

## INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR GENERAL RELATIVITY AND GRAVITATION

### MINUTES

The General Body of the Indian Association for General Relativity and Gravitation met during the XV IAGRG Conference at North Bengal University on November 6, 1989 at 5.30 p.m.

1. The President, Professor N Panchapakesan who was in the Chair informed the General Body that the council of IAGRG had approved the proposal regarding the "Vaidya-Raychaudhuri Endowment Fund" received from Drs. N K Dadhich, B R Iyer, A K Kembhavi, J V Narlikar, J Krishna Rao and C V Vishveshwara along with draft rules relating to it. The proposal was approved unanimously by the General Body with acclamation.
2. The Secretary, Professor Ajit Kembhavi then reviewed the activities since the last meeting of the General Body. The main event was the International Conference on Gravitation and Cosmology held at Goa in December 1987. He also reviewed the accounts and indicated that an amount of about Rs. 18,000/- was in the account and the "Vaidya - Raychaudhuri Endowment Fund" will bring about Rs. 40,000/- when all expected donations to it are made.
3. The Secretary also raised the question of restricting the membership to only life membership. He pointed out that a majority of the members are already life members, and it has become very difficult to collect annual dues from the rest. He suggested therefore that all forms of membership other than a life membership be abolished. After a lively discussion it was decided that annual membership at Rs. 20/- a year may be available only to students of M.Sc. or below. All other persons could only be life members, for a one-time fee of Rs. 200/-.
4. The General Body decided to appoint M/s. Jonathan & Company, Pune as auditors for the accounts.
5. It was decided to initiate action for holding another ICGC in December 1991 and Professor A R Prasanna was requested to initiate the work.

6. It was decided that Dr. Sandip Chakrabarti of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research may take over the job of editing and producing GURUTVA. It was suggested that the GURUTVA may come out 3 to 4 times a year and may include in its contents research problems requiring immediate attention, interesting recent advances etc. It should serve as a continuous link among members and produce a feeling of community amongst them.
7. Professor J V Narlikar informed the General Body that IUCAA will be supporting mini workshops in special areas of Relativity, Astrophysics, Cosmology, Gravitation etc. and welcomed proposals for these from Universities. These would be held in the institution of the person in-charge of the workshop.
8. The meeting adjourned after the members expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the retiring president of IAGRG, Professor N Panchapakesan, whose term ends in 1990, for his excellent stewardship of the organization.

Prof. S. V. Dhurandhar.