



Indian Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine

THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING OF ALL MEMBERS OF IASTAM – INDIA HELD ON 22nd JUNE 2017 AT PUNE

Date- 22 June 2017

A General body meeting of all the members of the Indian Association for the Study of Traditional Medicine [IASTAM (India)] was held on Thursday June 22nd 2017 at 2.30 pm immediate after the Managing Committee meeting at the College of Ayurved, Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Pune Satara Road, Dhankawadi, Pune 411043.

Fifty (50) members were present. Dr. Narendra Bhatt, President of the association chaired the meeting.

1. Welcome

Dr. Narendra Bhatt welcomed all the members.

2. Review of Activities

Dr. Manasi Deshpande, in-charge Secretary updated members about various activities that were held from inception of the association and highlighted on activities during 2014-2017.

2.1 International Conference

ICAAM 2016 – International Conference on Advances in Asian Medicine was held on *3rd to 7th January 2016, Pune, India* with theme “Asian Medicine: Global reach”.

Highlights of the Conference:

- **700+ delegates** (70 International), **22 parallel oral sessions** with selected 135 scientific papers and 18 posters.
- **Three Pre-Conference Workshops** on Yoga, Clinical Research Methodology and Transcendental Meditation.
- **Three Symposia** on Ethnopharmacology - Validation of Traditional Medicine, *Sowa Rigpa* [Tibetan Medicine] Medicine Industry as Pharmaceutical Assemblage and Process and Implementation of Access and Benefit Sharing Mechanism for Biological Resources.
- **Four Plenary Sessions** with 14 eminent scholars.
- **Three Round Table Discussions** on Asian Medicine: Asian Strategy for Global Reach, Research & Technology Accelerated Growth for AYUSH and Leveraging Ayurved: Industry Issue Participation from Industry.
- **Exhibition**
- *Demonstration of Mallakhambh*
- *Cultural programme- Kathak dance*

2.2 Oration & Awards; and Functions

IASTAM has nurtured the unique tradition of '*IASTAM Oration and Awards*' since 1990 that has taken the form of '*An Aspiring Tradition*'.

- *IASTAM International Orations: 2 [non – Indian citizen(1) and Indian citizen(1)], and National Oration: 1 , National Awards: 9*
- *IASTAM – BVU National Ayurved Scholar Awards: 3 Best MD/MS/PhD Dissertation / Thesis Awards in Ayurveda*
- *IASTAM Baidyanath Awards: 3 - Best Research on Ayurvedic Classical Products for*
a. Standardization, b. Technology & c. Validation

IASTAM Oration & Awards Function is now organized **annually** with **scientific meet** on a subject of relevance **in different cities in collaboration with reputed academic institutes** to create better awareness of its activities. It was held in *Jamnagar, Pune, Varanasi respectively in 2015, 2016, and 2017.*

2.3 Conclaves and other meets

During last three years total six conclaves and meets were organized on various subjects as follows:

- **Brainstorming Meet on NITI AAYOG Initiative the National Commission for Indian Systems of Medicine (NCISM), 17th April 2017, Pune.** *NITI AAYOG is a newly established body for National Planning under Government of India that has proposed a new Act of Parliament.*
- **Mini Symposium on New opportunities in Academic Research in Ayurved, 21st February 2017, Pune,** *organised by Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, College of Ayurved Pune and IASTAM (India).*
- Conclave on **Translational Research Opportunity in Ayurveda, 18th - 19th February 2017, Varanasi** *organised by Faculty of Ayurved, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi and IASTAM (India).*
- **Consultative Meet to Prioritize AYUSH Research Activities in the Field of Cancer for International Collaboration, 21st and 22nd February 2016, Pune,** *was organized at behest of Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India to deliberate on Cancer, an issue of great significance in an outcome oriented manner.*
- Conclave on **Asian Medicine: Integrative Potentials, 13th & 14th February 2015** *Jamnagar, Gujarat organised by Gujarat Ayurved University, Jamnagar and IASTAM (India).*
- **International Workshop on “Integrating Traditional South Asian Medicine into Modern Health Care Systems, October 4-6, 2012, New Delhi** *Organised at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi by the Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health-JNU, Martin-Luther- Universität Halle-Wittenberg (Germany), Foundation for Revitalising Local Health Traditions (Bengaluru, India) and IASTAM (India).*

