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Minutes of the General Body Meeting (GBM) of the Combustion Institute- Indian Section (CIIS) held on December 11, 2011 at the Aryabhata Hall, National Institute of Technology Calicut, Kerala

The GBM of the Combustion Institute, Indian Section (CI-IS) was held in the Aryabhata Hall at the National Institute of Technology Calicut (NIT-Calicut) at 6 pm on 11.12.2011 at the venue of the 22nd National Conference on I.C.Engine and Combustion, NCICEC-2011, organized by the Dept of Mechanical Engineering, NIT-Calicut during December 10-13, 2011.

The GBM was attended by a large number of the members of the CIIS and the office - bearers of the CI-IS. Dr.V.K.Saraswat, Chairman, CI-IS due to his busy schedule could not be present for the GBM. The dignitaries on the dais included: Prof. B. S. Samaga (former Head, Mech. Engg. Dept, REC-Surathkal and present NIT-K) and Prof. V. Ganesan (IIT, Madras) - the founder members of CI-IS and the organizing secretaries of the previous NCICECs, and founder members, Dr. V.Ramanuchari (DRDO, Hyderabad) and Dr.U.S.P.Shet (former Professor, IIT-Madras), Dr. A. Shaija, organizing secretary of NCICEC-2011, Shri P.K.Pandey-Secretary CI-IS, and Dr.V.Raghavan-Treasurer,CI-IS.

Shri P.K. Pandey, the organizing secretary, conducted the meeting. He welcomed all the CI-IS members present in the GBM and also thanked the authorities of NIT-Calicut for making elaborate and excellent arrangement for hosting the 22nd NCICEC. He projected a PPT of GBM-agenda and proceeded with the Felicitation-Programme (as initiated in the recent years) honoring the two senior members of the CI-IS, Prof. B.S.Samaga and Prof. V.Ganesan. Shri P.K. Pandey highlighted the significant contributions made by Prof. B.S.Samaga and Prof. V.Ganesan to CI-IS and they were presented with mementos by Dr. V. Ramanuchari and Dr. U.S.P.Shet respectively. Following this, Prof.Samaga and Prof.Ganesan gave brief talks reminiscing pleasant memories in the conduct of NCICECs. Prof. B.S.Samaga explained the vital role played by the NCICECs in

exchanging information on engine combustion research towards meeting stringent emission norms. Prof.V.Ganesan spoke about the activities of CI-IS towards improving excellence in engine performance.

Thereafter, Shri P.K.Pandey explained the activities of the Combustion Institute during the period, Dec 2009 - Dec 2011.

Activities of CI-IS

The CI-IS conducted two EC Meetings on April 2, 2010 and July 2, 2011. Shri P K Pandey explained the efforts made by the CI-IS in the smooth conduct of NCICECs and other activities, viz., conduct of workshop/seminar by R&D organizations and academic institutions. He described in brevity the successful conduct of the 8th Asia Pacific Conference on Combustion, in Hyderabad the first opportunity to organize the biggest event under the auspices of the CI-IS (and the next to follow only after 14 years).

Shri P.K.Pandey informed about the forth-coming ASPACC event and urged the members to contribute papers and participate in the 9th ASPACC at Korea which is being organized by the Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH) Gyeongju during May 19-22, 2013.

Sri.P.K.Pandey also informed about the decision of CI-IS to introduce Dr. V. K. Saraswat Traveling Fellowship Lecture Series in line with Lewis Bernard Lecture Series organized by the International Combustion Institute, USA to impart combustion knowledge and its applications in varied fields. He assured that efforts are being made to raise the Endowment Fund to achieve this goal.

Membership details

80 life-members got enrolled during the two year period from December 2009 and the life-membership record showed 720 as active members.

Election of office-bearers for the new committee during 2012- 2013

The suggestion to have our present chairman, Dr.V.K.Saraswat, despite his busy schedules, for a further tenure was overwhelmingly approved by the GBM. The nominations approved by the GBM for the position of office-bearers and executive-committee members of the CI-IS for 2012-2013 are as under:

Chairman:	Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Secretary, Dept of Defense R & D and Scientific Advisor to Defense Minister, DRDO HQR, New Delhi
Vice Chairman:	Mr.S.Venugopal, Project Director-Astra Missile & DRDL, Hyderabad
Secretary:	P. K. Pandey Vice President, Infotech Enterprises Ltd, Hyderabad
Joint Secretary:	Dr.A.Shaija Associate Professor, Dept. Mech. Engg, N.I.T-Calicut
Treasurer :	Dr. V. Raghavan Dept. of Mech. EngG, IIT-Madras.

EC-Members : CI-IS

Dr. V. Ramanujachari ,Project Director, DRDL, Hyderabad
Dr.C.P.Ramanarayanan, Director, VRDE, Vahan Nagar P.O., Ahmed nagar
Prof.R.V.Ravi Krishna Dept. Mechanical Engg, IISc,Bangalore
Prof. C.G. Saravanan, Dept. Mechanical Engineering, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar
Prof. P.Mohanan, Dept. Mechanical Engineering,NIT-K, Surathkal
Prof. S.R.Chakravarthy, Dept. Aerospace Engineering, IIT Madras,Chennai
Mr. L.M. Naik, Deputy General manager, Mico, Bangalore
Dr. D.P. Mishra, Dept. Aerospace Engineering, IIT-Kanpur
Prof. S.A. Channiwala, Dept. Mechanical Engg, S V National Institute of Technology, Surat
Dr. Sudarshan Kumar, Asst. Professor, Dept of Aerospace Engg, I.I.T Bombay
Dr.R.P.Gakkhar, Dept .Mech. Engg,University of Roorkee, Roorkee
Prof. Amitava Datta, Dept. Power Plant Engg, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

After discussions of the agenda items, the following recommendations were approved by the GBM.

- Life-membership fee is increased from Rs.2,000/- to Rs.2,500/- with effect from 1st January 2012 and the Corporate membership Fee is Rs 25,000/- (Life Time).
- Venue of the next NCICEC-2013

Suggestion to hold the NCICEC at S V National Institute of Technology, Surat, proposed by Prof. Channiwala was discussed. The GBM agreed to this proposal as NCICEC had not been held in the north-western region for long time since the 10th NCICEC-1987 organized by the PT&DC in Rajkot. In this connection the former request made by Prof. Amitava Datta, Jadavpur University, to hold the 23rd NCICEC-2013 at Kolkata was considered for the 24th NCICEC-2015 in Kolkata. Further, the request of Prof. V. Ganesan to conduct the 25th NCICEC-2017 at IIT-Madras was also considered by the GBM viewing it as a preferred venue, this being the Golden Jubilee event of the NCICEC.

- The GBM meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks by Shri P.K.Pandey, and wishing all the members A Very Happy New Year-2012.