Minutes of the Executive Committee (EC) online Meeting of ICC on 13 October, 2026

Date: 25 October 2026

The following members attended the meeting:

Dr. R. G. Sharma (President, ICC), Prof. Sunil Sarangi, Prof. Milind Atrey, Prof. R. Singh, Dr. HariKishan, Dr. T. S. Dutta, Dr. Vipul Tanna, Dr. S. Nadig, Dr. S. Sarkar, Mr. Parag Kulkarni, Mr. K. Talgaokar, Dr. Abhilash Narayanan, Dr. Soumen Kar, Dr. Anuj Kumar, Dr. Uttam Bhunia, Mr. Subimal Saha, and Mr. Tamal Bhattacharyya.

Dr. R. G. Sharma, President, ICC, chaired the meeting and welcomed all the members. Following his welcome address, the agenda items were discussed and the following decisions were taken:

i) Lifetime Achievement Award

The recommendation of the LTA Award Committee chaired by Dr. T S Datta, was approved by the EC. The committee recommended the conferment of ICC Life Time Achievement Award – 2026 to Dr. V. Narayanan, ICC Fellow and Chairman ISRO, Secretary Deptt. of Space Govt. of India. The award will be given in the inaugural session of the NCCS-30 on 7th Dec. 2026.

ii) Retired Presidents ICC to be designated as "Advisors"

ii) The president proposed that all the retired ICC presidents should be treated as "Advisors" without any financial commitment on the part of the ICC. They will be kept in loop about the EC and AGM meetings and may attend any meeting (online or physical) and advise, if it suits them, at their own expenses. The EC approved the proposal with the qualification that the advisors will not have the voting rights.

iii) Revision of ICC Life Membership Fees

The Long pending revision of ICC Life Membership Fees was taken up by the EC next. After deliberation, the EC decided to revise the life membership fee to ₹5,000. A 50% concession on the membership fee will however be available for the students upon the submission of valid proof of student status. The student-membership will end once the student status is changed.

iv) Revision of ICC Journal Subscription Fees: The EC approved the enhancement of the long pending subscription rates for the ICC journal (IJC) The revised will be as under:

1.) Online annual subscription rate: ₹10,000 and
2.) Annual hard-copy subscription rate: ₹12,000

v) NCCS-30 Conference Preparations: A detailed presentation on NCCS-30 Conference Preparations was given by Dr. Abhilash Narayanan. The EC expressed its satisfaction with the ongoing preparation of the conference. EC assured him all support and wished him all success for the conference.

vi) Selection of Prof. A. Bose Memorial ICC Chair Professor: A selection committee chaired by Dr. R G Sharma recommended the appointment of Dr. T S Datta as "Prof. A Bose memorial ICC Chair Professor".

The EC was informed that only one application, was received (that of Dr. T. S. Dutta) in response to the advertisement put on the ICC website and circulated among the EC members. The applicant fulfilled all the requirements stipulated in the guidelines by the committee. EC approved the said appointment.

vii) ICC Biennial Report: Dr. Harikishan presented the contents of the ICC Biennial Report on behalf of Prof. R Singh who though attended the meeting but was unwell. Following the discussion, it was decided that the Biennial Report would not include the detailed financial report. The audit reports would instead be uploaded on the ICC website with password-protected access.

viii) Tenure of the Present EC: The President mentioned about the term of present EC and he requested for a discussion on next EC. Dr. Datta mentioned about bylaws on continuation of same EC for another term. He also informed that two terms for same EC are being continued since 2006. He proposed the continuation of same EC for next term. Members agreed. EC nominated the same EC for the next term subject to the approval of ICC general body at AGM on 7 Dec. 2026.

ix) ICC Financial Audit and Income Tax Filing: Dr. Soumen Kar, Treasurer, ICC, informed the EC that the audit reports for the financial year 2024-25 and for the FY 2025-26 are ready. The audit report for the 2026-2027 will be ready shortly. He will present these reports and the income/expenditure statement during the current FY at the AGM Meeting being held at the NCCS-30.

x) Approval of the New Editorial Board and Journal Publication Report: The EC approved the lists of the new Editorial Board and the Editorial Advisory Board presented by Dr. T. S. Dutta, Chief Editor IJC. EC approved the lists.

xi) **Nomination for New Fellows:** It was pointed out by some members that for a long time no new nominations have been received by the president. It was decided that the ICC Fellows should nominate new life members for being considered to become Fellows as per the existing procedure.

xii) The EC was informed by the Cryogenic Engineering Centre (CEC) that the CEC IIT Kharagpur, would be celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year and requested participation and support of the ICC. EC expressed its willingness to consider providing cooperation or support whenever specific request is made to ICC.

There being no further items for discussion, the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Dr. R G Sharma
President ICC

Dr. Uttam Bhunia
Secretary ICC