3 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

3.1 Submission of accounts to authorities

Dr. Vandana Kozarekar, Treasurer, presented the last three years audited Accounts and Financial Report and briefed the members about the details. The report presented the financial position of the association with increase in members, and funding from Ministry of AYUSH for events. All the Balance Sheets of year AY 2014 – 15, 2015 – 16 and 2016-17 are audited.

3.2 Submission to authorities, Charity Commissioner

Dr. Vandana Kozarekar updated that the Charity Commissioner related matters are in process and taking time due to Government procedures.

3.3 Audit, Appointment of Auditor and related

The M/s Manoj Barwadia and Associates were appointed unanimously as an auditor till the next General Body meeting.

4 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS; REVIEW AND PROPOSALS:

4.1 Financial Status: Corpus & Operational

Dr. Vandana Kozarekar, Treasurer, submitted the details about expenses and the audited balance sheets of last three years. She also provided estimated working budget for the year 17 – 18. It was decided that a proportionate amount to be converted into corpus.

It was decided that fixed deposits to be created for the separate corpus after guidance from financial advisor. These fixed deposits will be reserved exclusively for corpus and the other which can be used in case of exigency.

Dr. Bhatt requested all members to help generate revenues and bring in institutional and patron members.

4.2 Bank accounts & operations

With continuous efforts by the office bearers IASTAM received 2 government grants towards ICAAM (International Conference on Advances in Asian Medicine) and the Consultative Cancer Meet organized in January 2016 and February 2016 respectively. IASTAM has also received the sponsorship for publication from Shri Girish Parikh.

The funds were utilized against the Conference expenses and the several publications e.g. 2 volumes of ICAAM Proceedings, IASTAM Chronicle and the Award Book.

After attending ICAAM 2016 there is increase in membership; our efforts should be to get more interested.

The Award functions were held regularly in the year of 2015, 2016 & 2017 unlike previous years and the funds were utilized for organizing the same.

IASTAM is non-profit organization and thrives in several activities as organizing Intellectual conclaves, Workshops and Symposia and bring out valuable publications to propagate Asian Systems of Medicine. The availability of sufficient funds for sustenance of such an organization is always a matter of concern.

Members were requested to give suggestions to generate more funds and support in a small way by bringing new members. In view of this the suggestion was received to organize workshops for the PG students will be considered.

Acknowledgements

IASTAM expressed special gratitude for the unconditional support of ZANDU - the initial host organization. The accountants Mr. Indubhai, Mr. Kandarpabhai and Palm Tax and auditors M. G. Barvadia & Associates were appreciated for their support. We are thankful to several members who upgraded themselves from Life to Patron Membership. We express our gratitude to those members and office bearers who not only gave time but spent from time to time during financial constraints of the organization. IASTAM remains indebted to Bharati Vidyapeeth University as under their premises the office of IASTAM is re-established. Members appreciated the efforts taken by the members of the managing committee.

Accordingly following resolution was passed for Bank account operations:

Resolution No. 1/June/2017

It is hereby resolved that the following shall be entitled to be appointed as authorized signatories; 1. President – Dr. Narendra Bhatt, 2. A Vice President - Vd. Punarvasu Agnihotri, 3. Secretary General – Dr. Manasi Deshpande 4. Treasurer – Dr. Vandana Kozarekar and 5. A Member of the managing committee – Dr. Abhijit Patil, nominated unanimously by the members of the managing committee.

Proposed by: Dr. Umesh Vaidya, Seconded by: Dr. Punarvasu Agnihotri; Resolution Passed Unanimously.

4.3 Proposals

Two proposals were submitted to the Ministry of AYUSH for financial assistance.

