in our book of accounts.  
Proposed by: Dr. Asha Barge  
Seconded by; Dr. Sitaram
- Revision in the ISSP GC and IAPM GC travelling expenses from Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000 or actual, whichever is low.  
Proposed by; Dr. Sunny Bhasin  
Seconded by: Dr. Vishal Gunjan
- Revision in the stipend to personal secretary to secretariat and IAPM Registrar would increase to Rs 7500 from Rs 5000.  
  
Proposed by Dr. Samarjit Dey.  
Seconded by Dr. Uttam Sidhaye.

- Treasurer presented Audited accounts for last financial year

Indian Society for Study of Pain			
Audited Balance Sheet (Statement of Affairs) as on 31.03.2022			
Liabilities	Amount (INR)	Assets	Amount (INR)
<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Fixed Assets</b>	34,599.00
(as per annexure-1)	98,12,389.00	(as per schedule of FA & Dep)	
<b>Membership Fund</b>		<b>Investments</b>	1,57,33,634.53
(as per annexure-2)	52,38,529.09	(as per annexure-4)	
<b>Other Funds</b>		<b>Current Assets</b>	12,27,333.34
Endowment Fund	2,00,000.00	(as per annexure-5)	
IASP International Education Fund	2,67,360.00	<b>Cash &amp; Bank Balances</b>	5,55,302.05
ISSP National Education Fund	3,50,000.00	(as per annexure-6)	
Indian Academy of Pain Medicine	1,30,000.00		
Indian Journal of Pain Fund	12,38,256.79		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,75,50,868.92</b>
(as per annexure-3)	3,14,334.04		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,75,50,868.92</b>		

As per our report of even date:

**For Singh AP & Co.**

Chartered Accountants FRN 025761N

CA Angad Pal Singh  
Membership No 520071

Place New Delhi

Date: 18-11-2022

UDIN: 235200718GXMBG8226

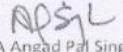
For Indian Society for the Study of Pain

Dr. Pankaj N Surange  
Secretary

Indian Society for Study of Pain  
Audited Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31.03.2022

Expenditure	Amount (INR)	Income	Amount (INR)
Signature Charges	31,488.30	Sponsorship Services	70,000.00
Workshop Expenses	10,27,919.00	Fellowship Fees	1,90,677.96
Accounting & Compliance	48,000.00	Fees from Walter	-
Auditors' Remuneration	45,000.00	Interest Income (Fixed Deposits)	8,21,762.71
Bank & Other Charges	197.76	IAPM Current Year Surplus	8,64,039.82
Business Promotion	35,300.00	(as per annexure-7)	
Professional Fee	3,30,800.00	Donation	-
GST Late Fee	1,499.00	Interest Income (Savings Account)	34,904.00
Interest on TDS	4,804.00	Misc Receipts	5,195.71
Salary Expenses	1,20,000.00		
Depreciation	6,105.00		
Meeting & Travelling Expenses	2,53,130.00		
Website Maintenance	1,000.00		
Exit Exam Expenses	62,824.00		
Exit Exam Form Development	4,000.00		
Expenses	6,06,641.00		
ISSPON Expenses	3,000.00		
Repair & Maintenance	4,950.00		
Zoom License Fees	1,200.00	Excess of Expenditure Over Income	6,01,277.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,87,858.06</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,87,858.06</b>

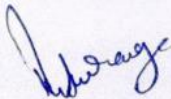
As per our report of even date  
For Singh AP & Co.  
Chartered Accountants FRN 025761N

  
CA Angad Pal Singh  
Membership No 520071

Place New Delhi

For Indian Society for the Study of Pain

Dr. Pankaj N Surange  
Secretary





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Annexures forming part of financial statements for year ending 31.03.2022

Annexure-1

**General Fund**

Balance as on 1st Apr 2021	1,07,42,902.86
Surplus for the period	(6,01,277.86)
Income Tax AY 2021-22	-
Income Tax Refund	-
Provision for Income Tax AY 2021-22	(3,29,236.00)
<b>Balance as on 31st March 2022</b>	<b>98,12,389.00</b>

