MINUTES OF 16th EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF VECTOR BORNE DISEASES HELD AT NIMR, DWARKA, NEW DELHI ON 4TH MAY, 2014 AT 11.30 AM.

The 16th Executive Committee meeting of National Academy of Vector Borne Diseases was held on 4th May, 2014 at 11.30 AM at National Institute of Malaria Research, Dwarka, New Delhi. Prof. A.P. Dash Presided over the meeting and the following members were present:

- 1. Prof. A.P. Dash
- 2. Dr (Mrs.) Neena Valecha
- 3. Dr R.S. Sharma
- 4. Dr B.N. Nagpal
- 5. Dr Ashwani Kumar
- 6. Prof Jagbir Singh
- 7. Dr R.K. Hazra
- 8. Dr M.R. Ranjit

The Secretary General welcomed the members & the President gave the introductory remarks. The following decisions were taken:

- 1. The present Executive Committee (EC) is effective with effect from 1st May 2014. The EC appreciated the previous EC, particularly the pst President, Prof Deobagkar for the sincere efforts for upliftment of the Academy.
- 2. The EC felt that there should be a permanent office of the Acedemy and requested the President, Secretary General and the Treasurer to make necessary efforts to approach the Govt. of Odisha for allotment of a permanent office to the Academy.
- 3. Taking into the consideration the decisions of the General body meeting dated 17.2.2008 and the EC meeting dated 15.09.2013, it is decided to institute fellowships of the Academy with immediate effect. The following sub-committee is authorized to finalized the modalities. The sub-committee will send the modalities to the Secretary General for implementation.
 - Prof. R.C. Mahajan
 - Prof. A.P. Dash
 - Dr Neena Valecha
 - Dr R.S. Sharma
 - Dr B.N. Nagpal

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The recommendation of the sub-committee will be final & will be implemented with immediate effect.

- 4. The EC very much appreciated the report published by Dr Neena Valecha & Dr Ranjit in the WHO South East Asia journal of Public Health in Jan. March, 2014. This will increase the visibility of the Academy in South East Asia Region.
- 5. As decided in the last Executive Committee meeting, Dr Ashwani Kumar has prepared & submitted guidelines for organizing National & International Symposia of the Academy which is accepted & appreciated by the present EC.
- 6. The EC also decided to publish the newsletter regularly.
- 7. The interest & donation to the Academy should be made tax free for which the papers have been submitted by the Academy. Dr Ranjit & Dr Hazra were requested to follow up personally.
- 8. The accounts of the Academy for the last Financial Year should be audited and the audited statement should be circulated amongst EC members.
- 9. Dr. Gunasekran from VCRC, Puducherry is co-opted as an EC member w.e.f. 01.05.2014. The Secretary General will write a letter to Dr. Gunasekaran to that effect.
- 10. Dr. R.S. Sharma, Vice President submitted a letter from Dr. N.L. Kalra, an eminent entomologist of International repute suggesting to institute an award named "Nand Lal Kalra Award for Field Entomologists". He has committed to donate an amount of Rs.5 lacs. The Executive Committee approved this proposal of instituting the above award at every symposia. The award will consist of a citation, a Medal and a cash prize out of the interest of Rs.5 lacs. This amount of Rs 5 lacs will be kept as the seed money. The awardees will be selected on competitive basis by inviting applications/nominations.
- 11. EC also discussed in detail about giving away various awards of the Academy. Academy will invite nominations/applications for various awards of the Academy and awardees will be selected on competitive basis by an External Independent Committee without the involvement of any member of the EC. Wide publicity should be given to the awards.

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- 12. The website of the Academy should be updated from time to time containing all information
- 13. For linking up Dr Neena Valecha, Dr R.S. Sharma, Dr Ashwani Kumar & Dr Jagbir Singh are requested to establish Tie up / linkages with the National & International organizations.
- 14. It was decided to organize a Global Meet on Vector Borne Diseases from 19th to 22nd November, 2015 at New Delhi. The following Core Organizing Committee will look after the organization of the Global Meet.
- Dr Neena Valecha, Chairperson
- Dr B.N. Nagpal
- Prof. A.P. Dash
- Dr R.S. Sharma

The above four core member are authorized to form a full fledged Local Organizing Committee and functional committees.

15. The National Committee will consist of EC of NAVBD & Eminent scientists like DG, ICMR, DGHS etc. as deemed fit by the Core Committee. The first circular will be drafted by Dr Ashwani Kumar and circulated to all the EC members by 15th May, 2014. The EC members will give their suggestions to the Core Committee by 20th May 2014 and the Core Committee will release the circular by 1st June, 2014.

The Committee ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(A.P. Dash)

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(Dr. M.R. Ranjit)

(Dr. (Mrs.) Neena Valecha)

(Dr. Ashwani Kumar)

(Dr. R.K. Hazra)

(Dr. R.S. Sharma)

(Prof. Jagbir Singh)