1. *“Development of Information Technology Based Tools and Databases for Documentation of Experiential (Practices) Information and Relevant Methodologies of Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha [ASU] Treatment Modalities in Cancer Care and to collate it with System Knowledge”.*

Funding for **Rs. 70, 68,000/-**

This project applied by IASTAM is under *reconsideration*.

2. *"Validation of Traditional Unani Plant Products and their Ingredients for Anti – Cancer Effect on Hepato- Cellular Carcinoma"*

Ministry has approved this project for Rs. 66 Lakh. Though IASTAM India is not directly associated with the project, it has played an important role. *Dr. Narendra Bhatt and Dr. Manasi Deshpande, the office bearers are part of the project to be undertaken at the Rajiv Gandhi College of Bio Technology, BVDU.*

5 PUBLICATIONS:

Publications during 2014 – 2017 are as follows –

- 5.1 *IASTAM Chronicle*: A document portraying 35 years of tradition & Activities.

5.2 *ICAAM Proceedings Part I & II* (around 500 pages): As a reference book, available to all participants / members

5.3 *Proceedings of Consultative Cancer Meet*: Helped Ministry of AYUSH to take next steps to initiate productive research in the field of cancer for AYUSH interventions.

5.4 *Newsletter as follows*

5.5 '*An Aspiring Tradition*' book covers the consistent efforts put in and their trustworthy commitment to achieve high standards, to aspire for better achievement.

A BOOK in Offing

Asian Medicine Book: A text (around 500+ pages) conceived, designed and edited by Dr. Narendra Bhatt with a group of contributors is in final stages of publication with comparative study of Nine (9) Asian medicines.

5.6 Proposal for Journal/s

A Journal of Ayurvedic Practice is being planned. Dr. Kavita Indapurkar who has experience as editor of Dheergayu Journal will lead the activity. She gave a detail presentation on the planning and execution of the Journal of Practitioners.

6. WEBSITE & NEWSLETTER:

6.1 Website update

IASTAM website has been updated with recent happenings. The members were requested to give their suggestions.

6.2 Newsletter Update

IASTAM India published Communiqué on quarterly basis before December 2016. It is a simple way to connect and share activities & information with the members. This has helped to strengthen the relationship with all the members. From December 2016, onwards *the Communiqué has been* converted into 'IASTAM NEWSLETTER' in a new design and form on regular monthly basis with eight pages; and is registered under the Government of India. Total seven issues are published till now.

The RNI declaration procedure is in last stage after which Postage reduction formalities will also be done. All the members appreciated and expressed their satisfaction.

6.3 Proposals; if any for links

Proposal from Dr. G. V. Satyavati

Dr. Satyavati proposed three academic research activities with IASTAM to motivate basic and applied research among young scholars. Initially she has agreed to sponsor Rs. 2.5 lakh for these activities. All the members agreed to consider the proposal and appreciated the support from Dr. Satyavati.

To expand IASTAM linkages; suggestions are requested from members.

7 OFFICE & ADMINISTRATION:

- 7.1 **Proposal for administrative cell / office:** The administrative office is active since 1st October 2014 and all administrative work is carried out from there with a well-established set up.
- 7.2 **Registered office:** The registered office is at Bharati Vidyapeeth University and Charity commissioner formalities are in process.
- 7.3 **Managing Committee and Office Bearer Meetings:** In 2014-2017, 16 Managing Committee and several other meetings of the Office bearers were held at regular intervals and minutes were documented and circulated regularly.
- 7.4 **Full Time Administrative Executive:** A full time administrative executive, Ms. Anagha Vaidya is appointed since October 2014 handling all the administrative work under the guidance of office bearers.

8 RELATIONSHIP WITH IASTAM INTERNATIONAL:

8.1 Update

Dr. Bhatt briefed about the details of IX ICTAM to be held in Kiel between 6 -12 August, 2017.

IASTAM International is in the process of changing the Constitution. Dr. Bhatt will visit Germany as it was thought appropriate to remain connected with international organization. Dr. Bhatt has sent a short summary of IASTAM India activities and finances to the member of International Council.

