



THE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE MUMBAI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Regn. No: E-22070, Mumbai, dt. 29.9.2004

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ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Alumni Association was held on the 5th January 2019 at 3.30P.M. in Room. No. 21 at The Institute of Science, Mumbai, Madam Cama Road, Fort, Mumbai 400032.

A new committee was nominated and selected and comprises the following office bearers:

President	: Dr. N.V. Thakkar
Vice President	: Dr. Prataprao Deshmukh
Secretary	: Dr. Aparna Saraf
Joint Secretary	: Mrs. Shilpa Sabnis
Treasurer	: Dr. B.M. Patil
Executive Committee Members	: Prof. A.D. Sawant
	: Dr. Nijen Desai
	: Dr. Sampoorna Mukherjee (Murty)
	: Dr. Aruna Samant
	: Dr. Sushama Ambadekar
	: Dr. R. M. Patil
	: Dr. Ambika Joshi
	: Dr. Vinayak Parab

A General Meeting was held on 16th February 2019, where all alumni were invited to discuss centenary year celebrations to be conducted at The Institute. 46 members attended the meeting.

The Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) was held twice after the formation of new committee on 16th February and 16th March 2019. A report of the past activities of the Alumni Association (2002-2015) was posted on the Institute website.

The current membership status:

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Total Strength</u>	
Patron members	7	
Life Members	230	
New enrolled life members	<u>34</u>	(After 5 th January 2019)
Total Life Members:		271



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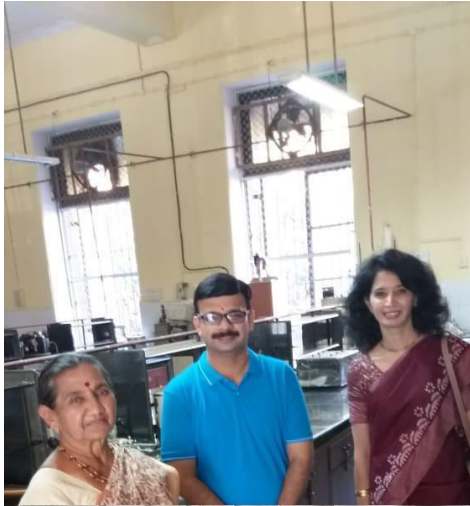


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ACTIVITIES

1) Debate Competition

An intra-collegiate Debate Competition titled “Arguably the Best” was organized on 26th of February, 2019. The event was sponsored by the **ISAA**. The cash prize awarded to the winners was sponsored by Dr. Aparna Saraf, Hon. Secretary ISAA in memory of her father Late Mr. Nilkanth Hodavdekar.

The debate was intended to focus on the current affairs, especially on the status of certain government policies. The debate was based on the following six topics:

- ✚ Whether knowledge of at least one foreign language (other than English) should be required in universities.
- ✚ Can the law's keep up with today's internet technology?
- ✚ Should health insurance be obligatory?
- ✚ Retirement homes: Do the advantages of living in them outweigh the disadvantages?
- ✚ On-line games: good or bad impact on human society?
- ✚ Renewable energy: Is India working towards to achieve its goal of March 2022?

There were twelve speakers, three moderators and three panellists for the event. The speakers were divided into four teams. There were three rounds of elimination. The debate mostly gave more information that was in support of almost all the topics. The event indeed looked for creative and innovative proposals and strategies (with respect to the topics) from the young speakers of the institute.

The Panelists

1. Dr. Utkarsha Lekhak (Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry)
2. Mrs. Swati D. Vilhekar (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry)
3. Ms. Amrita Kakka (Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Science)

The Winners

1. Sarmad Sonde (M.Sc. Part I, Department of Biotechnology)
2. Sana Jalili (M.Sc. Part II, Department of Microbiology)
3. Vishal Sahani (M.Sc. Part II, Department of Environmental Science)

The Moderators

1. Shubham Tanpathak (M.Sc. Part I, Department of Botany)
2. Avik Roy (M.Sc. Part I, Department of Microbiology)
3. Ayesha Tunga (M.Sc. Part II, Department of Chemistry)



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2) Elocution Competition

An intra-collegiate elocution competition titled “Talking Titans” was on the 26th February, 2019. The event was sponsored by the **ISAA**. The cash prize awarded to the winners was sponsored by Dr. Aparna Saraf, Hon. Secretary ISAA in memory of her father Late Mr. Nilkanth Hodavdekar.

The elocution was intended to focus on the current affairs. It was conducted on the following four topics:

- + Danger of drugs
- + Current copyright policies
- + How to reduce your carbon footprints?
- + Mars: A vivid dream of colonisation.

The competition was judged by a panel of Alumni as judges. The students took part with great enthusiasm and it was indeed a treat to hear them come out with their unique points of view. The participants, armed with the statistics and data made their points more emphatic with their righteous facial expressions and voice modulation. They exhibited great oratory skills. The competition was an enthralling experience for the speakers as well as the audience.

