



Indian Society for Medical Statistics

Draft Minutes of the Governing Council Meeting - 2025

This included the consolidated report of the Governing Council meetings was held online on **April 4, 2025 at 5:00 PM** and the physical meeting held in **November 19, 2025 at 5:30 PM** on with the following agenda.

1. Welcome by President-ISMS
2. Approval of minutes of the GC & GB meetings- 2024
3. Report of General Secretary
4. Report of Treasurer
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16. Thanking the retiring GC members
17. Vote of thanks by General Secretary



1. Welcome by President

President-ISMS, Prof. N. Sreekumaran Nair, welcomed all members, including the newly elected office bearers. Then, the President requested the General Secretary to take up and discuss the agenda items one by one.

2. Approval of minutes of the GC & GB meetings- 2024

The general secretary informed GC about the correction in the draft minutes of 2024 suggested by Prof BL Verma regarding the tenure of Web coordinator. GC unanimously approved the 2024 -Governing Council and General Body meeting minutes.

3. Report of General Secretary

The General Secretary presented the report of the activities held during 2025, summarised below.

The ISMS Secretariat has regularly communicated various announcements and notifications of the Society, including minutes of meetings, ISMS bulletins, details of conferences, workshops, vacancies, and other relevant news items for the members.

The Secretariat, in collaboration with Web Coordinator Dr. Prasanna Samuel, has updated several sections of the ISMS website, including draft GC and GB minutes, audit reports, recent Bulletins, member communications, the membership directory, and other relevant materials.

The Secretariat has initiated the development of a comprehensive database for the various prestigious awards instituted by the Society, which is in progress and will be updated at the earliest.

General Secretary briefed about the status of the society's registration. The ISMS Secretariat, in coordination with Dr. C. B. Tripathi (IHBAS, New Delhi), has been actively working to update the society's registration records. With the assistance of Advocate Indrajeet Singh, we could identify that the documents fall under the jurisdiction of the Registrar of Firms and Societies, District South, Saket, New Delhi. However, post-registration compliance requirements were not fulfilled thereafter. The Secretariat has now obtained certified copies of the documents originally filed in 1993.

Minimum eligibility criteria (TEQ in Medical Institutions Regulations-2024) - reg. : As members are aware, the draft Teachers' Eligibility Qualifications in Medical Institutions Regulations, 2024 (TEQ-2024), (published on 17 January 2025) raised serious concern by excluding *Biostatistics* from eligibility criteria



for faculty posts. The Secretariat urged members—especially those in medical institutions—to submit individual representations, and ISMS also sent an official representation to the NMC.

Following the guidance of senior ISMS members, a meeting was arranged with the then NMC Chairman, **Prof. B. N. Gangadhar**, during which **Prof. P. Venkatesan**, **Prof. K. Thennarasu**, and I represented the Society and presented our concerns. Subsequently, a detailed follow-up representation was submitted to the National medical Commission. Later, the NMC revised the regulations and included the appointment of Assistant Professors of Statistics as a separate category (Item No. 15) in the Gazette Notification, *Teachers' Eligibility Qualifications in Medical Institutions Regulations, 2025*, published on 30th June 2025. The GC acknowledged and appreciated the efforts and initiatives taken by the members and thanked all for their support in safeguarding our discipline.

Membership campaign: The ISMS Secretariat initiated a membership drive by requesting senior members across institutions to share membership information with students and faculty. However, the response was limited, and only 34 new life members joined this year. The Treasurer, Dr. Ponnuraja, has issued membership certificates after verifying applications and payments, and the updated membership directory has been uploaded to the website. All new members have been added to the ISMS Google Group, which now includes 892 email IDs out of approximately 1,174 life members. The Secretariat has also updated member contact details based on individual requests.

Invitations to all awardees to receive it during ISMSCON-2025: With regard to the other ISMS awards, invitations were sent to all recipients to receive their awards during the inaugural session of ISMSCON-2025. All awardees graciously accepted the invitation and are present today, except one who could not attend due to unavoidable circumstances.

