

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING – 2017 HELD ON  
18.11.2017 and EC MEETING held on 30.09.2018 at DELHI UNIVERSITY, DELHI.**

The Annual General Body meeting of the Association of Carbohydrate Chemists & Technologists (India) was held at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur at 6.30 PM on 18/11/2017 at the conference venue “CARBO-XXXII: Emerging Chemistry and Biology of Carbohydrates” (ECBC-2017)”. A total of seventy four members of the Association and over thirty nine non-member delegates attended the meeting along with the participants and guests attending the XXXII<sup>th</sup> ACCT(I) Carbohydrate Conference organized by Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur. President, ACCT(I), Prof K P R Kartha gave the introductory speech, and Prof Ashok Prasad, Secretary, ACCT(I) presented the welcome address to the delegates and requested Dr Vinod K Tiwari, Joint Secretary, ACCT(I) to read out the minutes of the previous GBM held on 14.11.2016 during 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference CARBO-XXXI organized by University of Delhi, New Delhi. The minutes were accepted unanimously after it was proposed by Dr P L Soni and seconded by Prof N. K. Khare. Dr Vinod Tiwari then described the previous years' activities of the Association and the agenda finalized by the Executive Committee (EC) at its meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of XXXI Carbohydrate conference at University of Delhi.

Dr Amit Bhatt, Treasurer, ACCT(I) presented the audited 'Statement of Accounts' of ACCT(I), which after a brief discussion, accepted by the members unanimously. It was proposed by Prof. N Khare and was seconded by Dr P L Soni. Then after, Dr Vinod Tiwari, Editor, Carbohydrate News Letter (CNL) placed the 'Statement of Accounts' of CNL (Issue 18) before the GB. Proposed by Prof KPR Kartha and seconded by Dr Balram Mukhopadhyay, it was accepted unanimously by the GB. The CNL is currently being published annually on a 'no loss no gain' basis. The publication cost of the CNL is currently met with support from ACCT(I) and from the advertisements from Lucid Colloids.

Subsequently, Dr. A. K. Sen, Chairman of committee for constituting a 'Constitution and Bye-law Subcommittee' presented his effort to achieve the goals of the constitution of the committee. This revised 'ACCT(I) Constitution' was discussed and accepted by house.

The proposal for having a 'Carbohydrate Chemistry Chair' was constituted and briefly discussed and differed to take a lead after the preparation of a proposal for meeting the financial

commitments in its regard. Furthermore, members articulated their vision that a suitable collaboration between the academia and industries in the CARBOs is scarce and need to be considered for the sustainable growth of society. Again, Prof G S Chauhan, Dr A K Sen and Dr Vasudeva Singh were requested to take the responsibility to explore the possibilities for increasing the membership from industrial houses and to invite new people from Industry to the ambit of upcoming CARBO meet. It was expected that they will come up with an action plan in about three more months.

Members expressed their profound sense of appreciation to Prof Tanmay Pathak and his team for the wonderful arrangement made for CARBO-XXXII held at Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. Prof Balam Mukhopadhyay then gladly accepted his willingness to be the Organizing Secretary of CARBO-XXXIII and to host it at the Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Science and Engineering Research (IISER), Kolkata. House sincerely expressed their deep gratitude to Prof Balam Mukhopadhyay for the same. With a view to bringing greater visibility to the activities of association, ACCT(I) executives and Organizing Secretary, Carbo-XXXIII Prof Mukhopadhyay shall make efforts to bring together about 10 renowned scientists from India and six glycoscientist from abroad including Prof. Rob Field, Editor-in-Chief, Carbohydrate Research. EC shall discuss and recommend the names of accomplished scientists and technologists to be honored as the Fellow of ACCT(I) at CARBO-XXXII to be held in IISER Kolkata.

It was further decided that any change of address of the ACCTI life members should be posted on the ACCT(I) website. All life members were then again requested to ensure that any change of address will be communicated to the website administrator promptly so that the ACCT(I) website stays updated in this regard. A brief discussion on the proposal for forming ACCT(I) local chapters was made and decided to be considered during international carbohydrate conference. Invited talks or brain storming sessions involving ACCT(I) members as hosts/speakers/invitees/or the like and students & researchers from academia/industry was encouraged to be considered for ACCT(I) activities as the local chapter. For locating possible hosts outside India, countries such as Taiwan, China, Malaysia, South Korea, etc could be considered.

The GB congratulated Prof. G S Chauhan for receiving the Life Time Achievement Award for the year 2017 and Prof. Arun Goyal for the 6<sup>th</sup> Excellence in Carbohydrate Research award-2017, respectively. ACCT(I) congratulated Dr. K.P.R. Kartha for the 8<sup>th</sup> e-TCR award. The GB then congratulated Dr. Paolomi Merchant, Prof. Sunil K Sharma and Prof. Balram Mukhopadhyay for delivering the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prof M P Khare Award Lecture, 8<sup>th</sup> Mr. C. G. Merchant Memorial Lecture and the Dr H C Srivastava Young Scientist Award Lecture, respectively. ACCT(I) congratulated Dr Kunz Bihari Mishra, winner of “ACCT(I) Best Ph.D. Thesis Award-2017 with a citation and a cash of Rs 10000.00 sponsored by Lucid Colloids Ltd. in recognition of the best doctoral research work carried out in the area of glycosciences in India.

ACCT(I) members and delegates greatly appreciated Prof Tanmay Pathak, Organizing Secretary, CARBO-XXXII for the excellent arrangement during CARBO-XXXII at IIT Kharagpur. The GBM lasted for nearly two hours and was concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair by Prof Ashok Prasad.

### **Minutes of the EC Meeting held at Delhi University on 30-09-2018**

The meeting was held at the International Guest House, University of Delhi, New Delhi in the meeting room under the chairman of Dr P L Soni, Advisor ACCT(I). Six of the ACCT(I) executive members the Association including Prof. N Khare (President, ACCTI), Prof. G S Chauhan (Vice-president, ACCTI), Prof Ashok K Prasad (Hon. Secretary, ACCTI), Vinod Tiwari (Jt. Secretary, ACCTI) and Dr Amit Bhatt (Treasurer, ACCTI) were present. The meeting lasted for approximately five hours. Various points concerning the ACCT(I) awards-2018, organization of the Carbohydrate Conference, and CARBO-XXXIII to be held in IISER Kolkata was discussed. Prof Ashok K Prasad briefed the EC with the updates on the organization of the event. As emerged from the meeting, efforts will be made in order to bring several distinguished researchers working on different aspects of carbohydrate chemistry worldwide. A discussion was also held on necessitate attracting some good contributions for the e-TCR from abroad besides those being received now. The EC meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the chair by Prof Ashok Prasad.

Prof Ashok K. Prasad  
(Secretary, ACCTI)