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Proceedings of the online Executive Council Meeting of INSAIT held on 31stAugust, 2019

The following members of Executive Council were attended the online (Skype) Executive Council meeting on **31stAugust, 2019 at 3 pm.**

1. Prof. J. Adinarayana, President, IIT-Bombay, Mumbai
2. Prof. V.C. Patil, Past President, INSAIT, Dharwad
3. Prof. P. Krishna Reddy, Member, EC, INSAIT, IIIT, Hyderabad
4. Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy, Secretary, INSAIT, ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Nagpur

The agenda items of the meeting was as follows

1. INSAIT Audit Report by Treasurer
2. Ease the INSAIT Membership enrollment process
3. Mobilization of Life Memberships (Membership Drive)
4. Organization of Seminar/Conference in the year 2020
5. Publication of half yearly INSAIT News Letter
6. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

At the outset, Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy, Secretary, INSAIT welcome Prof. J. Adinarayana, President, IIT-Bombay, Mumbai, Prof. V.C. Patil, Past President, INSAIT and Prof. P. Krishna Reddy, Member, IIIT, Hyderabad, who have joined the online Executive Council meeting of INSAIT. The Secretary took up the circulated agenda items for the discussion in the EC meeting.

Item 1. INSAIT Audit Report by Treasurer

- Since the Treasurer of INSAIT, Dr. Malligawad could not join in the meeting, Prof. V.C. Patil, Past President, INSAIT gave a brief note on the society activities and the status on audit report. He informed that from April 2013 to March, 2018, the accounts of INSAIT have been audited by the professional auditor at Dharwad and reports of the same have been sent to the President, INSAIT for information and he confirmed the receipt of the same. Further, he president INSAIT mentioned that INSAIT has given the seed money Rs.2,45,000/- to organize 'AFITA/WCCA2018' International Conference at IIT-Bombay, Mumbai during 24-28th October, 2018. President (Organizer of the said Conference) mentioned that the Conference accounts statements are being audited by the Mumbai CA and will be completed soon and will be submitted to the Treasurer, INSAIT. He also informed that seed many Rs. 2,45,000/- received from INSAIT has been returned back to INSAIT in the form of cheque. He also mentioned that Rs.3,05,000/- saved from the conference funds from the AFITA/WCCA29018 sponsorships has been deposited with INSAIT. Prof. V.C. Patil asked the President to check with the Treasurer and get the updated accounts of the Society. The members decided that with the help of Treasurer, the society audit for the year 2018-19 should be completed at the earliest possible.

Item 2. Ease the INSAIT Membership enrollment process

- In view of the interest from many faculty/scientists/students and other professionals from industry to join in the Society as a Life members, the Members of EC had a detailed discussion on the ease of INSAIT Membership enrollment process. After detailed discussion, it was decided that the soft copy of the Society Membership form will be uploaded in the Society website (<http://insait.in/>) as soon as possible to enable the potential members to submit the filled-in form on line. The society will provide the Society Bank Account Number with other details to deposit the Membership amount through NIFT or any other electronic mode by the newly joined members. It was also decided to provide the 'Membership Certificate' to the newly joined members on near real-time basis.

Item 3. Mobilization of Life Memberships (Membership Drive)

- In order to reach the unreached and popularize the society aims and objectives, after detailed discussion, members unanimously decided that under the Society banner, EC members of the Society could organize invited lectures on the topics within the aims and scope of INSAIT, whenever any expert visits their organization, wherever the Society EC members are stationed. Any EC member can take initiative to organize such important invited lectures at his/her place of work for the benefit of the society, create awareness on the society activities and mobilize more life members to increase the life membership base of the society. It was also decided that with prior approval of the President of INSAIT, the society will provide partial financial support maximum upto Rs.5000/- only (to cover honorarium of Rs.1000/- to the speaker and tea and snacks of participants) after organizing of such invited lecture events and submission of proper vouchers to the society within one month time.

Item 4. Organization of Seminar/Conference in the year 2020

- The EC discussed the agenda item in detail. Dr. P. Krishna Reddy suggested to organize one day workshop under the banner of INSAIT in 7th International Conference on Big Data Analytics (BDA2019) to be held during December 17-20, 2019 at Ahmadabad University, Gujarat, India. After detailed discussion, EC decided to hold one day workshop in the above conference. Dr. P. Krishna Reddy informed that he will send the proposal and other details to the BDA2019 Organizers and president INSAIT to work out the details and identify the speakers for the workshop. In the sidelines of the proposed workshop, the EC meeting of INSAIT will also be organized. Further, EC also agreed in principle to organize INSAIT National Seminar during the year 2020 preferably at Nagpur. The details of proposed National Seminar will be discussed in the next EC meeting.

Item 5. Publication of half yearly INSAIT News Letter

- After a brief discussion, EC decided to discuss the agenda in the next EC meeting.

Item 6. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

- The EC appealed all the EC members for their active support and cooperation in popularizing the society aims and objective, and encourage the young faculty/scientists and students as well as professionals from the industry to become the life members of the society.

The meeting ended with the formal vote of thanks by the Secretary, INSAIT.

Date: 06.09.2019

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