



**Minutes of the
43rd Meeting of the Executive Committee of ISRMTT**

Date: 26th March 2012 (Monday)

Time: 3.30 P.M.

Venue: CSMRS New Delhi

Minutes of 43rd Meeting of the Executive Committee of Indian Society for Rock Mechanics and Tunnelling Technology (ISRMTT) Held on 26.03.2012

The 43rd meeting of the Executive Committee of ISRMTT was held at CSMRS on 26.03.2012 at 3.30 PM.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Rajbal Singh, President, ISRMTT. The following were present:

1. Dr. Rajbal Singh, President, ISRMTT
2. Dr. V.M. Sharma, Ex-President
3. Dr. D.G. Kade, Member
4. Shri S.B. Suri, Member
5. Dr. A.K. Dhawan, Member
6. Shri S.S. Narang, Member
7. Shri N.K. Jain, Member
8. Shri. C.K. Sengupta, Member
9. Shri S.L. Gupta, Special Invitee
10. Shri Hasan Abdullah, Special Invitee
11. Dr. D.V. Sarwade, Treasurer
12. Shri Hari Dev, Honorary Secretary

Outcome of the meeting:

1. Dr. Rajbal Singh, President, ISRMTT welcomed all the members present in the meeting.
2. The minutes of the 42nd meeting of the Executive Committee of ISRMTT held on 02nd September 2011 were confirmed.
3. Members were apprised about the successful organisation of **INDOROCK-2011: Third Indian Rock Conference**, 13-15 October 2011, held at IIT Roorkee.
4. **INDOROCK-2013**: It was apprised that INDOROCK-2013 - 4th India Rock Conference shall be organized at JUIT, Wagnaghat, Distt. Solan, Himachal Pradesh during 29-31 May 2013. First information bulletin has already been issued and second bulletin is planned to be circulated during September-October 2012.
5. Journal of ISRMTT

It was apprised that the January 2012 issue of Journal has been published.



6. Activation of PAN

It was apprised that PAN allotted to ISRMTT was in inactivation mode because of some problem. The task of correction and reactivation was assigned to Sh. V.K. Khullar & Associates. The same has been got corrected and reactivated for which the agency has raised a bill of RS. 5000/- which was approved by the committee. The new PAN of ISRMTT is **AAAAI0075L** in place of the old PAN **AAAAU0075L**. State Bank of India has been intimated regarding the new PAN and requested to use the new PAN in all future accounts and also to transfer the TDS already deducted against the old PAN.

7. Auditing of Accounts for 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12

It was apprised that ISRMTT's accounts for the year 2009-10 and 2010-11 has been completed. In fact the up-to date accounts till March 2012 have also been completed. The auditors have been requested to file the Income tax return. Chalan for the income tax return for Assessment Year 2011-12 has been generated for ₹ 34780/- and the same has been deposited in SBI.

8. Approval of Accountancy fee, audit fee and fee for activation of PAN

The accounting agency M/s V.K. Khullar and Associates has raised the accountancy charges from ₹ 12,000/- to ₹ 18,000/- and auditor's fee from ₹ 6,500/- to ₹ 7,500/-. Executive committee gave its approval for raised fee. Executive committee accorded approval for the payment of Accountancy charges ₹ 36,000 (2009-10 and 2010-11), ₹ 15,000/- towards audit fee (2009-10 and 2010-11) and ₹ 5,000/- towards fee for activation of PAN to the auditors.

9. Fixed deposits in Bank

It was apprised that new fixed deposits have been opened in the bank transferring the money from saving bank account. ISRMTT is having a total amount of Rs. 17,76,412/- as fixed deposits in State Bank of India in 9 accounts.

10. Presentation of ISRMTT Awards during INDOROCK 2011

For long pending ISRMTT awards, a committee under the Chairmanship of Shri S.B. Suri was formed for selection of pioneers in the field of Rock Mechanics and awards for best papers published in JRMTT. The awards were presented to the eminent personalities and the authors of the best paper awards on the basis of recommendation of the Awards Committee. The details of awards is as follows:

Life Time Achievement in Rock Mechanics

In recognition of the unparalleled and meritorious work in the field of Rock Mechanics and contribution to lift the ISRMTT to the current level, it was decided to honour the following eminent personalities with life time achievement award:

1. Prof. Bhawani Singh
2. Dr. D.G. Kade
3. Dr. V.M. Sharma

Outstanding Contribution to Rock Mechanics for 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010

The following engineers/scientists were selected for their contribution to ISRMTT and their outstanding work in the sphere of rock mechanics and tunnelling technology:



2006	Dr. Rajbal Singh
2007	Dr. R.K. Goel
2008	Dr. Gopal Dhawan
2009	Dr. D.V. Thareja
2010	Shri Ranjodh Singh

Honorary Fellowship

In recognition of contribution and services to ISRMTT, it was decided to honour Dr. Nick Barton with Honorary Fellowship.

Excellence Performance Award

In recognition to the contribution to ISRMTT and JRMTT, committee decided to honour Dr. Subash Mitra with Excellence Performance Award.

Best Paper Award for the Period from 2006-2010

Twenty five papers published in various issues of JRMTT were selected for best paper award under various categories. These awards were presented to the authors during INDOROCK-2011 held at Roorkee. Cash awards @ ₹ 2000/- paper was also presented.

- (i) Case History of Tunnelling
- (ii) Case History of Foundations on Rock
- (iii) CAD/Software Packages
- (iv) Application of Rock Mechanics in Hill Area & Water Resources Development
- (v) Underground Space Technology
- (vi) Rock Testing and Monitoring of Rock Structures
- (vii) Rock Blasting and Rock Dynamics

Categories (i) and (ii) being similar, were clubbed together into one category, namely 'Case History of Tunnelling & Foundations on Rock'. The list of best paper awards is enclosed as Annexure 'A'. The committee appreciated the work done by Awards Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri S.B. Suri.

The Awards Committee decided to consider the awards for Papers published in the conferences/seminars i.) International Workshop on Experiences Gained in Design and Construction of Tala Hydroelectric Project Bhutan and ii) INDOROCK-2009) at a later stage. It was now decided to include the papers published in IDOROCK-2011 also. The awards may be finalized and the same may be presented during INDOROCK-2013.

11. New Membership of ISRMTT

Executive Committee was informed about enrollment of new life membership; ISRMTT has 1928 life members as of now.

12. Institutional Membership

Members were apprised that ISRMTT had 10 institutes/organisations as institutional members of the society during 2011-12.

13. Technical Activities during 2012-13



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The following technical activities were proposed and approved by the executive committee during 43rd meeting.

- Half day workshop on Urban Metro followed by GBM in July-August 2012.
- EC discussed about the possibility of conducting a three days conference on 'Case Histories of Tunnelling for Hydropower Development' to be organized at Shimla in association with SJVN Ltd. The possibility of holding the conference in September-October 2012 shall be explored in consultation with SJVN Ltd.

14. Proposal of GBM

EC also approved the proposal of holding GBM in July-August 2012 for which date shall be announced in due course of time. Approval of Audited Accounts and revised fee for Accountant and Auditor shall be included in the agenda.

15. Any other point with the permission of the Chair.

Members felt the need to increase current life membership fee. It was decided to increase the life membership fee to ₹ 2000/- from the current ₹ 1000/- with effect from 01.04.2012.

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

(Hari Dev)

Honorary Secretary, ISMRTT