Election 2025: Following the GC and GB recommendations of 2024, the Nomination Committee began the election process in February 2025. The Secretariat circulated the list of eligible members, incorporated requested updates, and shared the revised list with the candidates—three for President-Elect and four for the GC member positions. MetaEx Technology, Bengaluru, facilitated the smooth conduct of the e-election. E-ballots were sent on 24 February 2025, and voting concluded on 1 March 2025. The Election Committee Chair later announced the results:

President (Elect) : Prof. K Thennarasu, NIMHANS, Bengaluru.

GC members: 1. Dr. K. T Harichandrakumar, JIPMER, Puducherry

2. Dr. Prabhaker Mishra, SGPGIMS, Lucknow.

3. Dr. S. V Kakade, KIMS, Karad.



The GC congratulated all newly elected members, and thanked the meticulous functioning of the Nomination Committee for successfully conducting the election process.

Annual conference 2025 arrangements: The ISMS Secretariat worked closely with the Conference Secretariat in organizing the 2025 Annual Conference, supporting the finalization of the scientific program, inaugural function, and Society-related meetings. The conference began with two pre-conference workshops: “Demarcate: Non-inferiority, Superiority and Equivalence Trials” and “Time-to-event Data: A Hands-on Workshop on Survival Analysis.”

All ISMS awards will be presented during the inaugural ceremony, except the Prof. S. K. Bhattacharya Oration and Prof. P. P. Talwar Lecture. The Bhattacharya Oration by Prof. B. Antonisamy will follow the inauguration, and the ISMS General Body Meeting on Day 1. On Day 2, the Prof. R. N. Srivastava Award Competition will be held in the forenoon, followed by the Prof. P. P. Talwar Lecture Award (2025) presentation by Prof. Amarjeet Singh.

The detailed scientific program and updates were circulated to all registered members.

The General Secretary's report concluded with an expression of gratitude to all members, including the various ISMS committees and their Chairs and members, for their continued cooperation and support in ISMS activities.

Several Governing Council members, including Prof. B. L. Verma, Prof. V. Srinivas, and Dr. K.T Harichandrakumar, expressed serious concern regarding the low level of participation by ISMS members in the annual conference. They emphasized the need to enhance participation through appropriate and effective interventions.

GC approved the General Secretary's report.

4. Report of Treasurer

Following the general secretary's report, Dr C. Ponnuraja presented the Treasurer's report. He briefed the members about the current financial status of the society and circulated the audited statements for FY 2024-'25. GC debated various aspects of audited statement approved the treasurer's report.

5. Report of Bulletin Editor

The Bulletin Editor, Dr. Binu V. S., presented his report and briefed the Governing Council on the activities undertaken during 2025. He reported that two issues of the Bulletin were prepared and circulated to the members prior to the conference. Dr. Binu also informed the Council about the reconstitution of the Bulletin Committee and indicated that the next issue is expected to be released by February 2026.



The Governing Council approved the Bulletin Editor's report.

6. Report of Web Coordinator

Dr. Prasanna Samuel presented the Web Coordinator's report, highlighting activities undertaken in coordination with the secretariat, which was subsequently approved by the General Council.

7. Award Committee report

Although Prof. R. M. Pandey, Chair of the Awards Committee, could not attend the meeting, he conveyed the committee's recommendations to the secretariat. The General Secretary subsequently presented these recommendations to the General Council.

Award Name	Recommended
Prof. P V Sukhatme Award (2025)	Dr Sachit Ganapathy, Pfizer Healthcare Pvt Ltd., Chennai
Prof. K R Sundaran Young Research Scholar Award (2025)	Mr.Pravin S, NIMHANS, Bengaluru
Prof. C.M Pandey Award (2025)	Dr Subhah Kumar Yadav, Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Lucknow
Smt Suraj Kali Jain Award (2025)	Mr Shaik Fayaz Ahamed ICMR-NIT, Chennai

Recommendations of the award committee were approved by the GC.

