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REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY FOR 10TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE OCEAN SOCIETY OF INDIA (OSI)

DATE & TIME- 5TH OCTOBER, 1600 HRS, 2018

VENUE- CMLRE, KAKANAD, KOCHI

Respected President and all members of OSI,

I consider this as a great honor given to me to present the Annual report for the 10th General body meeting before the honorable members. It was on 16th July 2016, in the AGM conducted at NIO, RC Kochi, the new committee took over under the presidentship of Dr M.V. Ramanamurthy. Since then the Governing Council was working as a cohesive team to take up the OSI activities to a higher level and thereby to offer its services in more efficient manner in all areas related ocean.

Membership

Strength of any society is members. I am proud to say that the OSI membership is growing steadily over the years; we have got 93 new life members to our fraternity during the last two years. Membership has now reached 417, which I believe is a covetable achievement of our society. Now we have members spread across India and the geographical distribution is as follows. Chennai -107, Kochi-92, Goa-79, Pune-40, Hyderabad-22, Khargpur-16, Delhi-15, Bangalore-14, Ahammedbad-9, Mumbai-8, Odhisa-2, Haryana-1, Anadman Nicobar-2, Others-5

OSICON-17

The 5th National Conference of Ocean Society of India 2017 (OSICON-17) was held during 28th to 30th August 2017 in NCESS, Trivandrum. *Ocean and Climate Change* was the focal theme of the conference. The presentations and discussions during the conference highlighted the impacts of climate change in the oceans and the relationship with socio-economic aspects of our country. Severity of the impacts of climate change on the coast and oceans have been brought out by many speakers. Firsthand accounts of extreme ocean weather events were also presented. OSICON-17 started with a vibrant inaugural function wherein the respected Secretary of the MoES, Dr. M. Rajeevan inaugurated the function and delivered a speech fittingly setting the tone of the Conference. Subsequently, the Plenary talk on Sustainable Development of the Coastal Zone of India: A Perspective was delivered by the former secretary of the MoES Dr. Shailesh Nayak. OSICON-17 had 8 invited talks by reputed scientists and science managers in the country vividly unfolding the

strength of our ocean research arena making critical areas of challenge to be attempted for prospective research. Total registered participants of this conference were 361, of which 292 participated in the conference, and 168 were student delegates from various important R&D institutions and Universities in the country.

OSICON-17 received 310 abstracts, an all time high compared to all the previous 4 OSICONs. After review process, 252 were accepted in which 238 abstracts were printed in the proceedings. A total of 141 were listed under the oral sessions and 97 in poster sessions. At the end of the conference, the statistics show that 114 of abstracts were made into the final presentation under the 21 oral sessions and only 67 are found to have made into the final poster sessions during the three days. Based on the evaluations made by the Chair and Co-chair of the 21 sessions, certificates and cash awards were distributed to 3 best oral and 3 best poster presentations for young scientists /student researchers in the valedictory function.

The organizing committee has decided to go for publication of 40 to 50 best selected full papers after due reviewing process in the Journal of Coastal Research as an edited special volume. Also, it is contemplated to publish a few full papers in a peer reviewed Indian Journal as a special publication volume. These efforts would surely bring more visibility to OSI in bringing together valuable research in ocean sciences in our country.

Dr. P.V. Joseph, Vice.President ,OSI a distinguished atmospheric scientist and academician was honoured in the function for his life time contributions.

OSI is extremely thankful to Director and other senior scientists Dr.T. Praksah and Dr. Ramachandran at NCESS, for their whole hearted support in conducting successfully the OSICON-17

Ocean Awareness Programme

The major objectives of the Ocean Society of India (OSI) are advancement and dissemination of knowledge in Science, Technology, Engineering and allied fields related to oceans. Organizing the outreach programme is yet another function of the society. With this back ground an Ocean awareness programme was organized in the wake of Ockhi storm disaster, at SN College Cherthala on 12/01/2018 for the school and college students. The OSI contacted the schools in the Government sector in this regard and nearly 10 schools participated . The programme was organized jointly by Ocean Society of India & Sree Narayana College, Cherthala. After a short inaugural function awareness classes were taken by Dr.K.S.Purushan, Dean,KAU, Dr.Prasada Rao, GC Member and Prof.Dhnaya Viswam ,Assistant Professor, SN College Cherthala.

Apart from Awareness Program following activities also were conducted

1. Film show on Oceanography in India (NIO, CMRE)
2. Exhibition on Oceanographic equipment, Posters on Ocean related Scientific Research
3. Drawing competition -Theme Ocean and Society
4. Elocution on OCEAN

Dr. Manoj, Principal, SN College, Cherthala distributed the mementoes and certificates to participants. Ocean Society of India place on record it's grateful appreciation to Prof Jayachandran (General Convener) and the OSI GC Members Dr.C.V.K.Prasada Rao and Dr.C.Revichandran for conducting this event. OSI express it's sincere thanks to the Director, CMLRE and Scientist-in-Charge, NIO for sparing the services of Research scholars, and scientists for organizing the exhibition and film shows as well as for he logistic support. OSI thanks Dr. K. S. Purushan, Dr C V K Prasad Rao, Dr. Dhanya Viswam, Dr. Dhanya Sethunarayanan, for co-ordinating all functions and offering classes. The financial support given by OSI is gratefully acknowledged.

OSI Election

It is mandatory to conduct the election of the office bearers of the society before the tenure ends for the committee. In the GC meeting held on 10th July, 2018 Dr.B.K.Jena, NIOT, was appointed as election officer and committee rightly made the choice as he conducted the previous elections for OSI quite successfully. Members as on 10th July, 2018 were eligible for voting. Dr B.K. Jena conducted the elections diligently following the procedures laid down by OSI. A window of 11 days (27-08-2018 to 06-09-2018) was provided for voting taking into consideration of the devastating floods affected the Kerala state. Election results were declared on 07-09-2018 and communicated to all members through e-mail. The OSI committee place it on record its deep appreciation and sincere thanks to Dr. B.K. Jena and NIOT, Director Dr. M. Atmanand for providing technical facilities for smooth conduct of elections.

Ocean Digest

Online News letter of OSI "Ocean Digest" published by OSI, Pune Chapter released the February issue of 2018. I am proud to say, this newsletter is on par with any other international news letter of this kind both in content and in appearance. This committee sincerely thanks Dr. Gnanaseelan, Dr.Roxy Mathew and other members of the editorial team of Ocean Digest for their remarkable contributions. The OSI Committee appreciates the efforts made by Dr .Roxy Mathew for excellently managing the OSI website.

Accounts

I would like to thank each and every members who attended the meeting. I am gratefully to the this Governing council for giving all the support to fulfill my job as OSI Secretary. Thank you very much for your patience and time.