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Minutes of EC Meeting of the Executive Council of Indian Cryogenics Council: Draft

Date: September 25, 2025 from 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM, Venue: Google Meet (Online)

A meeting of the Executive Council of the Indian Cryogenics Council was held on September 25, 2025 from 4:00 PM onwards via Google Meet (Online). The following members were present:

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| 1. Dr. R G Sharma | President (Chair) |
| 2. Dr. T.S. Datta | Member (Past President), Chief Editor |
| 3. Prof. Sunil Sarangi | Chairman EZ |
| 4. Dr. Tusar Bhowmick | Chairman NZ (Tudinous Kryos, Delhi) |
| 5. Prof. R. Singh | Chairman SZ (Ex Hy Uni.) |
| 6. Dr. Soumen Kar | Treasurer (IUAC) |
| 7. Dr. Uttam Bhunia | Secretary (Admin), VECC |
| 8. Dr. Mukesh Goel | Secretary (Tech), BARC |
| 9. Dr. Abhilash Narayanan | Member, (ISRO) |
| 10. Dr. B. Sarkar | Member (ITER, France) |
| 11. Parag Kulkarni | Member (INOX) |
| 12. Dr. Hari Kishan | Member (Ex NPL) |
| 13. S C Sarkar | Member (Ex Jadavpur Uni) |
| 14. Dr. Anuj Kumar | Invitee (JIIT, NOIDA) |
| 15. Dr Subimal Saha | Invitee (Ex VECC) |
| 16. Dr. D. S. Nadig | Invitee (Ex IISc.) |
| 17. Mr. Tamal Bhattacharyya, | Invitee, EZ (VECC) |

Dr. R. G. Sharma, President, ICC, chaired the meeting and welcomed the members with his opening remarks. The following agenda items were discussed:

1) Preparation of ICC Golden Jubilee Year Conference at VECC Kolkata

Dr. Uttam Bhunia briefed the committee on the planning, tentative program schedule, and preparedness of the local organizing committee. Participation in the conference will be by invitation only, with no registration fees. The EC approved the required funds to organize the conference on actuals, with the projected expenditure estimated to be around Rs. 11.8 lakh. Sponsorship will partly support the costs. Efforts will be made to reduce financial liability of ICC by approaching industry for sponsorship.

It was further noted that travel support, as per ICC guidelines, will require an approximate additional Rs 2.2 lakh, which was also approved by the EC.

2) ICC Income Tax Issue

Since FY 2020–21, ICC has been accumulating taxable income for application in scientific research, journal publication, student sponsorships, and awareness programs. Dr. Bhunia presented year-wise fund accumulation and the related income tax liability. As per the Income Tax Department regulations,

such funds must be utilized within five years. Funds cannot be accumulated for more than 5 years. Expenditure on Golden Jubilee Conf. is one option to save on income tax. Considering the present utilization status, the EC decided that ICC will pay applicable income tax from the current financial year onwards after making attempts to spend money under permissible heads.

Additionally, Dr. Hari Kishan and Dr. Tusar Bhowmick will consult Chartered Accountants to determine whether expenditure towards the ICC Golden Jubilee Year Conference can be treated as “Application of Accumulated Fund” for FY 2020–21.

3) ICC GSTIN Requirement

Members deliberated on the need for ICC to obtain a GSTIN number. While some members supported it, others felt it may not be required for a scientific society like ICC. The President requested Dr. Hari Kishan and Dr. Tusar Bhowmick to consult Chartered Accountants on this matter and report back with recommendations to the EC at their earliest if the money spent in holding the Golden Jubilee conference comes under the definition of expenditure for the purpose of saving income tax.

4) Appointment of a New Secretarial Assistant

To streamline ICC’s administrative activities, the appointment of a new Secretarial Assistant was felt urgent. Dr. Soumen Kar was requested to appoint a suitable candidate at IUAC at ~~from~~ Delhi who would support ICC operations and journal publication work etc.

5) ICC Annual Book

Dr Tushar Bhowmick has already prepared a guideline for the ICC Annual Book, which will highlight all important events/ activities of ICC in a given year, as well as the ICC's financial statement, etc. Dr. R Singh volunteered to take up this responsibility and the EC agreed to this offer. Accordingly, the President requested Dr. R Singh to take over the responsibility towards the yearly publication of ICC Annual Book. Dr. Singh may choose 1-2 other members to assist him in publishing the Annual Book.

6) Introduction of ICC Golden Jubilee Chair Professorship

Considering the Golden Jubilee year of ICC, it was proposed by the President to institute ~~initiate~~ a Golden Jubilee Chair Professorship which has been discussed in EC quite a few times. Prof. S C Sarkar reminded the EC that there had been a proposal to institute a chair after Prof. A Bose. We may therefore name it as “**Prof. A Bose Memorial ICC Chair Professorship**”. Mr Kulkarni and Prof. Sarangi raised the question of modalities and financial implications. Prof. T S Datta pointed out that the remuneration should be an honorarium not exceeding Rs. 25,000/ month. It was therefore decided that the chair should be instituted and a committee was constituted consisting of Prof. M D Atrey, Dr. Tushar Bhowmick, and Prof. Sunil Srangi headed by the president Dr. R G Sharma. The committee will frame guidelines, objectives, selection criteria, together with responsibilities of such position and yearly financial implications and the duration of the position

7) Travel Allowance (TA) Support for Retired EC Members, ICC Presidents, Awardees, and Retired Invited Speakers

Based on the recommendations of the committee (under chairmanship of Mr Parag Kulkarni, other member: Dr. Soumen Kar, Dr Mukesh Goyal, and Dr Uttam Bhunia) constituted by the ICC President on 07.02.2025, the EC approved an upper limit of Rs. 15,000 for travel support to attend ICC conferences/workshops. Members seeking such support must first approach their respective zonal offices. In case of insufficient zonal funds, travel support may be provided by ICC, Head Office, upon recommendation of the zonal president and approval of the ICC President.

8) Restructuring of Zonal Committee

The members were informed that the ICC North Zone has been restructured following elections. Dr. Tushar Bhowmick was elected as the North Zone President, Dr. Hari Kishan Secretary, Dr Anuj Kumar as Joint Secretary and Dr. R S Meena as the treasurer. Dr. Hari Kishan also informed the EC that the the North Zone Bank Account in Canara Bank NPL has been reactivated though it was dormant for more than a decade. The bank balance though is meagre, NZ being inactive for years.

The president made an appeal for the other zones (SZ and EZ) to do likewise and complete the zonal elections.

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