Annexure-2

**Members' Fund**

Balance as on 1st Apr 2021	46,92,529.08
Addition in the period	5,46,000.01
<b>Balance as on 31st March 2022</b>	<b>52,38,529.09</b>

Annexure-3

**Current Liabilities**

R&D Computers	5,841.00
Bicapt Business Solutions P. Ltd.	10,630.00
TDS Payable	15,471.00
GST Payable	4,392.04
Accounting Charges Payable	18,000.00
Professional Fee Payable	1,11,000.00
Audit Fee Payable	1,14,000.00
Salary Payable	35,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,14,334.04</b>

Annexure-4

**Investment - Fixed Deposits with Syndicate bank**

Amount as on 1st Apr 2021	1,49,94,047.53
Additional FD Made	-
Interest credited as per form 26AS	7,39,587.00
<b>Amount as on 31st March 2022</b>	<b>1,57,33,634.53</b>

Annexure-5

**Current Assets**

Due from Wolters Kluwer India	8,63,265.69
Due from CME Foundation India	19,600.00
Shaibala Technologies P. Ltd.	362.00
Students	27,000.00
GST Input	12,096.58
GST Credit	23,319.00
TDS Receivable	2,81,690.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,27,333.34</b>

Annexure-6

**Cash & Bank Balances**

Cash in Hand	2,540.00
Cash at Bank	5,52,762.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,55,302.05</b>

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Annexure-7

**IAPM Surplus**

Receipts in the period	8,64,039.82
Expenses in the period	(60,000.00)
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>8,04,039.82</b>

Annexure-8

**EPF Fund**

Amount as on 1st Apr 2021	10,46,323.24
Add: Receipts from Wolter Kluwer	1,91,933.55
<b>Amount as on 31st March 2022</b>	<b>12,38,256.79</b>

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Proposed by: Dr. Ruchi Gupta  
Seconded by: Dr. Deepak Jhaweri

**Agenda No: AGBM-08/23: Editors report**

- Special issue on MIPS I was released at inauguration ceremony of ISSPCON 2023.
- Supplemental issue on Cancer Pain in May and on Neuromodulation in October is planned.
- Scopus indexation work will most probably be completed by April 23

Proposed by: Dr. Sunny Bhasin

Seconded by: Dr. P K Narula

**Agenda No: AGBM-09/23: ISSP App**

Upgradation of ISSP App:

All the GC members, in principle, approve that ISSP app needs updation. The Secretariat will explore its features and expenses on the development of app.

Proposed by: Dr. Sunny Bhasin

Seconded by: Dr. Sweta Salgaonkar

**Agenda No: AGBM-10/23: Insurance Regulatory Development Authority**

Insurance Regulatory Development Authority (already covered in Secretary report)

Approved unanimously.

**Agenda No: AGBM-11/23: Research Grant**

The committee to look into feasibility of research grant, which was headed by Dr Ashok Saxena was still to give their recommendation regarding the same. The same committee is given extension for a period of 3 months to give its report.

Proposed by; Dr. Ravindra Harne

Seconded by: Dr. Babita Ghai

**Agenda No: AGBM-12/23: Awards- LTA, ISSP Oration and others**

ISSP Life Time Achievement Award-The name of **Dr Subrata Goswami** was proposed by Kolkata Chapter. His name was unanimously accepted.

ISSP Oration-Dr Kailash Kothari's name was suggested and it was accepted.

Best State Branch Award- Was awarded to society for Study of Pain ISSP West Bengal.

Best City Branch Award- Was awarded to society for Study of Pain SSPP, Pune Branch

Best City Branch Award (Runner up) awarded to Nagpur City Branch

Pain Management Awareness Award- Dr Vishal Gunjal

ISSP Journalist of the year award- No application received

Approved unanimously.

### **Agenda No: AGBM-13/23: Accreditation of Pain Management Facilities**

Accreditation of Pain Management Centers are being done under Dr. Kailash Kothari and Dr. Pankaj Surange. The members of the committee are still working on it. Extension of 3 months' time given.

