

INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR GENERAL RELATIVITY AND GRAVITATION

Minutes of the 22nd General Body Meeting

A meeting of the general body of the Indian Association for General Relativity and Gravitation was held in Bhaskara Lecture Hall III, IUCAA, Pune at 5-30 pm on 12th December, 2008. The President of IAGRG, Prof. L.K. Patel presided over the meeting. He thanked Prof. Jayant Narlikar for his kind invitation to hold this 22nd meeting of IAGRG at IUCAA. The minutes of the 21st General Body Meeting, already circulated amongst the members, was accepted.

The report of the activities of the association was presented by the Secretary Narayan Banerjee. This report was accepted unianimously. The members were happy to note that the home page of IAGRG has actually been opened. The meeting thanked Prof. Ajit Kembhavi and his team for this effort.

After exhaustive discussions the following resolutions were adopted :

1. The invitation from Prof. Raj Bali to hold the 23rd IAGRG meeting at Rajasthan University, Jaipur is accepted. The Secretary will be in touch with Dr. Bali regarding the organization of the meeting.
2. An amount of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) will be kept in a fixed deposit in order to meet the expenses towards the **Prof. V. V. Narlikar Award** for the best thesis. Dr. V. Chellathurai is authorized to open this account in a suitable bank. This fixed deposit account will operated on by Dr. Chellathurai and Prof. Naresh Dadhich. The savings bank accounts will as usual be operated by Dr. Chellathurai and Prof. Ajit Kembhavi.
3. The announcement for the best thesis award should be made at the IAGRG web page. The IUCAA bulletin Khagol can also be used for this announcement, as Khagol has a wide circulation.
4. There will be one prize for the essay competition. All prizes, the V.V. Narlikar award and the Vaidya-Raychaudhuri Endowment award will be of value Rs. 5000/- (Rupees Five thousand only).
5. The IAGRG Council will explore the possibility of reintroducing the Essay Competition.
6. Some old classic papers should be put on the net.
7. The Secretary will explore different possibilities for holding the next ICGC.
8. Prof. Abhay Ashtekar be elected an Honorary Fellow of the Association.

The meeting concluded after the members thanked the chair.

Minutes prepared by Narayan Banerjee, Secretary, IAGRG

