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Minutes of the 25th General Body Meeting

The Meeting of the General Body of the IAGRG was held in the Lecture Hall 1 in the Auditorium Complex of Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata at 5:00 pm on January 30, 2009. The IAGRG President Sanjeev Dhurandhar presided over the proceedings.

1. The minutes of the 24rd GBM, already circulated among the members, were accepted.
2. Ghanashyam Date, Secretary IAGRG, presented the activity report covering the period 2007-2009 as well as the statement of accounts. Both were accepted. It was also noted with thanks, the efforts of Sanjeev Dhurandhar which got the audit of the IAGRG accounts for the past 11 years covering the period till March 31, 2008.
3. The secretary briefed the Body on the changes in the office bearers. The out-going members of the Council were thanked for their contributions and the new members were welcome.
4. It was resolved that *The IAGRG may contribute a sum of Rs. 30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand Only) towards each of the IAGRG and the ICGC meetings. Its primary aim is to enable the host organizers to provide partial financial support towards travel and/or local hospitality to a few needy and deserving participants.* This is over and above the contribution of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) towards the Vaidya-Raychaudhuri Endowment Award Lecture and the contribution of Rs. 1,000/- (Rupees one thousand only) towards the V. V. Narlikar Best Thesis Award Competition.
5. In the spirited discussions that followed after the main agenda items, the following points emerged.
 - A suggestion was made to make available on the Iagrg web-site, classic works and papers/literature of historical importance, related to general relativity and gravitation.
 - Many university departments, institutions introduce new academic programs in the areas of GR&G. It would be useful to make this information available.

- The idea of a News Letter (reviving ‘Gurutva’) was mentioned and it was suggested that the web-site could be used to publish an electronic version. Alternatively, a blog could also be considered.

The first two of these suggestions already have a provision on the web-site. The third one needs further thought and needs to be pursued.

- It was suggested that the membership to the International Society on General Relativity and Gravitation (ISGRG) may be made available to the IAGRG members via some variant of ‘corporate membership’. This will facilitate towards becoming a member of the international body and also offer an incentive to new members. This idea deserves to be taken up further with the ISGRG.

The General Body noted with appreciation, the readiness with which IUCAA hosted and supported the 6th ICGC during Dec 17 - 21, 2007 and thanked IUCAA for the same.

The meeting concluded with appreciation of the efforts and the warm hospitality extended by the Centre for Advanced Research and Education, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata in hosting the 25th Meeting of the IAGRG.

(Minutes prepared by Ghanashyam Date, Secretary IAGRG)

Sd/-

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