

**Proceedings of the Governing Council Meeting held on 17.02.2011
(17th February 2011) at Indian Dairy Association House, Sector IV, R.K.
Puram, New Delhi**

The meeting of the Governing Council of National Academy of Veterinary Sciences (India) was held at 10:00 AM at IDA House under the Chairmanship of Prof. (Dr). M.P. Yadav (President), NAVS.

Following members of the Governing Council were present:

1. President: Prof. Dr. M.P. Yadav
2. Vice President: Col. Dr. V.K. Bhatnagar
3. Secretary: Prof. Gaya Prasad
4. Treasurer: Dr. Lal Krishna
5. Member Ex-Officio: Prof. K.M.L. Pathak
6. Member: Prof. R.R. Shukla (Immediate Past President)
7. Member: Dr. Suresh S. Honnappagol
8. Member: Dr. Arvind Kumar Srivastava
9. Member: Dr. Nem Singh
10. Member: Prof. N.N. Pathak
11. Member: Prof. D.N. Garg
12. Member: Prof. P.N. Khanna
13. Member: Prof. P.P. Gupta
14. Member: Dr. R.K. Singh
15. Member: Maj. Gen. Dr. Sri Kant Sharma
16. Member: Dr. T.S. Chandrashekhar Rao
17. Member: Col. Dr. R.P. Garg
18. Member: Dr. T.S. Chandrashekhar Rao
19. Special invitee: Prof.Dr. S.K. Dwivedi

However, Dr. A.L. Chaudhary, President VCI (Ex officio member) Dr. A.S. Nanda, AHC (Ex officio member), Prof. Allaudin Ahmed (member), Lt. Gen. Dr. J.K. Srivastava (Ex officio member), Prof. R.N. Kohli (immediate past secretary), Dr. Harpal Singh (member), Dr. J.M. Kataria (member) and Brig. Dr. Jagvir Singh (member) could not attend the GC meeting.

Before commencement of the meeting, G.C. condoled the untimely sad demise of three (Dr. G.P. Sen, Dr. V.D. Padmanabhan and Dr. R. Venkatakrisnan) very distinguished Fellows of the Academy. The G.C. members prayed for peace of departed souls in heaven and observed 2 min silence.

The President Prof. M.P. Yadav formally welcomed all the members present in the G.C. meeting. He expressed his serious concern about the state of financial position of NAVS and made fervent appeal to all the Fellows of the academy to strengthen the Academy by their committed support and help in improving the financial position. President proposed that all the honourable Fellows of the Academy may be requested to contribute voluntarily to the academy by donation. The President also expressed concern about non availability of office of the Academy due to financial constraints.

Transaction of Agenda

Confirmation of Proceedings of the last G.C. meeting

Since no objection/comment was received from any member by the president/secretary regarding the proceedings of previous G.C. meeting held on 29th October 2010 at NDRI, Karnal (already circulated), the Proceedings were confirmed and approved as true record of the meeting.

Current Agenda items

1. Institution of “Prof. Ramaraksha Kiran Shukla Award”

G.C. appreciated the gesture of Indian Herbs, Saharanpur for expressing desire to institute an award in the name of “Prof. Ramaraksha Kiran Shukla”. The G.C. felt that a formal proposal along with monetary commitment should come to NAVS from Indian Herbs. G.C. formed a three member committee comprising Dr. Lal Krishna, Dr. P.N. Khanna and Dr. Gaya Prasad to work out modalities/rules of the Award, after receiving the formal offer from Indian Herbs for the proposed award.

2. Creation of NAVS Website

The G.C. agreed for the proposal and constituted three member committee comprising Dr. Gaya Prasad, Dr. R.K. Singh and Dr. J.M. Kataria for development of NAVS Website. Prof. K.M.L Pathak, DDG (AS) suggested that Dr. S.K. Singh, principal Scientist, CIRG, Makhdoom and Dr. B.P. Mishra, Head of Division of Veterinary Biotechnology, IVRI, Izatnagar could be of great help in creation of the website. G.C. agreed to involve them in this venture. The Website should be completed within three months. The G.C. also authorized the Secretary for making necessary expenditure for developing the Website, following codal formalities.