8.2 ICTAMS

Dr. Bhatt is requested by Prof. Dr. Angelika Messner, the chief organizer for IX ICTAM in Kiel, Germany to participate and also give Key Note Address on FUTURE OF IASTAM. Dr. Bhatt is probably one of oldest active members of IASTAM who has participated in all except first ICTAM.

9 FUTURE PLANS:

9.1 Proposal for Asian Meet

Dr. Bhatt proposed that an Asian Meet be organized. Recent appointment of Vd. Rajesh Kotecha as Special Secretary in Ministry of AYUSH has created enthusiasm in the sector. It was suggested to revive the whole process for the next Asian Meet. Industry must take major interest. IASTAM can create an Asian Regulatory Phenomenon from industry and system point of view for the Asian countries. During ICAAM, IASTAM has come up with proposal for Asian Pharmacopeia and the present Government has the strength to take it forward.

The Book being edited by him and contributed by a group of faculties from College of Ayurved on 'Asian Medicine; A comparative Overview' shows 70 to 80% similarities in Asian medicines.

9.2 To become International Association

Over 36 years IASTAM – India has succeeded in establishing itself as the only association involved with activities to bring together various Asian and indigenous systems of medicine – Ayurved, Unani, Yoga, Sowa Rigpa and such others and also connecting with the other systems of Asian Origin as Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), Korean Oriental Medicine (KOM), Mongolian Medicine and such others.

IASTAM – India has organized three major international events and several other subject specific academic events with international participation as a joint organizer covering Indian and other systems of medicine.

IASTAM – India has participated, mostly as a group in all the international meets organized by IASTAM i.e. ICTAM in different parts of the world since 1979 till now.

IASTAM India has identified and developed a network of scholars, scientists, experts, faculty and institutions of different disciplines internationally.

In view of the above it is proposed that IASTAM – India shall aspire to become an international organization to act as catalyst and provide a platform to bring together various experts groups, private and governmental bodies internationally involved with Traditional and Indigenous systems of medicine practiced in Asian Countries for their promotion and for rightful gain in the healthcare delivery systems world over.

Resolution No 2/June/2017

It is hereby resolved that IASTAM – India may take necessary steps to become an International Organization with aim/s and objective/s for the study, research, development, promotion and regulatory acceptance of Asian Medicine including Ayurved, Unani, Yoga, Sowa Rigpa, Siddha and such others internationally to help these systems play an important role in global health care.

Proposed by: Dr. B. V. Sathaye, Seconded by: Mrs. Shubhangi Ladsaogikar; Resolution Passed Unanimously.

10 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES:

10.1 Need for change

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION (CONSTITUTIONAL) CHANGES TO BECOME INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION

In view of the proposal for IASTAM – India to become an international organization it will be necessary to make changes in the Memorandum of Association (Constitution) so as to provide an international structure and evolve an appropriate international organization body.

Resolution No. 3a/June/2017

It is hereby resolved that the constitutional amendments or changes may be undertaken for “reconstitution” of IASTAM – India as an International Organization.

It is hereby resolved that the managing committee shall take necessary steps as and when appropriate to amend, modify and change the present “Memorandum of Association” “(Constitution)” to become an international organization as specified herein above.

Related Resolutions - Resolutions 3b/June/2017

It is hereby resolved that such major amendment changes as recommended by managing committee will be uploaded on website with an appropriate period of notice to all members. After providing due time (21 days) for suggestions and modifications from all the members, the managing committee after considering such modifications through due procedure and approval, shall finalize the new “Memorandum of Association” ‘(Constitution)’ and that it shall be binding to all the members.

Related Amendments - Resolutions 3c/June/2017

In order to undertake responsibility as an international organization, “Memorandum of Association” will be required to undergo major changes, amendments, and modifications.

