



54th

Minutes of 54th Meeting of the Executive Committee of Indian Society for Rock Mechanics and Tunnelling Technology (ISRMTT) held on 14.05.2015

The 53rd meeting of the joint Executive Committee of ISRMTT was held at on 14.05.2015.

Due to extended meeting at MoWR, Shri A.B. Pandya, President, ISRMTT and Chairman CWC could not attend the meeting. In his absence, Dr. R.K. Gupta, Vice President, ISRMTT chaired the meeting. The following were present:

1. Dr. R.K. Gupta, Vice President
2. Dr. Rajbal Singh, Immediate Past President
3. Sh. Hari Dev, Honorary Secretary
4. Dr. N.P. Honkanadavar, Treasurer
5. Sh. Vijay Saran, Member
6. Sh. S.B. Suri, Member
7. Sh. N.K. Mathur, Member
8. Sh. Rajeev Kumar, Member
9. Sh. Arup Bandyopadhyay, Member

Outcome of the meeting:

1. Dr. R.K. Gupta welcomed all the members of Executive Body present in the meeting.
2. The minutes of the 52nd and 53rd meeting of the Executive Committee of ISRMTT held on 27.02.2015 and 24.04.2015 were confirmed.
3. Issue of conducting Indorock-2016: Sixth Indian Rock Conference was discussed in detail. EC was apprised that I.I.T. Bombay has been chosen as the possible venue for organising Indorock-2016 under the active support from Dr. T.N. Singh, Professor, Deptt. of Earth Sciences, I.I.T. Bombay. It was informed that Dr. T.N. Singh has already submitted a formal request to Director, IIT Bombay for holding the conference. The possible date of conference may be between January and May 2016. EC showed concern regarding the accommodation in guest houses at IIT and outside hotels for the delegates. EC also discussed about the Theme of Indorock-2016. Suggestions are invited from the members and the same may be communicated to Honorary Secretary through E-mail and the same shall be discussed during next meeting alongwith detail programme and information brochure.
4. EC also discussed about the proposed technical Activities during 2015-16. It was agreed upon to organise a two days workshop on 'Tunnel Construction in India – Present Practices and Challenges'. The details of the workshop shall be discussed in the next meeting.
5. Issue of increment/enhancement of salary was discussed in respect of Shri S.P. Mohanty who has completed one year as Office Manager in ISRMTT secretariat. It was



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unanimously agreed to enhance the monthly salary of Shri Mohanty by Rs. 2000/- (Rs. 1600 as transport allowance and Rs. 400 as Charges for using Mobile for official purposes). The increased salary shall be effective from 01.05.2015.

6. Any other Item

6.1 Dr. Rajbal Singh suggested to include some more members in the EC to have representation from active organisations. Hence, EC unanimously co-opted Shri Imran Sayeed (NHPC) and Dr. R.K. Goel (CIMFR) and Editor, JRMTT as members of EC for the present term.

6.2 Members also raised concern about revamping the ISRMTT website and giving an attractive look. For this, services of professional agency may be sought.

6.3 EC was informed that ISRMTT is submitting Income Tax Return regularly during the last few years and the accounts are being audited in time. Therefore, ISRMTT being a professional society is eligible for income tax exemption. Hence, M/s V.K. Khullar and Associates, the agency responsible for maintaining the accounts shall be asked to submit a proposal to Income Tax Department for exemption of income tax.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Hari Dev)
Honorary Secretary