

Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Indian Cryogenics Council (ICC)

Date: February 13, 2026 Time: 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Venue: Google meet (Online)

Following were present

- Dr. R.G. Sharma (Chair) President
- Prof. Sunil Sarangi Chairman EZ
- Prof. T.S. Datta Chief-Editor, IJC
- Dr. Soumen Kar Treasurer
- Dr. Uma Shankar Joint Treasurer
- Dr. Uttam Bhunia Secretary (Administration)
- Prof. S.C.Sarkar Member, EZ
- Dr. Abhay Singh Gour Member EZ
- Dr. Tamal Bhattacharyya Member, EZ
- Dr. Subimal Saha Invitee, EZ
- Prof. R. Singh Member, SZ
- Mr. Abhilash Narayan Member, SZ
- Dr. Tushar Bhowmick Member, NZ
- Dr. Hari Kishan Member, NZ
- Dr. Anuj kumar Invitee, NZ

The meeting started with a brief welcome by Dr. R G Sharma.

Immediately after, the members were informed about the sad demise of Prof. Kanchan Chowdhury Ex. Professor IIT Kharagpur and an outstanding ICC Fellow and a reputed cryogenics expert. 1 minute silence was observed by the members in the memory of the departed soul. It was also decided that the president will send a condolence message to the family members on behalf of the ICC.

Agenda items were then taken up for consideration and following decisions taken:

1. Dr. Uttam Bhunia presented the highlights of the ICC Golden Jubilee Conference held at VECC, Kolkata during Nov. 13-14, 2025. He also shared the details of the money collected from the sponsors and the expenditure incurred on the conference. Rs. 8,01,037 were collected from the sponsorship, Rs. 3 lacs seed money was provided by ICC Delhi Office. In all Rs. 10,89,569 were spent in the conference. Another amount of Rs. 61,567 was spent by Delhi office in reimbursing travel expenses to the retired invitees. All the members congratulated Dr. Bhunia and the entire VECC Team to have organized a successive conference.
2. ICC Website was discussed at length. It was felt by all that the website is in bad shape, was designed years back and has not been updated. Dr. Sharma will try to engage a new designer/developer based upon modern concepts and the website should be user-friendly. Dr. Sharma mentioned that the estimated cost of the design & development and other annual charges may cost may of the order of. Rs. 60,000.
3. EC thanked Prof. PS Ghosh for having agreed to take care of the ICC office at IIT Kh. He will be assisted by Prof. T K Nandi & Prof. Abhay Singh Gour.
4. Prof. Ghosh, Prof. TS Datta, Prof. Nandi, Prof Abhay Singh will appoint a secretarial assistant who will assist Prof. Datta in the publication of the journal and will take care of all the ICC work that he or she would be assigned time to time.

5. Dr. Soumen Kar presented the consolidated audited report for the FY 2024-25 and unaudited report for FY 2025-26. The Delhi Office as on date has Rs. 6, 75,000/- in bank account, Rs. 1,86, 62,306/- in FD account. The total income during the FY 2024-25 was Rs. 35,24,603/-, total expenditure during the same year was Rs. 25,41,513/- as on 31 March 2025. For the overall ICC the corresponding figures are Income (including interests and NCCS29 and membership) – Rs. 59,45,221.25; Expenditure (Including NCCS)-Rs. 39,22,006-00; Surplus for the year 2024-5 – RS. 20, 23, 215.25
6. Dr. Hari Kishan and Dr. Bhowmick who were authorized in the last EC meeting to consult other CAs, opined that the fee under many heads charged by the auditor was exorbitantly high. All the members felt that a new auditor/CA should be appointed. Dr. Bhowmick, Dr Hari Kisan and Dr. Soumen Kar will take a call and appoint new Auditor soon in Delhi.
7. No firm decision was taken on the question of GST whether ICC should go for it or not. Once a GST no. is taken one has to file quarterly returns and reply to GST notices time and again whether one has any income or not. Some dedicated CA will have to be appointed. Matter will be discussed further in next EC meeting.
8. Prof. T S Datta elaborated on the status of ongoing process of ICC journal (Vol.49 and 50) publication. It was proposed by Prof. Datta to engage former Secretarial Assistant, ICC, Mrs. Tania to help in publishing the two pending volumes of journals in time. EC approved an amount of Rs. 10,000/- to be paid as honorarium for each volume of journal to the Tania if she is engaged for the job.
9. New Board of Editors constituted long time ago should be reconstituted involving our elderly experts, middle aged and younger experts who are involved in research on modern topics and can devote time & share the chief editor's responsibilities. The chief editor may put the list of new Editorial Board members before the next EC for approval. The question of making IJC an open-access journal too will be discussed in next EC meeting.
10. The name of the "Chair Professorship" instituted by ICC came up for discussion whether it should be named as "Prof. Bose Memorial Chair Professor" or "Golden Jubilee Chair Professor" or "Prof. Bose Memorial Golden Jubilee Chair Professor". Most of the members suggested that it should be named as "Prof. A Bose Memorial Chair professor".
11. Dr. Hari Kishan made a brief report on the publication of the ICC directory named "CRYO-CONNECT". This is being published by the North Zone. The most of the work was done by Dr. Hari Kishan and Dr. Anuj Kumar and help from Dr. Bhowmick under the leadership and guidance of Dr. R G Sharma. Dr. Sharma gave a small presentation on the first 10-12 pages of the directory.
12. Dr. Hari Kishan also requested the EC to allow North Zone to induct Director NPL as a "Honorary Fellow" as NPL continues to be hub of the most Advanced Quantum Metrology involving studies at low/ultra low temperatures. Prof. Datta suggested that it needs a wider discussion and should be taken up in the next EC meeting. EC agreed to it.
13. Next ICC National Conference (NCCS-30) will be hosted by ISRO at Trivandrum. Dr. Abhilash Narayanan presented the details of various committees constituted. He asked ICC for seed money for the conference. EC approved RS. 1.25 lakh as the seed money from ICC funds. Some

senior members drew the attention of Dr. Abhilash Narayan to save sufficient funds for the ICC account because that is the only route to build up ICC funds.

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