The Panelists

1. Dr. R. M. Patil (Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry)
2. Dr. Manisha Kulkarni (Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry)

The Winner

1. Ms. Kripanjali Sonkamble (M.Sc. Part II, Department of Botany)



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Debate and Elocution Competition: 26th February 2019





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3) Guest Lecture by Dr Vaishali Palwankar

The Institute of Science Alumni Association (ISAA) hosted a guest lecture on March 30, 2019 on “Introduction to IPR & different modes of protecting IP” for the students and staff of the institute. The resource person was Dr. Vaishali Palwankar, Director, SciConnect Consulting LLP, Mumbai. She is an alumna of our esteemed institute and had pursued her Ph.D. from the department of Zoology.

Dr. Aparna Saraf, Hon’ble Secretary, ISAA welcomed the speaker and introduced her to the audience. Participation was very encouraging from the students and staff of various departments who joined in the deliberations of the lecture.

The programme included talks on importance of IPRs and their protection, trademark and copyright protection and violation, collective mark and service mark protection and violation, trade dressing and trade secrets, designs, geographical indications, traditional knowledge, patenting procedures and patent informatics, patent searches, role of innovation and invention in the academia-industry collaborations, and many more aspects. The participants were made aware of importance of IP, its various types, trends of patent filing in India and abroad and illustrations of capitalization and violation of IP. This created a buzz among the audience and was very much appreciated by the participants.

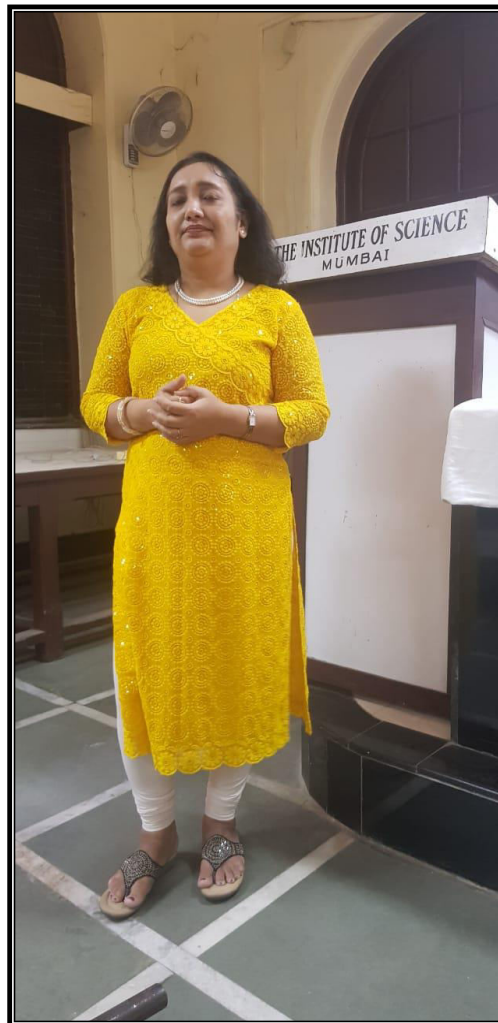
The event ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Avik Roy, Cultural Secretary, Student Council. The students left with a sense of awareness and fulfilment.



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Guest Lecture by alumna Dr Vaishali Palwankar on 30th March 2019



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4) Research Scholars' Meet 2019

Research Scholars' Meet was organized by the Institute in association with ISAA on 4th April 2019. 79 posters were presented by the students from all the departments. The judges for the event were alumnus of the Institute. Prof Thakkar sponsored the cash prizes for the event. First and second prizes were selected from each Department. Chemistry department had individual prizes for every specialization.

Dr. K.V. Hippalgaonkar, Ex Head, Department of Botany was invited as the Chief guest for the event. He shared the past research activities at the Institute with the current students and emphasize on the need to take research from lab to land. The abstract book was released on this occasion. The alumni Dr Vijay Dabolkar, Dr Shantaj Deshbhratar, Dr Smita Jadhav, Dr Mayuri Joshi, Dr Rehman, Dr Dhwanita Rao and Dr Archana Ashtekar spared their valuable time for evaluating the posters.



Abstract Book release at Research Scholars' Meet-2019



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5) Campus to Corporate

Just two words, two destinations which sounds simple but the journey from one to another is pretty complicated. The lecture by our alumni, Mr. Kartik Jogi, Chief Manager, HR, Bajaj electrical, on 20th April 2019, was all about how to make that journey plain sailing, to be an expert Sailor there are some do's and don'ts which one has to keep in mind. He started with his walk down the memory lane and shared the experiences he had during his time at The Institute, to his surprise students could still correlate themselves with them, by going further he told participants importance of functioning as a group during their college life, he stated this enables soft skills like team building, group discussion and helps you to understand your group members. participants were amused to hear that a simple note sharing will enhance so many important skills. He proceeded by giving students an exercise to write the self-perception as of now and what changes they want in the next five years, participants thoughtfully noted their perspective after this he posed a crucial question, "What's holding you back from achieving goals you ought to achieve in next five years?". At this Moment audience began to introspect, through discussion the conclusion came, decisions, habits that we perceive are the things hindering our progress. the habits that we practice during college years become part of our life, he added, so this is your chance to prepare yourselves for the bright wide world, by giving example he told, "In college, we have the mindset to avoid things by saying "I'm bored" this sentence causes fall in productivity and for the worse its a feeling that's contagious, due to which in the corporate sector this will decrease the productivity of the group, such small things will leave a large impact on your persona. Coming towards the end of the journey, Mr. Kartik Jogi explained the qualities expected by corporate firms nowadays, the difference between professionalism and unprofessionalism. At the end stating example of Ratan Tata, He said, "However rich, prestigious you become always be down to earth."

