

## Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting

**Date: 25 August 2009, 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Number of members present: 10**

**1). Sriraj Hasan 2). Biman Nath 3). Arnab Rai Choudhuri 4). Dipshikha Chakravortty 5). Prasad K.R. 6). P.S. Mukherjee 7). Meheboob Alam 8). G. Mugesh 9). Debnath Pal 10). Phoolan Prasad**

- Prof. S. Hasan updated all the members on the activities of the Humboldt Association. All members were apprised of the meeting in October 2008 at Delhi organized by AvH, and chaired by Dr. Helmut Schwartz, Secretary General of AvH. This meeting had representatives from various associations/clubs throughout India. Prof. Hasan mentioned that some of the associations/clubs are fairly active and perhaps our association may also consider increasing the number of events, although there were several limitations.
- Prof. Hasan put forward his proposal to hold a Humboldt Kolleg as one of the event next year, preferably around the end of the year. He indicated that generous funding would be available from the Humboldt Foundation. There was a general discussion among the members on the duration of the Kolleg and it was felt that three days would be optimal. The venue of the meeting was not final, but Prof. Hasan expressed his willingness to provide all necessary infrastructure/support for the conference. There was also elaborate discussion on the theme of the Kolleg and it was unanimous that it should be in a broad area. There was a proposal to have three separate themes for each day. The themes and title of the conference was not decided, and it was proposed that discussion would be initiated among the members to arrive at a consensus. It was also decided that members of other Humboldt clubs in India would be involved both in organization and participation in the conference.
- Dr. Pal, secretary of the association presented his report for the year. He informed the members on the admission of three new members (Prof. Desiraju, Prof. Shetty and Dr. Lakshmi) into the association over the past year. He also informed the members on the gaining popularity of the AvH website, which was launched last year. People viewing the picture gallery generate a lot of traffic. In the last part of his report, he expressed disappointment on not being able to hold meetings in local colleges using the German scholars, who come for short visits. He requested that he be informed at least two weeks in advance to put the logistics in place to be able to facilitate such meetings.
- Prof. Mugesh, treasurer of the association presented the accounts. There was only one expenditure item 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) will continue for another year.