



Report of General Secretary ISHWM-2018

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- This is my second year as Honorary General Secretary of ISHWM, having assumed charge during ISHWMCON 2016 at Kasturba Medical College, Manipal.
- This Report is intended to provide a snapshot of activities carried out by ISHWM during the past year, as we meet today during Annual General Body meeting at ISHWMCON 2018 at Lucknow.
- **Memberships:** Due to the organizational drive by ISHWM members, a total of **18** members have been enrolled as members of ISHWM during this period taking the total members beyond 400. I take this opportunity to exhort all leaders/stakeholders to take part in this drive, so that ISHWM becomes more vibrant.
- **Participation in CMEs and training programs:** Members would be happy to know that President and Governing Council members chaired sessions during "Hospiwastecon -2018 conducted on 26-27th March 2018 at India Islamic Cultural center, organised by BMW Cell, Safdarjung Hospital. It was attended by Nodal Officers (BMW) of Govt and Private hospitals at Delhi. President ISHWM was invited as Chief Guest in a joint conference on e-waste and Health Care Waste Management on 17th Nov 2018, organized by ACHMM and BIT at Bangalore.
- **Annual Conference ISHWMCON 2018:** It was decided during the last AGBM on 1st Dec 2017 to organize ISHWMCON-2018 at Lucknow jointly by ISHWM, and University Environment department, King George Medical University. ISHWM is indeed grateful to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of KGMU and Organising Committees for conducting this conference.
- **Best paper awards:** As in the past, the scientific papers presented during the conference were judged by distinguished Jury members and Best papers were awarded by Organising Committee.
- **ISHWM as "knowledge partner":** The Governing Council of ISHWM had signed an MOU with M/s S S Medical Systems, who have indigenously developed a microwave for treating bio-medical wastes as part of "Make in India" and "Swachh Bharat" initiative. How-ever, after payment of the first tranche as per MOU, this was annulled after 6 months by mutual discussion due to changes in their organizational leadership.
- **Continuing with new & updated ISHWM website:** It was discussed during Governing Council meeting that the (earlier) website www.medwasteind.com

resulted in lesser recall about ISHWM. Members will be happy to know that ISHWM has a new website viz. www.ishwm.org since last 2 years. How-ever search on the earlier website also is linked to the new website seamlessly for better navigating experience.

- **Editorial Committee for ISHWM Journal:** Members may recall that during last AGBM on 1st Dec 2017, we had constituted a new Editorial Committee, with Dr. T.K.Bhowmik as Editor-in-Chief. How-ever, we are sorry to inform the members that ISHWM Journal 2017 could not be compiled and released during on-going ISHWMCON 2018, despite several meetings of the Editorial Committee, due largely to lack of quality articles.

- **Report of Sub-Committee for amendment of Bye-laws of ISHWM:** As decided during last AGBM, a Sub-Committee was constituted under Chair-personship of Dr.N.Girish Kumar. The Convenor of the Sub-Committee, Dr.Pawan Kumar had sent an email dated 27th June 2018 requesting for comments by 31st July 2018. As no comments were received by the due date, another chance was given to members through email on 15th October 2018 to respond by 22-10-18, failing which it would be presumed that "nothing needs to be changed as of now". No comments were received by the second deadline also. How-ever, Dr.Girish sent some comments through email on 18th Nov 2018. The Governing Council has gone through the comments, and is of the opinion that the Registered Office of the Society viz 253, AFNO Enclave, Plot-11, Sector 7, Dwaraka, New Delhi-110075 needs to be changed. Other comments regarding Bye-laws are not different from the sprit of exisiting byelaws, and hence do not warrant any change.

Thank you one and all!

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