A short round of question-answer was followed by the vote of thanks by Shubham U.V Tanpathak, MSc-I (Botany) on behalf of students and Dr. Aparna A. Saraf on behalf of the alumni association.



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“Campus to Corporate” session by Alumnus Mr. Kartik Jogi on 20th April 2019

6) Careers in Chemistry: Rising to the top

"Career is not just a daily routine of office sitting for 12 hours and getting a paycheck on first of the month, it's the passion driven by a hierarchy of needs", said Dr. Prabodh Chobe, CSR specialist, and science motivator during his talk on "Careers in chemistry "at the Institute of Science, Mumbai on 25th April 2019. The lecture was organized on behalf of Alumni association of the for which, Dr. Ashish Soman, Director, Analytical Research & Development, Achillion Pharmaceuticals, USA, an alumnus of the Institute, was there as the guest of honor along with Prof.N.V Thakkar, President, ISAA and Dr. Vasant Helavi Reddy, Director, The Institute of Science, Mumbai.

The program started with the felicitation program and a short introduction about, Dr.Soman, was given by Dr. Aparna Saraf, Secretary, ISAA and of Dr. Chobe, given by Dr.Gayatri Barabde which was followed by a short speech by Dr. Soman in which he highlighted the various aspects of careers available for MSc chemistry students, along with this he compared the situation in the US with that in his homeland, India. After this Dr.Chobe took charge of the stage he explained the meaning of career and went ahead to explain the qualities every job seeker should have with the example of great personalities like Karl von Frisch, Madame Curie, Lord Rayleigh, and many others qualities such as Experience, being an expert in one field, Never getting nervous, Hard work, Commitment and Confidence



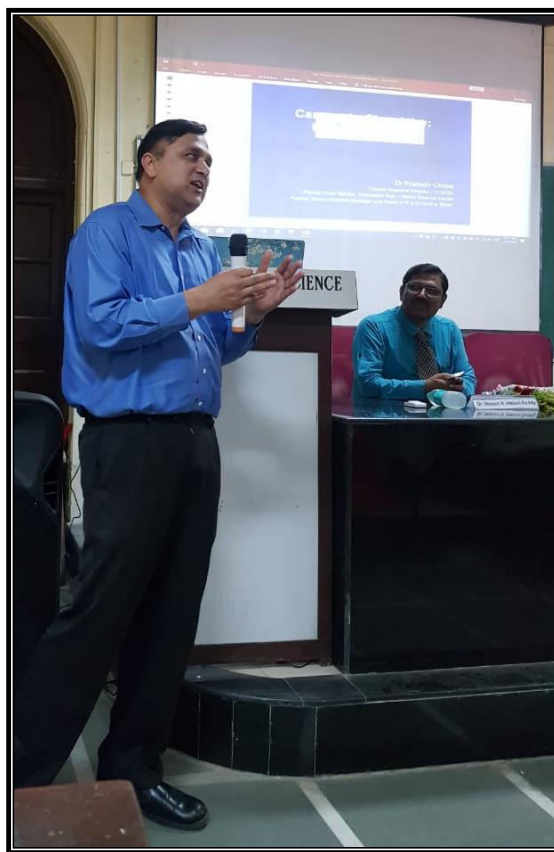
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He explained different possibilities after MSc in Chemistry rather than just doing chemical analysis, he said that 'textile, cars, solar, agriculture every sector that you name has need of chemist in it' he gave various example to unveil the opportunities that lies ahead in front of students. Further he gave various options other than chemical industry that is open to MSc chemistry students and towards the end, he gave the list of industries which hire on a large scale and small scale along with the cities he also suggested students to perceive summer internship as it's a great addition to resume with this he ended his lecture

This was followed by a brief question and answer section on which students, as well as teachers, opened up, the main focus of the conversation was on internship. This was followed by a vote of thanks by Dr. Gayatri Barabade from the Chemistry Department.



Dr. Prabodh Chobe & Dr. Ashish Soman addressing the students'



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Dr. Prabodh Chobe providing insights



Prof. N.V. Thakkar, President, ISAA, addressing the gathering



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Careers in Chemistry: Rising to the top by Dr. Prabodh Chobe on 25th April 2019

7) Solid Waste Management Program

ISAA has initiated a program on Solid Waste Management with an aim to achieve “Zero Garbage” status for the Institute, in association with Bajaj Electricals Ltd. It will be done in collaboration with NSS group of The Institute of Science.

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Minutes of the Annual General Body Meeting held on 5th Jan 2019

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Institute of Science Alumni Association (ISAA) was held on 5th January 2019 at 3.30 P.M. in Room No. 21 at the Institute of Science, Mumbai, Madam Cama Road, Fort, Mumbai-400 032. The meeting which was scheduled to begin at 3.00 pm, was postponed due to lack of sufficient quorum and was held at the same venue at 3.30 pm. The meeting was attended by the 19 members.

