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Dear Members,

It was a pleasure meeting most of you at the University of Hyderabad during January 19th to 21st January 2009 at the International Conference on Novel Updates in Reproductive Biology and Comparative Endocrinology (ICRBCE) and at the 27th Annual meeting of the SRBCE. It was one of the well organized and well attended symposia with a large number of invited speakers from many countries across the world. The arrangements and hospitality were good.

The General Body (GB) meeting of SRBCE was held at 6.30 PM on 19th January 2009 at the venue of the 27th SRBCE symposium. The President Prof. M.A. Akbarsha welcomed the participants. Prof. P. Govindarajulu, the Patron and Founder Secretary, felicitated the members of SRBCE and the organizers of the symposium. The following businesses brought forward by the Executive Committee were approved by General Body unanimously.

* It was resolved to place on record with appreciation the services rendered by Prof. P. Reddanna, Dr. Y. Suresh, Prof. Aparna Dutta Gupta and Dr. B. Senthilkumaran, the organizers of ISRBCE, and the team of faculty members and students of the Department of Animal Sciences and well wishers in organizing the SRBCE 2009 symposium in a grand manner.

* The General Body resolved to place on record with appreciation the prompt settlement of accounts of SRBCE 2008 by Dr. P. Daisy, the Principal, Secretary, Staff and students of Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli, by paying Rs.15,000 /- being the contribution to SRBCE from the registration fee collected from the participants.

* The Secretary, Prof. M. Michael Aruldhas, presented the annual report for the year 2007 – 08 and was discussed, and adopted as proposed by Prof. A.V. Ramachandran and seconded by Prof. Oommen V. Oommen.

* The Treasurer Dr. J. Arunakaran presented the audited statement of accounts for the year 2007 – 08 and was discussed, approved and adopted as proposed by Prof. T.G. Shrivastav, and seconded by Prof. Chandana Haldar.

* The Secretary informed the members about the demise of Prof. Ben M.J. Pereira, IIT, Roorkee, Life Member and one of the Executive Committee members during 2006 – 09. It was resolved to send a condolence message to the aggrieved family and students of late Dr. Ben M.J. Pereira and one minute silence in prayer was observed for the repose of the departed soul.

* The Executive committee of SRBCE resolved to make an **amendment in the bye laws of the Society** regarding its composition. In view of the growth of the Society and in order to avail the services of more experienced and senior members in running of the Society, it was proposed by the Secretary that all past Presidents who continue to remain actively associated with the activities of the Society shall be ex-officio members of the executive committee of SRBCE over and above elected members prescribed as per the bye-laws. It was seconded by Prof. A.V. Ramachandran and the General Body unanimously adopted the resolution and empowered the Secretary to make the necessary amendment in the bye law of the Society as follows “**all past presidents of SRBCE who**

actively participate in its activities shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee but shall not have voting power”.

* It was proposed by the Secretary to **increase the age limit for the award of Prof. P. Govindarajulu Gold Medal oration to 55 years from the existing limit of 50 years**, seconded by Prof. Oommen V Oommen and adopted by the General Body unanimously.

* It was resolved to **institute an oration award in the name of Prof. MOHAMMAD ABDULKADER AKBARSHA** with Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) contributed by **his students and well wishers** and to give the award to a young active life member of SRBCE, who is not more than 40 years of age, in recognition of his/her research contribution to the field of Comparative Endocrinology and Reproduction, for the research work executed in India based on the citation and impact factor of publications. It was resolved to give a citation and II A/C train fare from the interest accrued to the **awardee**.

* The General Body approved the decision of the Executive Committee and resolved to award the **Fellowship in Reproduction and Endocrinology (FRE) for the year 2008 – 09 to Dr. Rakesh Tyagi, Department of Molecular Medicine, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, for the year 2008 – 09** and it was conferred on him at the General Body meeting.

* The General Body also approved the decision of the Executive Committee to present the Scroll of Honour to two Life Members of the Society
1) Prof. P.R.K. Reddy, former Professor of Animal Sciences, University of Hyderabad, and 2) Prof. A. Jagannadha Rao, Dr. Raja Ramanna Emeritus Professor, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, in recognition of their life time research contribution to the field of molecular reproductive endocrinology. The scrolls were presented to Prof. P.R.K. Reddy and Prof. A.J. Rao at the General Body meeting.

* It was **resolved to have more free papers presentation in the future symposia and to hold competitive session for oral presentations separately.** Members are requested to send their views to the Secretary, so as to formulate guidelines for implementation.

* The Secretary informed that the **next venue of SRBCE 2010 symposium will be Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, which will be organized jointly by Prof. Rakesh Tyagi**, Department of Molecular Medicine, JNU, New Delhi, and Prof. T.G. Shrivastav, National Institute of Health and Family Welfare during January/February 2010. **The symposium in 2011 will be organized by Dr. T. Shivandappen, joining hands with the Department of Zoology, University of Mysore.**

* The Secretary proposed to appoint M/s. R. Rajarathinam, Chartered Accountant, Chennai – 17, as auditors of SRBCE for the current year to hold office until **the condition of** next **General Body** and **Executive Committee** meeting. **It was seconded by** Prof. S.K. Maitra and adopted.

* The Secretary announced the **results of election to various offices of the Society**, conducted by Prof. P. Govindarajulu, founder Secretary of SRBCE. The following Life Members were unanimously elected. The New office bearers assumed office and started functioning from 01.04.09 and their term of office will be for three year i.e., up to 31.03.12

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The Secretary requested the members to submit review papers *to Journal of Endocrinology and Reproduction*.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Prof. M.A. Akbarsha, the President.

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