Proposed by: Dr. Madhuri Lokapur

Seconded by: Dr. Sweta Solgaonkar

### **Agenda No: AGBM-14/23: Advance Certification Program**

The members of the committee are still working on it. Extension of 3 months' time given to accreditation of advance certification committee

Proposed by: Dr. Madhuri Lokapur

Seconded by: Dr. Sweta Solgaonkar

### **Agenda No: AGBM-15/23: Cover U tie up for Indemnity Insurance (see video to find out proposed and seconded)**

Indemnity insurance by Cover U. They are ready to give indemnity cover for all 140 procedures (plus any procedure that will be added in future) listed in ISSP coding document. However, clarification was needed regarding nomenclature used in the MOU by the insurance company. Hon. Secretary to go ahead with the MOU after clarifying the nomenclature.

Proposed by Dr. Vinita Ahuja

Seconded by Dr. Sunny Bhasin

## **Agenda No: AGBM-16/23: ISSPCON 2022, 2024 & 2025**

### **Regarding ISSPCON- 2022, Bhubaneswar:**

Dr Shovan Rath, organizing secretary, ISSPCON 2022 has claimed loss of 3.5 lakhs due to COVID pandemic. It was unanimously decided by GB under two headings

1. To waive off the amount of rupees One lakh (1,00,000/-) payable to ISSP.
2. To pay the deficit amount of 3.5 lakhs (3,50,000/-) to conference organizers in view of exceptional circumstances due to global pandemic of COVID-19. This will be **onetime Covid contingency charges, it should not be taken as precedence in future for all intents and purpose.**

Approved Unanimously.

### **ISSPCON 2025:**

Three branches Varanasi, Kolkata and Jabalpur were bidding to organize ISSPCON 2025. **Jabalpur** branch was awarded ISSPCON 2025, on the basis of majority / hand count

### **ISSPCON 2024:**

Organizing team of ISSPCON 2024, under the Organizing Chairman Dr Uttam Sidhaye and Org, Sec Dr Vrishali Keniya gave a beautiful live presentation about ISSPCON 2024, Pune city and culture and invited all the ISSP members to attend ISSPCON 2024 at Pune.

## **Agenda No: AGBM-17/23: Indian Academy of Pain Medicine**

IAPM agenda could not be discussed due to some confusion and unavailability of Dean and Registrar

## **Agenda No: AGBM-18/23: Elections 2023 Results**

The process of election voting and counting completed under the guidance of Election Officer Dr Kailash Kothari. Dr Kailash Kothari announced the result as follows.

Total Vote Cast -222

Cancelled- 11

Total Valid Votes – 211

1. President Elect- Dr Sunita Lawange – 122- **Elected**  
Dr Prof. Ashok Saxena – 89
2. Vice President- Dr Krishna Poddar-109 - **Elected**  
Dr Babita Ghai- 102
3. Candidates for all other post has been elected unopposed.
  - A. ISSP GC Members – Dr Kiran Vyawahare, Dr. Sidharth Verma
  - B. IAPM GC Members- Dr Archana Deshpande, Dr. Asha Barge, Dr. Ravi Shankar Sharma.

Dr Kailash Kothari thanked Dr Manjiri Ranade, Dr Uttam Sidhaye and Dr Vivek Chakole for their cooperation in election process.

**Agenda No: AGBM-19/23: Any other matter with the permission of Chair**

Online Election issue was raised and discussed in detail. Dr Sunny Bhasin, Dr Madhuri Lokapur, Dr Babita Ghai and Dr PN Jain gave their inputs. The Secretariat informed that total members as on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 23, listed in database is 2765, out of which we have mobile numbers of 2107 members and e-mail ID of 2036.

- The GB was of the opinion that in first couple of years update the database.
- Let's compile the data and then review after one year.
- At present no online elections as proposed by majority of GB members

Dr Sunny Bhasin raised the issue of proper information not available in the website regarding FIAPM examination. Secretary Dr Pravesh Kanthed assured that it will be updated with the inputs of Registrar Dr Debjyoti Dutta.

**Hon Secretary thanked all the members for attending GBM and President Dr Pradeep Jain declared the GC meeting concluded at 7.20 pm.**