3. Updating of the Directory of Fellows and Members with their latest addresses, phone and email contacts, etc

G.C. felt that there are several discrepancies in the Directory of Fellows and there is urgent need to update it. For this purpose, the responsibility was given to Dr. R.K. Singh and Dr. Gaya Prasad to update the Directory with brief description of the Fellows/members and if possible to include recent photo of the Fellow/Member. Necessary finances required to print the Directory should be generated through sponsorship.

4. Purchase of office equipments and furniture such as computer, printer, Almirah, table, chairs, stationary, tea set etc., along with cost

The issue was discussed and the G.C. felt that the bare minimum items from the above list may be purchased after availability of office space, subject to the availability of funds, following codal formalities.

5. Appointment of Executive Secretary, Office Assistant/computer assistant and caretaker/peon, along with salary structure

This agenda will be taken up in subsequent G.C. meeting if the office becomes available.

6. Topics for Brain Storming Sessions, Policy Papers, Seminars/ Workshops etc. along with tentative dates

All the G.C. members agreed that there should be brain storming discussions on contemporary themes and issues related to livestock and poultry sectors. The following topics were suggested for brain storming discussions and development of policy papers:

1. National brucellosis control programme
2. Traceability of livestock
3. Perspectives of Veterinary education in the world
4. Exotic diseases of livestock and poultry

Dr. Suresh S. Honnappagol, Vice Chancellor, Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fishery Sciences University agreed to organize brain storing discussion on Perspective of Veterinary Education in the world, whereas Dr. R.K. Singh, Director, NRCE agreed to host discussion on exotic diseases.

7. Organization of the celebration of the beginning of World Veterinary Year on 24-01-2011.

G.C. agreed to have programmes in the World Veterinary Year 2011. President suggested that the logo of World Veterinary Year may be used throughout the year in all official communication of NAVS. The G.C. agreed to this. The President also gave a brief of the program organized at Gurgaon where three senior veterinarians were honoured for their distinct services for the veterinary profession. On this occasion, Prof. M. P. Yadav and Prof. Dr. S. C. Tewari spoke on the history of veterinary science in India. These were highly appreciated by the audience.

8. Publication of News Letter in electronic form/print form, particularly language, frequency, editorial Board along with expected expenditure

G.C. agreed that the NAVS News Letter should be quarterly and should continue to be electronic till the finances of NAVS improve. The G.C. also agreed that Dr. R.N. Kohli should continue to be the Editor of the News Letter. The other members of Editorial Board approved by G.C. were Dr. Lal Krishna, Brig. N.M. Singhvi, Dr. N.N. Pathak, Dr. P.P. Gupta, Dr. R.K. Singh, Dr. D.N. Garg, Dr. J.M. Kataria, Dr. Gaya Prasad, & Maj. Gen Dr. Sri Kant Sharma.

9. Improvement of the fund position of the Academy through donations from Fellows and others, corporate membership, Corporate Fellowships, consultancy services, publication, etc

The G.C. showed serious concern about the finances of the Academy. The G.C. was of the strong opinion that until and unless the Academy improves its financial situation, the aims and objectives of the academy cannot be realized. The G.C. felt that there should be serious effort to generate funds through personal donations of Fellows, G.C. members, corporate sector and organization of NVAS sponsored conferences/seminars, exhibitions/melas; institutional and corporate membership, etc. It was decided that membership fee for Veterinary and Animal Science universities on annual basis should be Rs. 50, 000 where as it should be Rs. 10, 000 for veterinary colleges which are under SAUs. Dr. Suresh S. Honnappagol, VC, Karnataka Veterinary University very kindly offered to explore the possibility of making his university as institutional member. The membership fee for State veterinary and AH departments was approved as Rs. 50,000/- per annum.

Realising the urgent need for funds for day to day working, all the G.C. members present in the meeting committed personal donations. On the suggestion of Dr. K.M.L. Pathak, several G.C. Members agreed to not to charge for attending the G.C. meeting of the Academy in Delhi. The following members contributed/committed to contribute donations for NAVS:

1. Dr. R.R. Shukla (Immediate past President): Committed Rs. One Lakh
2. Dr. S.K. Dwivedi (Former Director, NRCE): Committed Rs. 50, 000/
3. Maj. Gen. Dr. Sri Kant Sharma: Committed Rs. 11, 000/
4. Dr. M.P. Yadav: gave Rs. 10, 000/
5. Dr. Nem Singh: Committed Rs. 10, 000/
6. Dr. Gaya Prasad: gave Rs. 10, 001/
7. Col. Dr. V.K. Bhatnagar: gave Rs. 5, 001/
8. Dr. Arvind Kumar Srivastava: gave Rs. 5001/
9. Col. Dr. R.P. Garg: gave Rs. 5000/

Dr. K.M.L. Pathak , Dr. Suresh S. Honnappagol, Dr. P.P. Gupta, Dr. D.N. Garg, Dr. Lal Krishna, Dr. N.N. Pathak, Dr. T.S. Chandrashekhara Rao, Dr. P.N. Khanna and Dr. R.K. Singh promised to contribute generously.