It is hereby resolved that the managing committee through due procedure of amendments may undertake changes, modifications, amendments to all Articles of Association including –

- *Nomenclature*
- *Aims and Objectives*
- *Constitution*
- *Memberships, Eligibility and other related matters*
- *Rules and regulations*
- *Methods of conduct of meeting*
- *Financial and Accounts related*
- *Election Procedure*
- *Representation on bodies*
- *Fees structure*
- *And all such others.*

Proposed by: Dr. A. B. Patil; Seconded by: Dr. Vandana Kozarekar; Resolution Passed Unanimously.

NOMENCLATURE

In order to be identified as an international organization, IASTAM – India will be required to make necessary changes in its nomenclature.

Today’s meeting has considered the changes in the nomenclature and following suggestions have been received.

- International League of Asian Medicine (ILAM)
- Global Alliance of Asian Medicine (GAAM)

Resolution No. 4a/June/2017

It is hereby resolved that the name “Global Alliance of Asian Medicine (GAAM)” be considered and or finalized subject to availability of nomenclature and legal / mandatory requirements and or approvals legally.

Resolution No. 4b/June/2017

It is hereby resolved that the President, a Vice President, Secretary General and the Treasurer, two or more are authorized to represent the association for making applications, submissions and / or representation to authorities for required changes as suggested herein above.

Resolution No. 5/June/2017

It is hereby resolved that the President and / or Secretary General are hereby authorized to undertake any representation and negotiation with any such individual/s, institute/s, organization/s, Private / Government body / bodies either in India or abroad so as to expand the activities and reach of the association for development of Asian Medicine including Ayurved, Unani, Yoga, Siddha, and Such other.

Resolution No. 6/June/2017

It is further resolved that managing committee be authorized to take necessary decisions in view of the above consideration and for any considerations such as legal, registration of society, charity commissioner, mandatory authorities, financial organisations, bank, and such other to choose right nomenclature and take necessary steps for change in its nomenclature.

Resolution No. 7/June/2017

Further to above the managing committee is hereby authorized to undertake necessary steps to bring in modifications, changes, amendments as considered appropriate and to authorize the office bearers of the association to apply, submit or represent to any constitutional, mandatory, legal authority as and when necessary for changes in its nomenclature, constitution and such other .

Proposed by: Dr. Subhash Wadodkar; Seconded by: Dr. Kirti Bhati; Resolution Passed Unanimously.

10.2 Draft proposal as approved by the Managing Committee

Draft Proposals were read as approved by Managing Committee.

10.3 Review, Discussion and Approvals

Members were suggested that the draft will be uploaded on website and with in fixed period if there are no comments and suggestions the resolutions and proposals will be considered final and resolved.

RATIFICATION: INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

A suggestion was received by the Managing Committee to consider International Membership for IASTAM – India.

At the meeting of Managing Committee held on date 12th January 2017 a resolution was passed to accept the membership of Scholars, Experts, and those involved in development of Asian Medical Systems including Ayurved, Unani, Yoga, Sowa Rigpa and such others.

In view of the above following resolution was passed.

Resolution No. 8/June/2017

A resolution passed by Managing Committee on 12th January 2017 is hereby ratified and resolved that Indian Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine (IASTAM – India) will accept International membership of individual/s and institution/s.

It is hereby resolved that the funds be received via online wire transfer as per payment method by law of fees to be decided by managing committee from time to time.

Proposed by: Shri Prabodh Shah, Seconded by: Dr. Kavita Indapurkar; Resolution Passed Unanimously.

11 ELECTION OF MANAGING COMMITTEE

The election officer Dr. Abhijit Patil presented the election report and announced the new Managing Committee.

Dr. Bhatt also informed about emails received which may be considered for nomination as representation of other systems and disciplinarians as per geographical area.

Dr. Bhatt updated that the ‘**National Advisory Council**’ is nominated during the same period and Shri Shekhar Dutt former governor of Chhattisgarh has agreed to become the Chairman of the National Advisory Council. National Advisory Council members were also nominated and the names were informed. Other members have also been approached and written consent is still awaited. If required more members could be added by nominating further.

12 ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks.

Prepared by

Approved by

Secretary General

President

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