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Proceedings of Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Fisheries Association, Mumbai

The Annual General Body (AGM) of the Indian Fisheries Association (IFA) was held on 18.10.2022 at Room no. 319, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai from 3.00 pm in hybrid mode. Dr. C. N. Ravishankar, Director, CIFE and President, IFA welcomed all the Members. He profusely thanked all the Members for their contributions in making and shaping the IFA over the years. He requested all the Members to proactively plan and conduct various programmes and take IFA to greater heights. He also sought suggestions and ideas from all the Members to increase the Membership especially by enrolling all the Masters and PhD students, mobilise resources to initiate innovative programs, and make the IFA more vibrant.

Dr. K. Pani Prasad, Secretary, IFA presented the reports for the years 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20 and 2018-19. He mentioned that due to COVID the meetings and programmes could not be undertaken. The present total no. of members are 620 and requested all members to support for more memberships. The major activity undertaken was in association with ICAR-CIFE was The 3rd International Symposium on Aquaculture and Fisheries Education at CIFE, Mumbai during 16-18 May 2018. The programme was a huge success with the participation of 260 delegates including 15 international delegates from Srilanka, Bangladesh, Thailand, Ethiopia, France, Nigeria and Bhutan. As per the agreement with Asian Fisheries Society, Central Institute of Fisheries Education and IFA, for conduct of ISAFE3, an amount equivalent to US\$ 15,000/- (US dollars fifteen thousand only) has been paid to Asian Fisheries Society. The Chief Guest for inaugural programme for ISAFE3 was Padma Vibhushan Dr. Anil Khakodkar, Advisor, Government of India, and the Guest of Honours were Shri Mahadev Jankhar, AH & AH and Fisheries Minister, Government of Maharashtra, Dr. J. K. Jena, DDG (Fy), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. C. Virapat, DG, NACA, Thailand. The Chief Guest for valedictory programme was Dr. T. Mohapatra, DG (ICAR) and Secretary (DARE), New Delhi. The book of abstracts, Souvenir and Proceedings of the Symposium were released. The salient activities were highlighted as the AGM could not be held during the pandemic years.

Dr. Neelam Saharan, Treasurer, IFA presented the Audited Reports and the fund position.

S.no	Year	Balance as on 31 March in INR
1.	2018-19	5,67,112.41
2.	2019-20	5,69,374.41
3.	2020-21	5,68,724.41
4.	2021-22	5,68,075.41

- Fixed Deposits

New India Coop Bank Ltd	Rs. 7,000.00
Units of UTI	Rs. 21,800.00
State Bank of India (FD on 14.06.2022)	Rs. 2,00,000.00
State Bank of India (FD on 14.06.2022)	Rs. 1,00,000.00
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Dr. Kiran Dube and Dr. A. K. Jaiswar informed regarding the status of the Journal of IFA (JIFA). It was stated that the present NAAS rating of the journal which is 4.14, is likely to be revised upwards during the forthcoming revision. They also stated that the papers for Volumes 48 (1) and 48 (2) were ready for printing.

The decisions taken at the EC meeting held on 1st Sept. 2022 namely increasing the membership fees of IFA from Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 2000/-, making the first or corresponding author has to be the member of IFA for publishing papers in IFA journal, bringing out Special issues of the journal by requesting eminent researchers for their contributions, and making efforts to have a separate website for IFA and making the database of the Members of IFA and uploading in the website is ratified in the AGM. Thereafter, Members of the IFA gave suggestions as to mobilisation of resources, range of programs and activities that could be conducted by IFA, and also the ways to improve the reach, visibility, impact and rating of the JIFA.

The Elections for various positions of the IFA Executive Council, other than the President, were held and following was decided. All the Members were elected unanimously. The elected members are for the period from 18th October 2022 to 17th October, 2025.

Post	Name proposed	Proposed by	Seconded by	
President	Dr. Ravi Shankar C.N., Director, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai	-	-	
Vice President	Dr. N.P. Sahu, Joint Director, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai	Dr. K. Pani Prasad	Dr. B. B. Nayak	
Secretary	Dr. Ananthan P.S., Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai	Dr. Pavan Kumar	Dr. Neelam Saharan	
Joint Secretary	Dr. Muralidhar Ande, Senior Scientist, CIFE, Mumbai	Dr. P. S. Ananthan	Dr. Shivaji Argade	
Joint Secretary	Dr. Soniya Sukumaran, Scientist-in-Charge,	Dr. Geetanjali Deshmukhe	Dr. N. P. Sahu	

	NIO, Mumbai			
Treasurer	Dr. Shivaji Argade, Scientist CIFE, Mumbai	Dr. Pavan Kumar	Dr. Neha Qureshi	
Members	Dr. K. Pani Prasad, Principal Scientist, CIFE, Mumbai	Dr. C. N. Ravishankar	Dr. N. K. Chadda	
	Dr. N. K. Chadda Retd. PS & HOD, CIFE, Mumbai	Dr. Kiran Dube	Dr. Arpita Sharma	
	Dr. Kiran Dube, Emeritus Prof. / Retd. PS, CIFE, Mumbai	Dr. Neelam Saharan	Dr. N. K. Chadda	
	Dr. Arpita Sharma, Principal Scientist, CIFE, Mumbai	Dr. Kiran Dube	Dr. Monalisa	
	Dr. Sanath Kumar, Principal Scientist, CIFE, Mumbai	Dr. P. S. Ananthan	Dr. Neha Qureshi	
	Dr. Pavan Kumar, Senior Scientist, CIFE, Mumbai	Dr. Shivaji Argade	Dr. Karan Rteke	
	Dr. Munil Kumar, Principal Scientist, CIFE, Mumbai	Dr. A. K. Verma	Dr. A. K. Balange	
	Dr. Ashutosh Deo, Principal Scientist, CIFE, Mumbai	Dr. Pavan Kumar	Dr. B. B. Nayak	
Chief Editor	Dr. A.K. Jaiswar, Principal Scientist, CIFE, Mumbai	Dr. C. N. Ravishankar	Dr. P. S. Ananthan	

The President appreciated the efforts all the outgoing executive members for their efforts in strengthening the IFA and requested the incoming members for their concentrated efforts to take IFA to greater heights.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Arpita Sharma, Joint Secretary.

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Secretary, IFA

Approved by

(Dr.C.N.Ravishankar)
President. IFA