It was decided to appeal to all the honourable Fellows and Members to donate generously to improve the financial position of the academy.

10. Structure of corporate membership: 5 lakhs, 3 lakhs, 2 lakhs, 1lakh for 10 years, 3 years, 2 years and one year.

Col. R.P. Garg, representative of Indian Herbs enquired about the privileges and responsibilities of corporate members. G.C. agreed to provide the details of the rules governing corporate membership.

11. Consultancy on livestock and poultry related matters through Fellows of NAVS with a provision of sharing the benefits on 50:50 basis

G.C. agreed to augment consultancy in different fields of veterinary and animal sciences through the NAVS Fellowship. For developing the guidelines in this regard, the following committee was constituted:

Lt. Gen. R.M. Kharb
Prof. Dr. M.P. Yadav
Dr. S.K. Dwivedi
Dr. S.N. Singh
Dr. S.K. Ray
Dr. V.P. Manchanda
Col. Dr. B. Raut

12. Provision for having Fellows from foreign countries, along with the fee structure

Already there is provision for foreign fellowship and the G.C. felt that there is no need to change the existing fee structure.

13. Opening the Fellowship/Membership for Animal Science, Biotechnology Group, Dairy scientists, Fisheries who have made significant contributions for enhancing livestock and poultry production

The G.C. felt that NAVS has been created as a professional academy and there is no need to open it for non-veterinary streams, for the time being.

14. Modalities for having regional chapters of NAVS

The G.C. agreed to have regional chapters of NAVS. However, the modalities of such chapters with well defined rules/regulations be formulated before making regional chapters operational. The committee was constituted comprising:

Dr. Suresh. S. Honnappagol, V.C., Karnataka Veterinary University
Dr. A.P. Singh, V.C. Veterinary University, Mathura
Dr. R. Prabakaran, V.C., TANUVAS, Chennai
Dr. T.S. Chandrashekhar Rao, Dean, Veterinary College, Tirupati

15. Preparation of Directory of Veterinary colleges/veterinary, Animal Science, Fishery universities along with faculty strength, vacant positions, student intake, year wise budget, growth etc

G.C. agreed to the proposal and constituted two member committee comprising of Dr. R. K. Singh and Dr. Gaya Prasad to prepare the document.

16. Essay competitions for students at national level during world veterinary year on a suitable topic

G.C. agreed to organize essay competitions to commemorate the World Veterinary Year 2011. For this purpose, the communication should be sent to all the veterinary universities/colleges to organize the essay competition on any contemporary theme related to veterinary profession. This will be organized by Dr. Gaya Prasad with the help of the Faculty and V.C. and Dean COVS of respective Veterinary College.

17. Possibility for having National Academy of Veterinary, Animal Sciences and Fishery

G.C. did not agree to this suggestion, for the time being.

18. Provision for having Honorary Fellows of the Academy without any fees and bio-data.

G.C. agreed to have Honorary Fellows provided the proposed candidate is veterinary science graduate and has made outstanding contributions.

19. Dates and Venue of the next Convocation

G.C. agreed to the proposal of Dr. A.K. Gahlot, Vice Chancellor, Rajasthan Veterinary and Animal Science University, Bikaner to organize the next Convocation of NAVS with no financial involvement of NAVS. Four alternative dates: December 10-11, November 12-13 and November 19-20 and November 26-27, 2011 were suggested by G.C. However, the exact dates are to be decided in consultation with the Vice Chancellor of RAJVASU, Bikaner.

20. Amendment of the Bye-Laws of NAVS if required.

G.C. agreed for amendment of Bye-laws of NAVS. For this purpose a committee comprising of Dr. D.N. Garg, Dr. P.N. Khanna, Dr. R.K. Singh and Col. V.K. Bhatnagar was constituted.

