

Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting

Date: 17 September 2010, 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM at IIA, Bangalore

Number of members present: 10

1). Siraj Hasan (President) 2). Debnath Pal (Secretary) 3). Phoolan Prasad (Past president) 4). Dipshikha Chakravortty 5). Bikash Chandra Ghosh 6). P.S. Mukherjee 7). R. T. Gangadhara 8). Manju Bansal 9). Biman Nath 10). T. Govindaraju

- Prof. S. S. Hasan initiated the proceedings and updated all the members on the activities of the Humboldt Association over the past year, including the Annual Lecture Event. In particular, he informed the members about the discussions held at the National Meeting of the AvH Associations, hosted at IIA on April 2, 2010. He recalled that the members felt that all chapters should have a website that should contain at least the list of Humboldtians with their specialization, affiliation and email address. AvH Bangalore, already has a website providing the details of members, and it was brought to notice that these details can also be obtained from the AvH, Germany website through their password protected networking site. Other points discussed in the meeting pertained to help young scientists, who could be prospective AvH Fellows and encouraging them to apply for the AvH Fellowship, facilitate them in identifying a suitable host in Germany and formulating a good research project. Another discussion was on starting Humboldt Academy of India. There was general agreement that it is premature to consider a central body such as a Humboldt Academy of India. A majority of members felt that it would be preferable to further strengthen the activities of the individual chapters and build greater co-operation among them.
- It was announced by Prof. S. S. Hasan, that the Humboldt Kolleg will be held during Feb. 2-5, 2011 at IIA, Bangalore. A committee consisting of himself, Prof. Gautam Desiraju and Prof. Manju Bansal has already deliberated on the organizational aspects and planning. The AvH Foundation has sanctioned a sum of 27000 Euro for organizing the Kolleg. Experts from Germany and India, both Humboldtians and non Humboldtians would be invited as speakers. Young speakers would also be given an opportunity to speak at the Kolleg. The organizational activities will be initiated soon and committees would be set up for the purpose.
- Dr. Debnath Pal, Secretary of the AvH Association presented his report for the year. The number of active members of AvH has increased to 35. All members were requested to spread the information to new Humboldt fellows in Bangalore, and request them to become members. The traffic to the AvH Association, Bangalore website has been good. The picture gallery was hacked once to post malicious software.
- In absence of Prof. Mugesh, (Treasurer), Dr. Debnath Pal presented the accounts. There was only one expenditure item over the past two years and rest was income from interest. It was decided that whatever money has been accrued from interest will be reinvested keeping Rs.2000 as a balance in the account.
- It was unanimously decided that the present set of office bearers: Prof. S. S. Hasan (President), Dr. Debnath Pal (Secretary), Prof. G. Mugesh (Treasurer), Prof. Phoolan Prasad (Immediate Past President) will continue for another year. Prof. Manju Bansal was unanimously elected the new Vice President for one year.