

**Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting of the Indian Cryogenic Council
Held at VECC, Kolkata on Sept. 22, 2010**

A meeting of the Executive Council (EC) of the ICC was held at the VECC, Kolkata during the on Sept. 22, 2010. Dr. Amit Roy, the President ICC chaired this meeting. Following were present

1. Dr. Amit Roy	President,ICC
2. Dr. R.K. Bhandari	Vice President
3. Prof. Rajender Singh	Member
4. Mr. Subimal Saha	Secretary (Administration)
5. Mr. T.S. Datta	Secretary (Technical)
6. Dr. Harikishan	Joint Treasurer
7. Mr. R.B. Saxena	Member
8. Mr. S.S. Varma	Member
9. Prof. V V Rao	Member
10. Mr. Randhir Dey	Treasurer
11. Dr. B. Sarkar	Member
12. Dr. R.G. Sharma	Member
13. Prof. R K Sahoo	Invitee
14. Mr. Gautam Pal	Invitee

Dr. Roy welcomed the members and started the meeting after taking up agenda items one by one. Following decisions were taken.

1. The minutes of the EC Meeting which took place at VECC, Kolkata on March 19, 2010 were confirmed
2. The induction of the 17 new members, (10 from IGCAR itself) and 5 from the Corporate Sector in to ICC fold was approved.
3. It was discussed that if the research institutions like NPL, VECC, ISRO should also be made as Organizational Members and if ICC stands benefited by doing so. Decision was however deferred to future meeting after studying the constitution in other similar societies.

4. Prof. Sahu of NIT, Rourkela then briefed the members about the preparation of the NSC-23. Salient observations made by him are as below :
 - (a) In all 75 abstracts have been received, Invited talks are 10
 - (b) There are no poster presentations, all are oral presentations. There will be 14 sessions and each talk will be of duration of 15 minutes.
 - (c) There are few papers from Superconductivity and Low Temperature Physics Groups. EC advised Prof. Sahu to invite Prof. AK Raychaudhuri/ Prof. AK Majumdar / Dr. P Chaddah
 - (d) Funds have been committed by BRNS, DST , Linde , Stirling, Am Superconductors & Shell and Tubes ,
 - (e) Prof. Sahu was advised to keep some money (1.5 Lac) for the publication of the Papers in Volume 36 of Indian Journal of Cryogenics.
 - (f) The GBM of the ICC will be held on the evening of Oct. 27, 2010
5. Indian J. Cryogenics (IJC) came up for discussion next. Dr. RG Sharma briefed the members that the issue 35 A, 2010 is already out and had been distributed. Right now about 18 institutions are subscribing the IJC.
6. Mr. TS Datta presented the Activity and Account report of the ICC. He told the members about the ICEC which was held in Poland. 8 Indians participated in it. The Asian Conf. On App. Superconductivity (ACAS) will be held from Nov. 16-18, 2011 in India (Delhi). Japan Korea and China are the other members of this conference. There will be an Int. Advisory Committee with nominated members from the participating countries, a National Organizing Committee from Indian participating institutions and a Local Organizing Committee.
7. Mr. S Saha was advised to open a bank account in Canara Bank, Salt Lake and transfer the amount from the old account. Since no account statement has been submitted to the registrar, It was decided that Dr. Roy should write to the Vice Chancellor Jadavpur University to get the job done.
8. Dr. Roy requested all concerned in the four zones to submit statement of accounts and hold elections for office bearers of all the four Zones. Dr. B Sarkar was requested to take up the matter with Dr. Atrey of the West Zone. Mr. RB Saxena Promised to submit the account soon.

9. EC also nominated candidates for various positions of the office bearers (2011-13) and the members which will be circulated among the members as well as by putting it at the website. ICC appointed Mr Uttam Bhinya as returning officer
10. Mr T S Datta was advised to send the information about GBM meeting along with list of nominated EC members (2011-13), nomination forms and Proposed EC approved By – laws amendment, submitted by special committee
11. Dr. RG Sharma raised the issue of the desirability of starting a National Centre for Cryogenics and Applied Superconductivity in the country. Lively discussion took place. The proposed Centre will develop human resource and the cryogenics / superconducting technologies. The Centre will be a hub of scientists, engineers and the entrepreneurs all working together to build high tech systems under the same roof. All the members supported the proposal and suggested to decide what route the ICC should take to convert this novel idea in to a reality.
12. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.