21. Formation of various committees, viz., Finance committee, Education committee, Research committee, Seminar/ Symposium committee, scientific committee

G.C. approved the constitution of following committees:

1. Seminar/Symposia committee

Dr. P.K. Uppal
Dr. R.K. Singh
Dr. Maj. Gen. S.K Sharma
Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Karnal
Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Jaipur

2. Academic/Research committee

Dr. K.M.L. Pathak
Dr. R.M. Acharya
Dr. Suresh S. Honnappagol
Dr. K.M. Bujarbaruah
Col. Dr. B. Raut

3. Finance Committee

Dr. M.C. Sharma
Dr. Lal Krishna
Dr. Col. R.P. Garg
Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Karnal

4. Foreign Relation committee

Dr. Suresh Honnappagol
Dr. R.R. Shukla
Dr. M.S. Oberoi
Dr. M.V. Subba Rao
Dr. Gaya Prasad

22. Organization of International Conferences on Buffalo Development for Rural Economy at Chandigarh from 7-9 September, 2011 in collaboration with the Department of A. H., Government of Punjab

G.C. agreed to organize the International Conference on Buffalo Development for Rural Economy at Chandigarh from 7-9 September, 2011 in collaboration with the Department of A. H., Government of Punjab. It was also decided to have next G.C. meeting during the Conference.

23. Recommendation of Dy, Chaiman, Planning Commission, GOI, to establish "Indian Council of Veterinary, Animal Sciences & Fisheries Education & Research (ICVAFER).

The G.C. felt that the issue of formation of "Indian Council of Veterinary, Animal Sciences & Fisheries Education & Research (ICVAFER) may be taken up seriously at political level. For this purpose a core committee comprising Dr. A.K. Srivastava (Jaipur) , Dr. A.K. Gahlot (Bikaner), Dr. Suresh Honnappagol (Karnataka) and Dr. D. K. Sarma (Guwahati) was constituted. The committee may co- opt any Fellow as member, if so desired to achieve the objective.

24. The wildlife establishments should be administered and managed by veterinarians

G.C. agreed to communicate in this regard with the Ministry of Environment and Forests, GOI.

25. Use of manikins as teaching aids across Veterinary Colleges throughout India.

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26. Introduction of course on Farriery in the course curriculum at B.V. Sc & AH level.

G.C. Agreed to the proposal. Maj. Gen. Sri Kant Sharma was requested to prepare a note in this regard. The note will be sent to all veterinary colleges to include manikins & Farriery in their teaching.

27. Under 7.1 privileges of Fellows“ to write FNAVS after their names” may be included

G.C. agreed to allow the NAVS Fellows/ members to write FNAVS/M NAVS.

28. Brief biodata of nominees shall necessarily be circulated to Fellows at the time of elections

G.C. Agreed to the proposal and in the next election of the office bearers this will be followed.

29. Establishment of permanent office for NAVS.

The issue of having permanent office of NVAAS has been pending for long time due to lack of financial resources. G.C. members felt that unless the financial position improves dramatically, having permanent office for NAVS will remain a challenge.

Any other agenda with the permission of Chair

- i. Secretary brought the agenda for constitution of NAVS Fellowship application screening committee. The G.C. constituted the following committee for screening of new applications:

Dr. P.N. Khanna
Dr. Suresh S. Honnappagol
Dr. Nem Singh
Maj. Gen Sri Kant Sharma

- ii. The President brought the agenda for having provision for deciding about urgent issues by circulating the agenda amongst GC members of NAVS. G.C. agreed to this with the condition that this mode will be used only in very urgent issues. G.C. members agreed that 15 days time should be given to express the opinion. After expiry of 15 days time, if no reply/comment is received the same will be considered as approved.
- iii. Another agenda regarding the formation of Federation of Veterinary and Animal Sciences societies/associations was discussed with the permission of the chair. G.C. felt the need to have such a conglomerate encompassing all the major subjects of veterinary and animal sciences. The G.C. also tentatively decided to the following structure of the federation subject to approval by executive bodies of the societies and associations:

Patron
President
Vice presidents (of each society/association becoming part of the federation)
Secretary
GC members

In the end, the Secretary proposed vote of thanks to the chairman, other office bearers and members.

Secretary
NAVS

President
NAVS