Following members communicated their inability to attend the Meeting:

Dr. B. G. Kulkarni, Dr. Kumud K. and Dr. Aashish Chourey.

Dr. V. B. Helavi, Director, The Institute of Science, Mumbai welcomed the Alumni members. The meeting was chaired by Dr.S.B. Chaphekar, President, ISAA. Following business was transacted as per the Agenda:

1. The minutes of the AGM held on 18th February 2012 which were circulated earlier were presented by the Secretary Dr. Ambuja Udas. Dr. Anil Nimkar proposed and Dr. Sampoorna Mukherjee (Murty) seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the AGM.
2. The Annual Report of the ISAA for the years 2012-2018 was presented by the Secretary, Dr. Ambuja Udas. Dr. Thakkar proposed that the Report be accepted. Dr. Lattoo seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the AGM.
3. The Accounts for the periods 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 were presented by the Secretary Dr. Ambuja Udas. Dr.Aruna Samant proposed and Dr. Anil Nimkar seconded the motion. The accounts were unanimously approved by the AGM.
4. It was suggested that M/s. Sabharwal and Associates be retained as auditors for 2018-2019. Their remuneration would be the same (Rs. 7500/-). Dr. Aparna Saraf proposed and Mrs. Shilpa Sabnis seconded the suggestion. The proposal was unanimously approved by the AGM.
5. After discussion, a new Executive Committee was nominated, comprising of the following office bearers and members:

President	: Dr. N.V. Thakkar
Vice President	: Dr. Pratapsinh Deshmukh
Hon. Secretary	: Dr. Aparna Saraf
Hon. Joint Secretary	: Mrs. Shilpa Sabnis
Treasurer	: Dr. B.M. Patil
Members	: Prof. A.D. Sawant
	: Dr. Nijen Desai
	: Dr. Sampoorna Mukherjee (Murty)
	: Dr. Aruna Samant
	: Dr. Sushama Ambadekar
	: Dr. R. M. Patil
	: Dr. Ambika Joshi
	: Dr. Vinayak Parab
	: Prof. S. B. Chaphekar (Immediate past President)
	: Dr. Ambuja Udas (Immediate past Hon. Secretary)

Dr. Anil Nimkar proposed that the new Executive Committee be approved. The proposal was seconded by Dr. C. S. Lattoo and was unanimously approved by the AGM.

6. Any other items with the permission of the Chair:

(i) Prof. Chaphekar along with other alumni members made a few suggestions for the ISAA viz.

- a. There has to be a regular dialogue between the Alumni members.
- b. There were suggestions that the activities of the Institute be strengthened by the Alumni members.
- c. The Alumni members have to be more proactive with respect to providing research ideas to students, enabling interaction of students with industries and also with respect to placement of students.
- d. The Alumni Association should take steps to provide help to the economically backward or needy students.
- e. The Director, The Institute of Science provided details about the space problems and the various constraints due to space (occupied by the National Art Gallery and the Institute of Forensic Sciences) at the Institute and requested the Alumni members to come forward and take up these issues with the higher authorities for resolving them.
- f. It was also suggested that the ISAA members should be invited to the various programs and cultural events (wherever ISAA is involved).
- g. It was also suggested that Form 15 G/H should be submitted every year.

- h. Prof. A.D. Sawant suggested that ISAA being one of the main stake holders, should provide every possible assistance in maintaining the reputa of the Institute.
- i. There were suggestions for holding various courses at the Institute for the benefit of the students. To name a few, Dr. Chaphekar suggested involvement of the ISAA in the activities of the Marathi Bhasha Sanchalanalay in development of a 'Vishwakosh' (already being carried out in Botany, to be expanded to other subjects as well); secondly, a course in solid waste management has been proposed by Dr. Ameya Sahu.
- j. There was a suggestion to include the number of members attending the AGM in the minutes of the meeting.

(ii) Prof. N. V. Thakkar, the President designate, addressed the AGM, thanked the members for the trust shown in him and the new Committee members. On behalf of the new Committee, he promised that he and his team will try to do their best to be helpful to the Institute. He also placed on record the appreciation for the good work and the efforts put in by the outgoing President, Hon. Secretary, other office bearers and the Committee members despite limitations. He made a few suggestions, like:

- a. All the communications from ISSA may also be addressed to the Trustees.
- b. More alumni should be enrolled as members of the ISAA.
- c. The funding/financing of activities by the ISAA is important; is in the interest of students and needs to be strengthened by the alumni members.
- d. ISAA can also explore other activities which can be useful for the students and the staff of The Institute, and will also be satisfying to the Alumni members.

(iii) It was decided to have the first meeting of the new Executive Committee of ISAA on Saturday, the 16th February 2019 at 3.00 pm. in Room No. 21 at The Institute of Science, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai -400032.

7. The meeting concluded with the Vote of Thanks to the Chair, proposed by Dr. Bhavita Chavan.



Dr. Aparna Saraf
Hon. Secretary

5th January 2019

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Regn. No. Mumbai/E-22070

ISSA/ECM/2019/1

NOTICE FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) of The Institute of Science (Mumbai) Alumni Association (ISAA) will be held on Saturday, the 16th February 2019 at 3.00 p.m. in Room No. 21, The Institute of Science, 15, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai-400 032. All the EC members are requested to make it convenient to attend the Meeting.

AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of the last ECM held on 3rd December 2011
2. To consider the ways and means to increase the membership of the ISAA.
3. To consider raising the funds for activities of ISAA.
4. To consider the activities for the Centenary Year Celebrations at The Institute.
5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.



5th February, 2019.

Dr. Aparna A. Saraf
Hon. Secretary

N. B.:

- i) Though this is an EC meeting, all the interested alumni are welcome to attend the meeting, participate in the deliberations and give their suggestions.
- ii) A confirmation of your presence at the Meeting through WhatsApp/Email alumni@iscm.ac.in at your earliest will be highly appreciated.
- iii) Draft Minutes of the last AGM held on 5th January 2019 (subject to confirmation at the next AGM) are enclosed herewith for information.



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MINUTES OF THE ISAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2019

1. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association was scheduled on Saturday, the 16th February 2019 in Room No. 21, The Institute of Science, Mumbai. On account of the overwhelming response and interest from large number of alumni on the ISAA WhatsApp group, it was decided to have a general meeting of all the interested alumni prior to the ECM, invite their views and suggestions from those present and then consider them along with the agenda items in the ECM to be held immediately after the general meeting.

2. Accordingly, the general meeting of the alumni was held in Room No. 36 of The Institute at 3.00 p.m. Draft Minutes of the general meeting, already circulated on the ISAA WhatsApp groups, are attached herewith.

3. After the general meeting was over, the EC Meeting was held in the Director's Chamber at about 6.30 p.m. with Prof. N. V. Thakkar in the Chair.

Following EC members were present: Prof. Vasant Helavi, Prof. N. V. Thakkar, Prof. A. D. Sawant, Shri P. G. Deshmukh, Dr. Aparna Saraf, Smt. Shilpa Sabnis, Dr. B.M. Patil, Dr. R. M. Patil, Dr. Vinayak Parab, Dr. Sushma Ambadekar, Dr. Aruna Samant, Dr. Ambuja Udas.

Prof. S. B. Chaphekar, Shri Nijen Desai and Smt. Sampurna Mukherjee, had conveyed their inability to attend the meeting. Dr. Anil Nimkar and Dr. Satish Tendulkar, Trustees, who were invited, had also conveyed their inability to attend.

4. The views and suggestions received at the general meeting were discussed in general.

5. In view of the fact that it was quite late in the evening, it was unanimously decided to defer the discussion on the original Agenda items, along with the consideration of views/suggestions received in the general meeting, to the next ECM.

The Meeting then ended with Thanks to the Chair.

Mumbai.
February 16, 2019.

Prof. N. V. Thakkar
Chairman

Dr. Aparna Saraf
Hon. Secretary



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A meeting of the Executive Committee of ISAA was scheduled on February 16, 2019. In view of the forthcoming centenary year of the Institute and the overwhelming response received and interest shown by the alumni, it was decided to welcome all alumni to attend the meeting, participate in discussion and give suggestions which can then be taken up for consideration in the ECM. The Notice of the Meeting, draft Minutes of the AGM held on 5th Jan, 2019 were placed on the Whatsapp group for the information of the alumni.

Accordingly, general meeting of the alumni was held on 16th February 2019 at 3.00 p.m. in RoomNo. 36 at The Institute of Science, Mumbai, Madam Cama Road, Fort, Mumbai-400 032. Alumni and was chaired by Prof. N. V. Thakkar, President, ISAA.

Dr. Aparna Saraf, Hon.Secretary, ISAA, welcomed the alumni. She acknowledged the praiseworthy contribution made by the esteemed alumni in their own field of work as also to the society in their own way .She also-appreciated the expression of many alumni on the WhatsApp group of their memories and importance of the years spent by them at this esteemed institution.

At the outset, Dr. Saraf informed that the Alumni Association was initiated in Sept 2002 during the tenure of the then Director Prof. M.M. Salunkhe and through the efforts of Alumni, has grown roots with a structure and stability. She also informed that a new Executive Committee was formed in the AGM held on 5th January 2019 with Dr. N.V. Thakkar as the President of the Association. Under his leadership the Alumni Association has once again decided to put its best foot forward.

1. Dr. Thakkar addressed the alumni members. He said it was heartening to see the overwhelming response by the alumni and their expression of acknowledgement of the role of the Institute in their life and career. He emphasized on the need for efforts by all concerned towards restoring the past glory of the Institute. Considering the role Alumni Association can play in the life of the students of the Institute, he appealed to keep the



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Alumni Association continually active. He then read out a few of the important objectives in the constitution of the ISAA and stressed on working on those objectives(available on WhatsApp Groups).

Being a unique Institute and amongst the oldest in the western region, he mentioned that the current number of enrolled members (250) is indeed muchless and therefore enrolment of new members and fund raising are the main aims which will be strongly pursued by the Alumni Association. He requested that alumni who were not yet the members of ISAA can become member by logging on to the Institute of Science website ([www. iscm.ac.in](http://www.iscm.ac.in)). Dr. Thakkar said that the Executive Committee of ISAA would chalk out the various support areasand activities based on the suggestions of the alumni members and post them on the WhatsApp group of the ISAA. He appealed to the Alumni members for their support on various aspects which need-not only be monetary but could also be throughvarious other activities including, but not limited to,broadening the alumni base, participation in teaching, lectures/discussions in the field of expertise, supporting events like RSM, competitions, organizing industrial visits, placement/internship of students etc.

