Minutes of the Meeting of the Indian Association of Medical Journal Editors (IAMJE), 17 November 2013, Dr Ramalingaswami Board Room, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi 110029, India

The following signed the attendance register at the meeting:

1. Dr Peush Sahni
2. Dr Ajay Singh
3. Dr K.K. Deepak
4. Dr Alladi Mohan
5. Dr S.M. Kadri
6. Dr Adarsh Kumar
7. Dr Anand Krishnan
8. Dr Shobna Bhatia
9. Dr Vijay Prakash Mathur
10. Dr Sam T. Mathew
11. Dr Philip Abraham
12. Dr Sanjay A. Pai
13. Dr Arun J. Patil
14. Dr V. Raveenthiran
15. Dr Asha K. Pratinidhi
16. Sandhya Srinivasan
17. Dr Anita Jain
18. Dr Apul Goel
19. Dr Hemant Jain
20. Dr Amitabh Prakash
21. Dr T. Thirunalashmisundri
22. Dr Savitri Das Sinha
23. Dr Anju Grewal
24. Dr Chinmay Shah
25. Dr Bandana Malhotra
26. Dr Shakuntala A. Singh
27. Mr Dinesh Sinha
28. Dr Ashish Goel
29. Dr Subrata Sinha
30. Dr Shah Alam Khan
31. Dr Pratap Sharan

Dr Peush Sahni conducted the meeting as the previously nominated convenor of IAMJE. He read out the Constitution of the Indian Association of Medical Journal Editors (IAMJE) that was prepared and approved in 1994 (copy available at www.iamje.org). A list of the original founding members was available on the website. Dr Sahni said that there had been sporadic activities under the banner of the IAMJE though few formal meetings had been held since 1994. He also said that Late Professor S.R. Naik had probably registered the IAMJE in 1994–95 but no document was available related to this. This meeting was an opportunity to revive the activities of the IAMJE.

Peush Sahni
A scanned copy of the original logo created in 1994 was shown and a new logo that had been created was also shown. The new logo was used for the present conference and it was agreed to continue to use the new logo.

All present agreed that the registration of the IAMJE should be sorted out expeditiously. It was decided that if there was no documentation of any previous registration, registration as per current guidelines and rules should be done as soon as possible. Those present agreed to entrust this responsibility to Dr Peush Sahni. It was also agreed that the name “Indian Association of Medical Journal Editors” should be retained and no change was required.

There was discussion on the membership criteria and whether the same criteria as previously listed should be followed. It was decided to broadly follow the same criteria. Also the possibility of Associate members should be considered especially for those who may no longer be continuing in an editorial position, but retain an interest in publishing and editorial work. A specific query related to allowing membership to people of Indian origin based outside India was discussed. It was decided that they should be considered for membership according to the category they are eligible for.

The composition of the Governing Council and the designations of the office bearers of the IAMJE were discussed. It was felt that these could be revised keeping in mind the present requirements for registering the society as well as the national character of the IAMJE.

The participants were informed that in 1998 Dr Peush Sahni and Dr Savitri Das Sinha were made Co-Convenors of the IAMJE. There was discussion on the designations of the office bearers of the IAMJE. It was mentioned by some of the members present that there is a standard requirement for registering associations and without fulfilling those it would not be possible to register the IAMJE. All present requested Dr Peush Sahni to take over as President of the IAMJE and to do what was necessary to revive the IAMJE. Also it was decided that Dr Sahni may choose a team to revive the IAMJE and this team should continue for a period of 3 years.

As a registered body is required to have a permanent office, it was decided to choose a New Delhi address because of the convenience it would provide for purposes of registration. It was also decided that once the IAMJE had been registered, its regular activities should be initiated, such as annual or biennial meetings of the IAMJE being held in different cities.

It was also decided to increase the membership fee from Rs 200 to Rs 500 per annum. However, as yearly collection of membership fee may place a strain on the current work force available for IAMJE, it was decided that an option for one-time payment of membership fee for 5 years with a discount of Rs 500 (Rs 2000 for 5 years) would be offered. For those who become members at the present meeting, the fee of Rs 2000 will be valid for 2013–2017. Those who had paid Rs 1000 to become members in 2013 would be asked to pay an additional sum of Rs 1000, valid for the same duration. It was also decided that Dr Peush Sahni and one other co-signatory from his
team should operate the IAMJE bank account which exists at State Bank of India, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi and is presently operated by Dr Peush Sahni and Dr Savitri Das Sinha.

It was also decided to create a membership certificate of the IAMJE which would be sent electronically. It was also decided that a list of participants at the IAMJE meeting from 15 to 17 Nov 2013 would be mailed to all participants along with their email IDs.

Dr Sahni informed that the first-ever meeting of the World Association of Medical Editors was planned for October-November 2015 in New Delhi. The exact dates when finalized would be informed to all members.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Peush Sahni
Co-Convenor (Elected President)

Indian Association of Medical Journal Editors

Savitri Das Sinha
Co-Convenor

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