



**MINUTES OF THE SECOND GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDY IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (IASST), GUWAHATI, AN AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

Chairperson : Dr. T. Ramasami  
Secretary,  
DST, GOI.  
Venue : IASST, Guwahati  
Date : 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2010  
Time : 12:00 Hrs.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr. T. Ramasami, Secretary, DST, Govt. of India- Chairman
2. Prof. Sibaji Raha, Director, Bose Institute, Kolkata
3. Ms. Sheila Sangwan, Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, DST, Govt. of India
4. Prof. Okhil Kr. Medhi, Vice Chancellor, Gauhati University
5. Mr. Niraj Verma, Commissioner & Secretary, Sci. & Tech. Dept. Govt. of Assam
6. Prof. Rabindranath Pal, Professor, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata
7. Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director, IASST, Guwahati –Member Secretary

Prof. A. N. Rai, Vice-Chancellor, Central University Aizawl could not attend the meeting due to his preoccupation.

**Agenda Item No. 1**

**Welcome address by the Chairman:**

Dr. T. Ramasami, Chairman welcomed the members of the Governing Council present in the meeting. The Chairman in his speech mentioned that the IASST is outcome of Assam Accord and is very new as a central autonomous institute that is different from the existing institutes under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. The IASST has advantages but has challenges also due to poor connectivity to the rest of the country. He appreciated the Scientists of the IASST for their good contribution in terms of quality research papers and number of projects run by them despite having less number of faculties and facilities. The Chairman sought views and suggestions from the members present in the Governing Council meeting for betterment of the IASST which can be

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established as a "Centre of Excellence" in the country. The members expressed their views and suggestions, which the chairman wholeheartedly welcomed.

## **Agenda Item No. 2**

### **Confirmation of minutes of the last Governing Council (GC) meeting:**

Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director apprised the Governing Council that the minutes of the last GC meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 at New Delhi was circulated to all the members of the Council and as there was no comment from anybody, the minutes was confirmed.

## **Agenda Item No. 3**

### **Follow-up actions taken on agenda items of the last Governing Council Meeting:**

The Follow-up actions on the agenda items of the last council meeting were discussed in detail. Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director informed the Council about constitution of Finance Committee, Scientific Advisory Committee and other follow-up actions taken thereon.

## **Agenda Item No.4**

### **Appointment of Registrar:**

Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director apprised the council about the appointment of Registrar of IASST. She informed the Council that the interview for the vacant post of Registrar was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2010. The Selection Committee recommended Mr. Diganta Goswami for appointment as Registrar. The Director reported that on approval of the Chairman, Governing Council, IASST; Mr. Goswami was appointed as Registrar on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

## **Agenda Item No.5**

### **Discussion on new appointment of Academic Staff:**

Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director, IASST apprised the Council about the ongoing process of recruitment of Academic Staff in the institute and informed that five vacant posts of Assistant Professor were advertised in the month of January, 2010. The Council suggested to follow the roster of reservation for Scheduled caste and Scheduled tribes in this regard. The Council also suggested to advertise one post of Assistant Professor for SC/ST and to take interview for this post together with already advertised posts.

## **Agenda Item No.6**

### **Resolution for renewal of Registration of IASST under Societies Registration Act:**

The validity of registration of IASST lapsed on 29-04-2010 and the registration is required to be renewed. The council after discussing the matter passed a resolution agreeing to renew the Registration of IASST under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 with the new Governing Council members.



## **Agenda Item No.7**

### **Review on progress of research activities during the year 2009-10 in IASST:**

Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director elaborated about the research activities that are going on in the IASST. She described about the research in the challenging fields like nano technology, biotechnology and other basic researches being carried out in the institute. The chairman appreciated the publication of good numbers of research papers in cited journals during the previous year by the Scientists of IASST. He suggested to increase the numbers of Ph.D. awardees in the coming years, which was 3(three) in the last year. The Chairman also appreciated that with limited number of Academic staff, 23 ongoing research projects from different funding agencies are being carried out fruitfully. He congratulated Prof. Joyanti Chutia, Director of the institute for receiving Woman Scientist award, 2009 from Mother Teresa University. He appreciated the performances of IASST, particularly in the field of Material Sciences and Mathematics.

## **Agenda Item No.8**

### **Scientific Advisory Council (SAC):**

The Director reported that it is urgently needful to hold the Scientific Advisory Council (SAC) meeting for recruitment of the new Academic Staff and research and development activities of the Institute. The Chairman approved the composition of SAC and advised to hold the SAC meeting on a convenient date in discussion with the Chairman, SAC as soon as possible. The Chairman offered the suggestion that he will take part in the SAC meeting as a special invitee.

## **Agenda Item No.9**

### **Statement of audited accounts (2009-10) and budget estimate (2010-11) of IASST:**

The Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser to the DST (GOI), Ms. Sheila Sangwan, a member of the Finance Committee of IASST reported the statement of audited accounts 2009-10 and budget estimate 2010-11 that was discussed in the Finance Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 at IASST. She also suggested few modifications as per Central Government rules. The Council approved the audited statement of accounts for the year 2009-10 amounting to Rs.7.00 crore received as grants-in aid from DST, Govt. of India. The Council discussed the proposed budget of IASST for the year 2010-11 and approved a total amount of Rs10.071 crore as discussed and modified in the Finance Committee meeting.

## **Agenda Item No.10**

### **Discussion on tenure of the present Director of IASST:**

The tenure of the present Director, Prof. Joyanti Chutia ends on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2010 and she will be completing 62 years by that day. Prof. Chutia is the only Professor and there is no other senior academic staff in the rank of professor in the institute to assume the charge as Director, IASST. The Council discussed the matter and agreed that extension of service of Prof. Chutia beyond the age of 62 years is essential in public interest. The Council after discussing the matter passed a resolution that the term of Prof. Joyanti Chutia be extended beyond the age of 62 as per the original Byelaws of IASST as a special case, without value of precedence.

**Agenda Item No.11****Discussion on post of Finance and Accounts Officer (FAO) of IASST:**

Mr. G. C. Bhuyan, FAO, IASST is retiring on superannuation on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010. The Council discussed the matter regarding filling up of the post of FAO but disagreed to extend the term of the present FAO. The Council advised to make advertisement to fill up the post of FAO on contractual basis.

**Agenda Item No.12****Approval of Annual Report (2009-10) of IASST:**

The draft Annual Report (2009-10) was placed before the Governing Council for approval. As suggested by the last Governing Council Meeting, the Annual Report is going to be published in both English and Hindi version in this year. The Chairman sought comment from the members of the Council on the Annual report (2009-10) and suggested that the logo of the institute and the name of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India should be in the cover page of the Annual Report.

**Any other Business:****Construction of Hostel building and boundary wall:**

The Director, IASST sought suggestions from the members of the Council for starting the construction of Research Scholar Hostel cum Scientists Home and remaining boundary wall of the institute campus which are urgently required. The Council advised that the plinth of the building should be completed during the coming winter in the current financial year and in the low lying part of the boundary of the campus concrete pillars with barbed wire fencing should be erected.

After the discussion of the agenda items, the meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chairman and Council members from the Director.

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