2. Dr. Pratapsinh Deshmukh, Vice President ISAAand an industrialist,expressed his gratitude to his alma mater for all the success he has achieved in life so far. He also expressed his support to the various endeavors of ISAA.
3. Dr. VasantHelavi Director, The Institute of Science, provided insights about RUSA and the new cluster University, 'Dr. Homi Bhabha University' being formed with The Institute of Science being the lead Institute in the cluster, suggesting roles alumni could play in the newly formed cluster University.
4. Dr. Aparna Saraf read out the suggestions made by Dr. Chaphekar (immediate past President, ISAA), about the various areas where he could offer support to the students at the Institute. Viz.
 - a. Science writing in Marathi and contribute to Vishwakosh (already started in Botany, can extend to Environment).
 - b. Practical training in conducting Nature trails (at Maharashtra Nature Park, Dharavi).



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- c. Orienting students for conducting a campaign for water conservation (especially as NSS programme).
- d. Lectures for applying Botanical solutions for environmental upgradation - esp. Green Belt Development, restoration of derelict lands (as basis for professional approach-entrepreneurship).

(Note: a and b also carry token honorarium in proportion to the output).

Dr Saraf also mentioned that Dr C S Lattoo was actively involved in taking annual excursions of the Botany dept without taking any honorarium.

- 5. Dr. Raj Mehta, one of the oldest alumni present at the meeting, acknowledged the ISAA and mentioned his pleasure to be associated with the various activities at the Institute.
- 6. Dr. A.D. Sawant acknowledged the revival of the ISAA, mentioning the need to introspect and find ways to strengthen the ISAA with increase in enrolment of more members to the ISAA. He appealed to members to form various committees to support Alumni through fellowships, fund raising and also through initiation of more endowment chairs and other help from various industries. He mentioned about the Golden Jubilee Trust Fund owing its existence to the Institute alumni and appealed to the alumni of Institute to contribute to various aspects at the Institute. He stressed on the potential of Institute alumni and how overseas alumni could also support through contributions and fund raising. Dr. Sawant also suggested that the expertise of the Alumni could also be made use of in form of invited lectures to students (due to new faculty not being recruited early). He mentioned how the impression of past students is equally important as the present students in accreditation through NAAC, which in turn would help the Institute in acquiring more funds and appealed the alumni to support in these endeavors. Dr. Sawant mentioned about the Golden Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee issues of the Institute of Science magazine and suggested how the members of ISAA could make their contributions in form of reminiscences or memoirs in the Institute of Science centenary issue, stressing on bridging the gap between the earlier issues and the centenary issue. Dr. Sawant also suggested the need to appoint a committee to nominate distinguished alumni and requested the Director to felicitate the distinguished



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alumni at the centenary celebrations of the Institute (as an example, he mentioned nominating an 'Alumni Association Fellow', chosen by the governing council. In a nutshell, he appealed to all to work hard to make the centenary celebrations at the Institute a grand success.

7. Dr. M.M. Bapat mentioned about the paucity of staff members and excess work load on the existing staff members. She suggested to chalk out the type of help which the Institute expects from its alumni (may be in teaching, practicals or through arrangement of industrial visits) and put forth the same to the Alumni members through the Director in order to enable the alumni members to extend their support wherever required. Dr. Bapat also mentioned that most of the alumni would only be happy to help without any remuneration for their support but requested only a nominal TA to be provided for the same.
8. Dr. Amol Jadhav said he belongs to Pharma industries dealing with FDA liaisons. He volunteered to help anyone interested in these processes as well as to support the ISAA for various activities.
9. Mr. Anand Mistry, volunteered to help anyone interested in teaching. He further suggested that the lectures taken or arranged at the Institute could be recorded and put on the websites.
10. Dr. Uday Naik suggested the ISAA could publish a Directory of Alumni which may include the-field a person belongs to, contributions he can make and support alumni. He suggested that the ISAA could chalk out programs for the centenary year and how the alumni could help. He also mentioned how alumni could volunteer, citing example of Dr. Sunil Manjrekar, flown in from Dubai to address a gathering in Mumbai.
11. Dr. Aashish Chourey suggested forming a LinkedIn group of the alumni members where interested alumni could join voluntarily. He suggested the Institute to list the help it requires from its alumni. He further suggested organizing invited lectures by distinguished alumni which can be of a great help to the current students in learning various subjects. He recommended arranging a lecture by Prof. A. P. Sathe on Quantum Mechanics.
12. Dr. Sudesh Bhagwat seconded Dr. Aashish Chourey's opinion on Institute putting forth requirement for support from alumni members. Dr. Bhagwat volunteered to help with the



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repair work of the existing solar panels at the Institute. He was somewhat critical about the response he received to his offer for help in the past.

