

Minutes of GBM of ILA held at LASTEC, Delhi on 8-1-2009 **during NLS-08**

The general body meeting (GBM) of ILA was held in conference hall of LASTEC, Delhi, at 7:00 pm on 8th January 2009. The meeting was postponed for quorum and re-convened. The following ILA executive committee members were present at the meeting:

1. Dr. P. D. Gupta, President
2. Shri. S. V. Nakhe, General Secretary II
3. Shri. H. S. Vora, Treasurer.

The meeting was chaired by Dr P. D. Gupta, President, ILA.

A1M1. President's welcome address:

Dr P. D. Gupta, President, ILA welcomed the members. He expressed his views on the various activities of ILA such as KIRAN publication, proposed collaboration with Optical Society of America, ILA Web-page, organization of ILA short courses, organization of National Laser Symposium and ILA visiting lecture scheme. He also appreciated the efforts of all the colleagues in ILA executive committee for smooth functioning of ILA and taking it to new heights. He highlighted the hard work put in by KIRAN editorial team to bring out the issues in time and with very good quality. He expressed thanks to all the ILA members for giving strength to the organization and extending support and cooperation to the ILA executive committee.

A2M2. Approval of minutes of GBM held on 18-12-2007:

The approval of minutes of GBM on 18-12-2007 was proposed by Shri. S. R. Daulatabad and seconded by Dr. S. K. Sarkar. Approval for the accounts for the year 2006-07 was proposed by Dr. K.C. Rustagi and seconded by Dr. C.J. Panchal. Minutes of GBM on 18 Dec. 2007 and accounts presented were approved unanimously by the general body.

A3M3. Secretary's Annual Report on Activities of ILA since 18-12-07:

Shri. S. V. Nakhe, General Secretary-II, presented a brief report on various activities of ILA during the year since the last GBM held on December 18, 2007. Following are the highlights of the report:

1. Organizational activities:

Following is the status of ILA membership:

No. of life members is 877.

No. of student members is 105.

No. of corporate members is 9.

Announcement is done for the election of the new ILA executive committee members to take the charge from 1st April 2009.

It is proposed to carry out upward revision of ILA membership fees. After considering various views and particularly for the student members the general body agreed to following membership fee structure for ILA membership with effect from 1st April 2009.

Student membership	Rs. 250/- for 5 years. (Unchanged.)
Life membership	Rs. 1500/-. (from existing Rs.1000/-)
Corporate membership.	Rs. 20,000/- (from existing Rs. 10,000/-)

2. Collaboration with Optical Society of America:

A brief overview of the meeting held between ILA executive committee members and Optical Society of America (OSA) executive committee members on 15th Dec 2008 for possible collaboration was presented.

ILA general body appreciated the efforts and supported unanimously the proposed collaboration with OSA.

3. ILA short course:

A short course on laser based instrumentation was conducted by ILA on 6th Jan 09 at LASTEC preceding the 8th National Laser Symposium. Prof. M.P. Kothiyal from IIT Madras, Chennai was the course coordinator for this short course. Speakers in the course were Prof. M.P. Kothiyal, from IIT Madras, Chennai, Dr. Lalita Agarwal from LASTEC, Mr. Sendhil Raja from RRCAT, Mr. A.S. Rawat from BARC and Dr. Prem Bisht from IIT Madras, Chennai. There were 41 participants for the course. Course material was provided to all the participants on CD. The course contents and organization was highly appreciated by all the participants.

4. ILA exhibition of laser related corporate products:

The exhibition of laser related products organized by ILA during NLS 08 was inaugurated by Dr. Sreehari Rao, Chief Controller, DRDO, on 7th January 2009, after inaugural function of NLS-08. There were 35 stalls put up by 23 companies. A large number of participants and special invitees to the symposium visited these stalls and interacted with the company representatives. The stalls exhibited latest products and there were many useful interactions among NLS participants and the exhibitors.

5. Publication of ILA bulletin, KIRAN :

Dr. L. M. Kukreja, RRCAT, Indore (Kiran Editor) highlighted various aspects of Kiran publications. He expressed sincere thanks to all contributors to the KIRAN

and also to the Editorial Board and Guest Editors. He informed about popularity of KIRAN among laser community by citing that now overseas researchers are coming forward to publish articles in the KIRAN. He also requested members and particularly young researchers to contribute to the KIRAN.

The KIRAN issues published since Dec. 2007 year are

1. April 2008 : “Special issue on best theses and posters during NLS-07”
2. August 2008 : “Special issue on lasers in materials science”
3. December 2008, “ Special issue on invited talks in NLS-08”.

The December 2008 issue was distributed to all the participants of NLS-08 and invitees of NLS08.

5. Web page:

Dr. P. A. Naik from RRCAT (ILA web coordinator) highlighted the ILA web activities. Shri. Rajeev Jain, RRCAT (ILA web master) presented detailed activity report on ILA web pages. New features like information on PhDs in India in the area of lasers, data base on suppliers of lasers and related products in India were appreciated by the general body.

A4M4: Treasurer’s report :

Shri. H. S. Vora Treasurer, ILA, from RRCAT presented the details of income and expenditure accounts along with audited report from the chartered accountant for the financial year 2007-08.

S.V. Nakhe
Gen. Secretary II, ILA