In addition, the Jury of the **Prof.R.N Srivastatva Award** competition recommended Mr Kuldeep Kumar Sharma, NIMHANS, Bengaluru for the Prof.R.N Srivastatva Award-2025.

8. Nomination Committee report:

The Chair of the Nomination Committee, Prof. P. Venkatesan, presented the committee's report on the vacant positions of the Governing Council (GC). Single nominations were received for the posts of General Secretary (Dr. M. Rajeswari, LM No. 201926, AIIMS-Mangalagiri) and Treasurer (Dr. Akash Mishra, LM No. 201922, BHU-Varanasi). Accordingly, Dr. M. Rajeswari and Dr. Akash Mishra were elected unanimously to the respective positions.



For the single vacant position of Governing Council Member, three nominations were received: Dr. Ashish Kumar Yadav (LM No. 201214, BHU-Varanasi), Dr. Melissa G. Lewis (LM No. 201509, ICMR-NICED, Kolkata), and Dr. G. K. Vishwakarma (LM No. 202006, IIT-Dhanbad). As all three nominees were relatively new members, the Nomination Committee, in order to avoid an election, recommended Dr. Ashish Kumar Yadav based on seniority of ISMS membership.

The Governing Council deliberated on this recommendation and decided that an election should be conducted for the single post of GC Member. All other recommendations of the Nomination Committee were approved.

9. Search Committee report:

Prof. B.L Verma , chair of the ISMS Search Committee reported the recommendation of the Search Committee for 2025 and the details are given below.

Award Name	Recommended Name
Lifetime Achievement Award	Dr. D K Subbakrishna, Ph D Former Professor & Head, Dept. of Biostatistics , NIMHANS, Bengaluru and Past President – ISMS, E-mail drsubbakrishna50@yahoo.com
Professor S K Bhattacharya Oration Award	Dr. S N Dwivedi Ph D Former Professor, Dept. of Biostatistics, AIIMS New Delhi, and Former President–ISMS E-mail dwivedi7@gmail.com
Professor P P Talwar Lecture Award	Dr. Amarjeet Singh MD Former Professor & Head, Dept. of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh E-mail ramarjeet56@gmail.com
Smt. Ramrati Lalima Sahai Award	Dr. R K Soni, MD Former Professor of Biostatistics Dayanand Medical College & Hospital Ludhiana E-mail rksonidmc@yahoo.com
Professor A Indrayan Travel Grant	Dr. V S Yadav, Ph D Former Treasurer – ISMS, NJILOMD, Agra E-mail yadav.jalma@gmail.com



The General Secretary raised concerns regarding the recommendation of the Search Committee for the Professor P. P. Talwar Lecture Award, noting that the nominated individual has not been a regular participant in ISMS conferences and questioning the extent of the nominee's contribution to the discipline of Biostatistics. The Governing Council deliberated on the matter and requested the Search Committee to give due consideration to such aspects in future recommendations.

10. FSMS Committee report

ISMS President has reported the recommendation of the Fellowship committee for the year 2025. Two names, Dr. B. Binukumar of NIMHANS, Bengaluru and Dr. Dinesh Kumar, GMCH, Chandigarh are recommended for FSMS.

GC approved the recommendation of FSMS committee.

11. Arrangement for the ISMSCON-2025

GS briefed about the developments related to ISMSCON-2025 and requested Dr. M. Rajeswari, the GC member and the Organizing Secretary of the conference, to provide more details. She explained the details about the activities planned during the conference. GC debated this and appreciated Dr Rajeswari for her meticulous effort for the wonderful coordination and preparations for the conference.

12. Venue for the ISMSCON-2026

General Secretary reported that the Secretariat has not received any proposals to host the 2026 Annual Conference. Accordingly, we contacted several institutions, including MAHE, Manipal, and SGPGIMS, Lucknow. Following this, Dr. Prabhaker Mishra from SGPGIMS, Lucknow, has kindly expressed willingness to host ISMSCON-2026 at SGPGIMS. GC debated this and approved this proposal.