13. Dr. Sheela Malve suggested inviting distinguished personalities from different industries to interact with the students. Dr. Malve mentioned about her involvement in taking lectures at the Institute even after her retirement which was acknowledged and appreciated by one and all present in the meeting. She also mentioned about the need to conduct campus interviews.
14. Dr. Razia Manjrekar suggested a feed ahead (fast forward and face forward approach) in life, taking a positive approach to support Institute keeping the students abreast with the various developments in industries.
15. Dr. Rupesh Gaikwad stressed on the need to have a strategic planning committee. He re-emphasized on Institute making suggestions for support from alumni and also suggested the need to know more about the cluster University being formed so that a substantial contribution could be made by the Alumni about the same.
16. Dr. Thakkar suggested that the best approach by the alumni members would be to provide support to Institute staff and students whenever and in whatever way they need.
17. Prof. Mendhulkar further mentioned that the cluster in no way would affect the independent statuses of the different constituent colleges therein but only enhance the status through introduction of various reforms. He suggested inviting alumni to chair important positions in the new University, providing suggestions to the governing bodies in the cluster.
18. Dr. Sajith Chandran seconded the earlier suggestions of knowledge sharing by retired teachers to come back to Institute without charging any remuneration for the same. He suggested arranging invited lectures on emerging topics bridging the gap between industry and academia. Dr. Sajith made suggestion for reviving research through development of an incubation cell wherein industry based alumni could support research activities with the help from faculty at the Institute.



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Dr. Thakkar thanked the alumni for their suggestions and assured that based on the suggestions, various areas of support and activities will be worked out. The same will also be placed on the alumni groups.

All present at the meeting then observed silence for two minutes as tribute to those soldiers martyred in the recent terrorist attack at Pulwama.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to all those present and to the Chair proposed by Mrs. Shilpa Sabnis (Jt. Secretary, ISAA).

16th February 2019

Dr. N.V. Thakkar
Chairman

Dr. Aparna Saraf
Hon. Secretary



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NOTICE FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) of The Institute of Science (Mumbai) Alumni Association (ISAA) will be held on Saturday, the 16th March 2019 at 2.30 p.m. in Room No. 21, The Institute of Science, 15, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai-400 032. All the EC members are requested to make it convenient to attend the Meeting.

AGENDA

1. To confirm the Minutes of the last ECM held on 16th Feb 2019.
2. To consider the Agenda of the deferred ECM of 16th Feb. 2019.
 - i. To confirm the Minutes of the last ECM held on 3rd December 2011.
 - ii. To consider the ways and means to increase the membership of the ISAA
 - iii. To consider raising of funds for the activities of ISAA
 - iv. To consider the activities for the Centenary Year Celebrations of the Institute.
3. To accept ISAA accounts from the outgoing Treasurer Dr. Bhavita Chavan, place the same on record and apprise the members on the current financial status (Dr. BM Patil).
4. To consider views/suggestions received in the 16th Feb meeting and identify the areas in which alumni can be helpful.
5. To identify broad areas in which Institute staff and students would welcome helping hand from alumni.
6. To consider the ways and means to increase the database and membership of the ISAA.
7. To consider forming committees for raising of funds to support ISAA activities.
8. To identify activities wherein ISAA can participate/organise/support the activities during the Centenary Year Celebrations at The Institute.
9. To identify areas wherein ISAA has been supporting/can continue to support events/activities at the Institute.
10. To approve the Report on the Past Activities of ISAA.
11. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

2nd March, 2019.

Dr. Aparna A. Saraf
Hon. Secretary

N. B.:

- i) If there is no Quorum at 2.30 p.m., the meeting shall be adjourned. The adjourned meeting shall be reconvened at 3.00 p.m. on the same day at the same venue and there shall be no quorum requirement. The business transacted at the said meeting shall be valid.
- ii) A confirmation of your presence at the Meeting through WhatsApp/Email alumni@iscm.ac.in at your earliest will be highly appreciated.



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March 16, 2019.

MINUTES OF THE ISAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16TH MARCH 2019

A meeting of the Executive Committee of ISAA was held on 16th March 2019 in the Conference Room at 2.30 pm.

Following EC members were present for the meeting:

Prof. Vasant Helavi, Prof N.V. Thakkar, Dr. Aparna Saraf, Dr. B.M. Patil,
Dr. Sampurna Mukherjee Murti, Dr. R. M. Patil, Dr. Vinayak Parab, Prof S.B.
Chaphekar, Dr. Ambuja Udas and Dr S. R. Tendulkar.

Dr. V. V. Mulwad, Prof. Yawale, Prof. Mendhulkar, and Mr. Rajendra Choure attended the meeting as invitees. Prof A. D. Sawant conveyed his inability to reach on time. Dr Anil Nimkar, Shri P.G. Deshmukh, Dr Aruna Samant and Dr. Sushma Ambadekar communicated their inability to attend the meeting due to prior commitments.

Following business was transacted with Prof. N. V. Thakkar in Chair.

1. The Minutes of the General Meeting and the EC Meeting held on the 16th February 2019 were presented by the Secretary Dr. Aparna Saraf. The minutes were unanimously approved by the EC committee.
Prof. S B Chaphekar proposed and Dr S R Tendulkar seconded the motion.

