

MINUTES OF 42nd ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF INDIAN SOCIETY OF BLOOD TRANSFUSION AND IMMUNOHEMATOLOGY HELD ON 09th DECEMBER, 2017 AT 5 PM AT GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE R.K. PURUM, KOTA

42nd Annual General Body Meeting of ISBTI was held at Government Medical College, R.K. Purum Kota on 9th December, 2017. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Yudhbir Singh IAS, President of ISBTI. Following members of Governing Body with ISBTI Members from all across the country attended the meeting:

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| 1. Mr Raj Kumar | Dy. President (Motivation) ISBTI |
| 2. Dr T. R. Raina | Secretary General ISBTI |
| 3. Dr Sangeeta Pathak | Treasurer ISBTI |
| 4. Dr Yazdi Italia | Chairperson South west Zonal Council |
| 5. Dr V. P. Gupta | Chairman-ISBTI Rajasthan Chapter |
| 6. Dr Hitesh Narang | Chairman-ISBTI Punjab Chapter |
| 7. Dr I. Shanmugasundaram | Chairman-ISBTI Tamil Nadu Chapter |

At the outset Dr Yudhbir Singh President ISBTI welcomed all the members present in the meeting and appreciated the hard work and efforts undertaken by the members of organising committee of **TRANSCON-2017**. He further said that the efforts of all the members of the organising committee especially of Dr. V.P. Gupta deserve special applause from all the members of the society and that it must be placed on record as well.

He then asked Dr. T. R. Raina, Secretary General ISBTI to go ahead with the Agenda of the meeting. Dr.T.R. Raina welcomed and expressed his sincere thanks to all the members present in the meeting for participating in the conference in a big way and also for their contribution in strengthening the ISBTI at the state and national level. Dr. Raina then proceeded taking up each agenda point for discussion and deliberations.

Agenda Item No 1

Approval of the proceedings of last Annual General Body Meeting held at Pune on 26.08. 2016.

The proceedings of the previous AGM were presented before the house by the Secretary General which were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item No 2.

Actions taken on the decisions of the previous meeting

All the actions taken were noted by the members.

Agenda Item No 3

Activities of ISBTI at the State and National level during the preceding

Dr. Raina read out the Annual Report of ISBTI in detail including various activities undertaken by State Chapters which were appreciated by everyone.

Agenda Item No 4

Future planning of ISBTI.

The President reiterated that CSR is a must for long term financial sustainability of the society. He urged all the worthy members and state chapters to formulate projects for seeking funds under CSR and assured them of all possible help from ISBTI headquarter.

Agenda Item No 5

Audited Report of ISBTI for the financial year 2016-17

Seen and approved

Agenda Item No. 6

Steps to be taken to activate the state chapters especially North East States

All the Zonal councils and state chapters were requested to scale up their activities. The issue of activities in North East states was discussed in detail. Dr. Shobini Rajan, Assistant Director General (Blood Safety) NACO was requested to explore the possibilities of a Joint Venture/ Activities by NACO & ISBTI.

Agenda Item No. 7

Request for TRANSCON

Dr Raina Secretary General informed the members that only one request for organising the next Conference Transcon 2018 was received from ISBTI Andhra Pradesh State Chapter which is unanimously approved.

Dr. Kulbir Kaur Director... proposed to hold Transcon-2019 in Punjab State, Mr. R. Rajkumar Proposed to hold Transcon-2020 in Tamil Nadu State and Dr Raina proposed to hold Transcon-2021 in J&K State. All the three proposals were approved.

Agenda Item No. 8

Legal issues in Blood Transfusion Services (BTS)

The agenda was deferred unanimously. The President conveyed that we should not unnecessarily meddle into the affairs of the Government.

Agenda Item No. 9

Any other point with the permission of the chair

Dr. Shobini Rajan, Assistant Director General (Blood Safety) NACO, gave an idea of organising world blood donor day 2020/2021 in India jointly by Government of India & ISBTI. She said, “ World Blood Donor is celebrated every year on 14th June as homage to Karl Landsteiner, the noble prize winner who discovered the ABO blood group system. This day has been instituted by WHO, who organize a global event in a different countries each year.

In the context that India is making the right efforts towards achieving the target of 100% Voluntary Blood Donation by 2020, and trying to ensure that safe blood is waiting for the patient in the Blood Banks without patients having to arrange blood donors, it would be appropriate for India to plan to host the event in the near future.

In this connection, Indian Society of Blood Transfusion and Immuno-haematology, a professional association of community leaders, blood bank experts, transfusion experts, blood donor organizers and motivators and other stakeholders engaged with the noble cause of Voluntary Blood Donation has greater than four decades of unstinting community engagement at the grass roots for promotion of voluntary blood donation in India.

It would be apt for this organization to take a lead on behalf of the country in organization of a Global event on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day and engage with National Blood Transfusion Council, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India and all other stakeholders and partners”. The idea was appreciated by all the members present in the meeting.

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