13. Commencement of the Prof. C.M Pandey Award

General Secretary informed that the Prof. C. M. Pandey Award, instituted in 2024, will be conferred from 2025 onward through an endowment generously contributed by the family of the late Prof. C. M. Pandey, Past President of ISMS and former Professor and Head of the Department of Biostatistics & Health Informatics, SGPGI, Lucknow (UP).



14. Updates about the Registration of the society

The General Secretary updated the recent developments in coordination with Dr CB Tripathi. He has appealed to all former ISMS committee members and senior members of the Society to extend their support in completing the long-pending post-registration compliance tasks (dating back to 1994) to ensure the Society's smooth and lawful functioning.

GC debated this issue and Prof. B L Verma and Prof Ajit Sahai extended their support in getting the earlier minutes from various sources. Also Prof. V Srinivas opined that the action taken on the last year's recommendations to be updated in the subsequent meetings. Prof.Nair requested the current office bearers also to support the new secretariat to complete this long-pending tasks. Requested Dr.Binukumar to follow it up as a special officer to coordinate with Dr.Tripathi to compete the registration process. GC sincerely appreciated the dedicated efforts of Dr. Tripathi and Advocate Indrajeet Singh in locating the correct office and tracing the Society's records, which had been shifted across multiple jurisdictions.

15. Any other point with the permission of the Chair:

i) President of ISMS has reconstituted of the ISMS committees for the period 2026-2028

I. FSMS Committee:

1. President- ISMS, Chair

2. Prof. P. Venkatesan (ICMR (retired), Chennai), Member
3. Prof. L. Jeyaseelan (CMC (Retired), Vellore), Member
4. Prof. Ajit Sahai (JIPMER (Retired), Puducherry), Member
5. Prof. VG Kaliaperumal (NIMHANS (Retired), Bangalore), Member
6. Prof. BL Verma (MLM Medical college (Retired), Jhansi), Member
7. Prof. RM Pandey (AIIMS (Retired), New Delhi), Member
8. Prof. Anil C Mathew (PSGIMR, Coimbatore), Member
9. Prof. RK Soni (Ludhiana), Member
10. Prof. SS Ganguly (AFMC (Retired), Pune), Member

II. Nominating Committee:

1. Prof. Kaliaperumal (NIMHANS, Retired), Chair

2. Prof. P.Venkatesan (ICMR, Chennai, Retired), Member



3. Prof. Ajit Sahai (JIPMER, Retired), Member

III. Award Committee:

1. **Prof. V. Srinivas, AIIMS, Delhi (Retired), Chair**
2. Dr. Harichandrakumar KT (JIPMER, Puducherry), Member
3. Prof. C.B Tripathi (IHBAS, Delhi), Member
4. Dr. Anupkumar (SGPGI, Lucknow), Member
5. Prof. Tinku Thomas (St. Johns, Bangalore), Member

IV. Search Committee:

1. **Prof. L.Jeyaseelan, CMC, Vellore (Retired), Chair**
2. Prof. Aleyamma Mathew (RCC, Thiruvananthapuram), Member
3. Prof. Vishnu Vardhana Rao (ICMR, New Delhi, Retired), Member
4. Prof. Mariamma Philip, (NIMHANS, Bangalore), Member
5. Prof. SV Kakade, (Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences, Karad, Maharashtra), Member

V. Constitution Amendment Committee

1. **Prof. BL Verma, Jhansi, Chair**
 2. Prof. P.Venkatesan, Chennai, Member
 3. Prof. SN Dwivedi, Ujjain, Member
 4. Dr. Prasanna Samuel, Vellore, Member
 5. Dr. Binukumar B, Bangalore, Member
- (General Secretary and President will be part of this committee)

VI. Continuing Statistical Education Committee

1. **Dr.N.Sreekumaran Nair, JIPMER, Chair**
2. Dr.Preethi Sara George, RCC, Thiruvananthapuram, Member
3. Dr.Kakade, Krishna Institute, Karad, Member
4. Dr.Binukumar B, NIMHANS, Bangalore, Member
5. Dr.Ashish Kumar Yadav, BHU, Varanasi, member
6. Dr.Melissa G Lewis, ICMR, Kolkotta, Member
7. Dr.Prabhakar Mishra, SGPGI, Lucknow, Member