2. It was decided to take up the Agenda of the deferred ECM of 16th Feb 2019 along with the agenda items of today's meeting as the items overlapped. The Minutes of the ECM of 3rd December 2011 were approved.

3. (i) Dr. B M Patil informed that the documents related to ISAA accounts were handed over by the out-going Treasurer Dr. Bhavita Chavan. On the basis of the information provided by Dr. B M Patil, Prof N V Thakkar apprised the members on the current financial status of the Association as on 16th March 2019 as follows:

Amount in FD's: Rs 2,50,000/-

Amount in saving bank account: Rs 75,563/-



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(ii) Following Resolution was proposed and passed unanimously in respect of operation of the bank account.

“Resolved...

--that the bank account (A/c No. 03860100116041) of The Institute of Science Alumni Association with the UCO Bank, Mafatlal Centre, Nariman Point Branch, Mumbai be operated by the following office bearers of the Association, who are hereby authorized for the purpose:

Prof. N. V. Thakkar	President
Dr. Aparna Saraf	Hon. Secretary
Dr. B. M. Patil	Treasurer

--that the account be operated **JOINTLY** by Dr. B. M. Patil (Treasurer) **AND** either Dr. Aparna Saraf (Hon. Secretary) **OR** Prof. N. V. Thakkar (President).

--that this resolution be communicated to the UCO Bank and shall remain in force until notice in writing of its withdrawal, or cancellation is given to the Bank by the Association.

Proposed by Dr. Sampurna Mukherjee Murti, seconded by Dr. AmbujaUdas.

Passed unanimously.

(iii) It was unanimously decided to transfer Rs 50,000/- to FD from the saving account. Dr B M Patil was requested to do the needful.

(iv) It was also decided that, Dr Aparna Saraf and Dr B M Patil would be the new signatories for all financial transactions. All financial transactions would take place **ONLY** with prior permission of the President of ISAA, Prof N V Thakkar, either through written communication or through email.

(v) The current membership status as on 16th March 2019:

Membership **Total Strength**

Patron members	7	
Life Members	230	
New enrolled life members	<u>22</u>	(After 5 th January 2019)

Total Life Members: **252**



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4. With regards to identifying the areas in which the alumni can be helpful, it was proposed that Dr Anil Nimkar and Mr Nijen Desai to be contacted for industrial visits; Dr. Gaitonde to be contacted for Fisheries, Dr. Amiya Sahu to be contacted for solid waste management, Dr. Prabuddha Ganguly and Dr. Vaishali Palwankar to be contacted for IPR and Patent Law.

✚ Alumnus Kartik Jogi sent in a brief proposal for workshop where a pre-structured program on developing vision for self-identifying interference can be done for students. It was decided to conduct a Pre-structured program on developing a vision for self and identifying interferences. It would be divided into two sessions, one for developing “Self” and the other on “Corporate Connect”. The group size would be of 20 students’.

✚ Prof. Thakkar informed the members that Dr Ashish Chourey has formed the first overseas group of ISAA, The North America Cell of ISAA.

5. Dr. Saraf informed that in response to a questionnaire, the students of Institute sent in their expectations from ISAA wherein they expected an interaction with the alumni, visits to industry, placements and training programmes, invited lectures to be conducted by ISAA.

✚ Prof Yawale informed that Alumnus Rekha Krishna Swamy Prasad (1969 batch) has donated Rs 1 lakh corpus fund for cash prize to be given to Physics topper. The donation was routed through the I.Sc. Golden Jubilee Trust Fund.

6. It was decided to appeal all the alumni to send the contact details of the alumni they know to increase the database and also request them to become members of ISAA.

7. After discussion, it was decided to first concentrate on increasing the membership before embarking on the fund raising which can be discussed in next ECM. Dr. B M Patil was requested to draft an appeal for donations.

8. It was unanimously decided that ISAA would carry out fund raising activities during the centenary year celebrations. Several alumni to be approached personally for the same. Dr B M Patil put forth the idea of creating Centenary Trust Fund. Prof Helavi indicated that events like conferences, workshops, seminars etc may be organized by the Institute/departments throughout the year as a part of centenary celebrations. It was also decided to hold an International Conference at the Institute as a part of the centenary year celebrations. This conference could be in collaboration with the Alumni Association.



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9. The Association also decided to continue supporting the activities at Institute. The prizes for RSM-2019 would be sponsored by ISAA. An amount of Rs 7500/- was sanctioned for the same. Dr. Saraf informed that the Debate and Elocution competitions held on 26th February 2019 were also sponsored by ISAA. Alumni also judged these events. Mr. Rajandra Choure informed that alumni from the Microbiology Department had started delivering lectures for the benefit of students. Alumnus Ms. Shriya Sare from Cipla delivered a talk on Career options for Life Science students. This lecture series by alumni would be conducted on every Saturday. The initiative was appreciated by all present.

10. The Report of the past activities of ISAA along with the names of the Trustees and past EC members, were accepted and unanimously approved. It was decided to post the reports on the ISc website.

The meeting concluded with Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

Date: 16th March 2019

Prof. N. V. Thakkar
Chairman

Dr. Aparna A. Saraf
Hon. Secretary