8. Dr.Prasanna Samuel, CMC, Vellore, Member
9. Dr.Ravishankar, Patel Chest Institute, Delhi, Member
10. Dr.M.Rajeswari, AIIMS, Mangalagiri, Member Secretary

VII. Young Statisticians Development Committee (Including mentoring and developing opportunities for Masters and PhD students)

1. **Dr. Sachit Ganapathy,(Pfizer, Chennai), Chair**
2. Dr.Amritha Jose, ICMR, Mumbai, Member
3. Dr.AK Mathai, MakroCare, Hyderabad, member
4. Dr.Amitha Puranik, University of Leicester, UK, Member
5. Ms.Neha Pakhle, Bristol Myers Squibb

ii). Allegation related to presentation for the Prof. R. N. Srivastava Award competition-2024:

The General Secretary reported that ISMS received a complaint regarding the Prof. R. N. Srivastava Award (2024), alleging a violation related to the submitted paper. Based on Executive Council suggestions, the then President, Prof. S. N. Dwivedi, constituted a three-member committee on 10 December 2024 to investigate the matter. The committee concluded that the candidate violated Rule 6 of the Award guidelines. Prof. Dwivedi forwarded the report to the current President and General Secretary for action. Owing to a conflict of interest, Prof. Nair recused himself and requested the Jury Chairman, Prof. P. Venkatesan, to decide. The Jury Chairman concurred with the committee, withdrew the award recommendation, and advised that the award not be presented in 2024, with further recommendations regarding eligibility. These recommendations were placed before the Governing Council and unanimously approved. Accordingly, the Prof. R. N. Srivastava Award and the Prof. K. R. Sundaram Young Research Scholar Award for 2024 were withdrawn.

iii) Re-nomination of Web Coordinator:

The Governing Council re-nominated Dr. Prasanna Samuel to serve the Society as Web Coordinator for one additional term with the new Secretariat. Dr. Prabhaker Mishra proposed initiating steps to upgrade the ISMS website from a static to a dynamic platform and to enhance its overall appeal. The Governing Council appreciated the proposal and requested Prof. Nair and the Web Coordinator to reconstitute the Web Subcommittee to achieve this objective.



iv) Revision of Prof. Indrayan Travel grant ceiling amount:

The General Secretary reported the receipt of an additional contribution of ₹2,00,000/- from Prof. Abhaya Indrayan towards the Prof. Indrayan Travel Grant Award, resulting in an enhancement of the travel grant fund. The Society gratefully acknowledged Prof. Indrayan's generous support in strengthening the award. The Governing Council recommended that the Secretariat take appropriate action, in accordance with the Society's norms, to enhance the grant amount and extend support to eligible members.

v) Emphasize the eligibility of new members for ISMS awards:

The General Secretary reported that several individuals had applied for various ISMS awards immediately after obtaining membership following the ISMS circular notification, even though their membership confirmation was subject to ratification by the Governing Council and the General Body. The Governing Council deliberated on this matter and directed the Secretariat to strictly adhere to the ISMS rules and regulations while processing such award applications.

vi) Organizing workshop/ training programme under the banner of ISMS

President briefed about starting some good quality academic activities of ISMS in collaboration with some other institutions. This can be extended to any region within the country. He also emphasized that such programmes are essential for the visibility of ISMS and should be the society's mandate. GC debated this suggestion and requested the general secretary to explore and identify some institutions that could initiate such a programme.

16. Thanking the retiring GC members:

Prof. Nair appreciated and thanked all retiring members including, General Secretary Dr. B Binukumar, Treasurer Dr . C Ponnuraja and GC member Prof. P Marimuthu for their services rendered to the ISMS.

The GC meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks by General Secretary.

Dr. N. Sreekumaran Nair
President

Dr. B. Binukumar
General Secretary