

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OF INDIAN SOCIETY OF AEROSPACE MEDICINE**  
**HELD AT IAM IAF ON 22 NOV 23**

1. The Executive Committee Meeting (ECM) of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine (ISAM) was held at IAM IAF on **22 Nov 23** from **1015 h** to **1115 h**.

2. The meeting was chaired by Air Mshl Rajesh Vaidya VSM, DGMS (Air) & President ISAM and attended by the following members of the Executive Committee of the Society.

- (a) AVM A Agarwal VSM
- (b) Air Cmde Mukul Bhatia – Co-opted Member
- (c) Air Cmde Rajesh Kumar
- (d) Gp Capt SS Mophapatra
- (e) Gp Capt Mona Dahiya
- (f) Col Saurabh Bharadwaj
- (g) Surg Capt PD Ayenger
- (h) Wg Cdr Biplab Bhowmick
- (j) Gp Capt NK Tripathy – Secy ISAM

## **INTRODUCTION**

3. On behalf of the President ISAM, Secretary welcomed all the members to the meeting.

4. **Obituary.** Secy ISAM, read out the obituary to Air Vice Marshal KS Soodan (Retd) who breathed his last on 27 May 23. The Air Officer with a Diploma in Aviation Medicine & MS in Otorhinolaryngology was an eminent Aerospace Medicine specialist, academician and researcher par excellence. He had served in key IAF appointments such as Commanding Officer 1 AMTC, Commandant IAM IAF and Dean AFMC during his service carrier. He was an excellent teacher, guide to several MD residents in Aerospace Medicine, a PhD Guide at Pravara Institute of Health Sciences (Deemed University), MD examiner for Aerospace Medicine, editor of the Indian Journal of Aerospace Medicine and Pravara Medical Review. He would always be remembered as a humble person, inspiring teacher, effective mentor and a thorough professional.

5. **Welcome to New Members of EC.** Secy ISAM, welcomed Air Mshl Rajesh Vaidya VSM, DGMS (Air), the new President of the Society. He also welcomed AVM A Agarwal VSM, Wg Cdr B Bhowmick and Dr Ajit Kumar, the new EC members, to their first ECM in the present appointments.

6. **Opening Address by President ISAM.** President ISAM welcomed all the members to the ECM. He acknowledged the contribution of the Society towards offering

aeromedical solutions to aerospace safety and operational requirements. He informed the house on few major achievements towards optimization of the Aerospace Medicine specialty. NMC has recognized both the AMTCs as training institution and part of IAM. This would help to have more numbers of PG teachers for the specialty, which has been a critical requirement over the few years. He conveyed that indexing of the Indian Journal of Aerospace Medicine (IJASM) is a critical activity and sustained efforts need to be put in to achieve this. He appreciated the fact that members of the Society could attend both 93<sup>rd</sup> AsMA Conference at New Orleans, USA and 69<sup>th</sup> ICASM at Abu Dhabi this year; thereby establishing global presence of the Society in these important international scientific meets. In the end, he conveyed his sincere gratitude to all the members for their contribution towards the growth of the Society and directed Secy ISAM to proceed with the meeting.

7. Secy ISAM, presented the progress and review of old agenda points, Society activities since last ECM and discussed the fresh agenda points. The salient points of these deliberations are tabulated below:-

Agenda Point	Action by	Info
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ITEM I</u></b></p> <p>8. <b><u>Progress/ Review on Old Points.</u></b> The Last ECM was held on a virtual platform on 22 Oct 22 and was followed by GBM on 04 Nov 22 at IAM IAF during the 61<sup>st</sup> ISAM Conference. The points under progress and the important decisions of the last GBM are as follows: -</p> <p>(a) <b><u>Indexing of IJASM.</u></b> Indexing of the IJASM is the major critical activity of the Society. The Editorial Team is strongly pursuing the same. The major steps taken so far towards it includes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outsourcing to firm M/s Scientific Scholar through a formal MoU for online publication, development and maintenance of the Journal website (<a href="http://www.indjaerospacemed.com">www.indjaerospacemed.com</a>) since 2019.</li> <li>• The entire process of publication that includes submission of article, technical editing, review, proof reading and publication have been made online.</li> <li>• All editions since Nov 2019 have been published online.</li> <li>• Older issues of IJASM since 1964 to 2018 have been archived on the Journal website.</li> <li>• A robust policy on plagiarism check has been formulated and implemented.</li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expansion of reviewer's panel is being undertaken.</li> </ul> <p>Secy ISAM informed the house that with the above measures, the IJASM is gradually gaining popularity with increase in number of citations and online viewing. The steps towards progressing faster for indexing the Journal have been deliberated during the Journal Advisory Meeting held on 22 Nov 23 and following actions have been suggested:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Timely publication of the Journal.</li> <li>• Improving the quality &amp; number of articles.</li> <li>• Widening the scope of articles to other specialties.</li> <li>• Expansion of Reviewers' panel to include specialists from other specialties.</li> <li>• Changes in the composition of IJASM Editorial Board. The Chief Editor will continue to be Ex-officio Comdt IAM. The Executive Editor and Technical Editor would be from IAM. The number of Associate Editors will be expanded. One Associate Editor will be nominated from IAM whereas others will be from out side IAM consisting of suitable specialists from both Aerospace Medicine and other specialties.</li> <li>• Details on number of articles received and processed be forwarded by Editorial Committee to Secy ISAM on a quarterly basis for perusal by President ISAM.</li> </ul>		Secy ISAM
<p><u>Decision.</u> President ISAM directed that the above points are to be actioned and all efforts to be made to progress fast on accomplishing the goal of indexing IJASM.</p> <p><b>Point Open</b></p> <p>(b) <b><u>Sponsoring a Panel during AsMA or ICASM.</u></b>  It was proposed that ISAM should sponsor a Panel during one of the International Conferences, wherein either some or all of the panellists would be sponsored by the Society. However, the same could not be undertaken in the year 2020 and 2021 as the Conferences got cancelled/ postponed due to Covid pandemic. ISAM sponsored an independent panel on '<i>Advances in Cardiovascular Management:</i></p>	<p>Editorial Team IJASM</p> <p>Secy ISAM</p>	Members

<p><i>Implications on Aeromedical Decision Making’ during ICAM – 2022 held at Paris from 22-24 Sep 22. The Society sponsored all the five panelists for the event. To the inputs sought by Secy ISAM on what would be the way forward for sponsoring such panel in future International Conferences, the following were decided during GBM 2022:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsorship for individual presenters to continue</li> <li>• Sponsorship for Panel based on the scientific content, acceptance &amp; financial position of ISAM</li> <li>• Proposing panel and including subject experts from other countries / societies</li> </ul> <p>The point was further deliberated during ECM. It emerged that there would not be any significant benefit to the Society by sponsoring a dedicated panel in an International Conference even though financial implications would not pose any significant constraint.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> It was decided that sponsorship for individual presenters to continue. Sponsorship for Panel will be re-visited once scientific material of exceptional standard is proposed for the Panel.</p> <p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(c) <b><u>Bidding to host the ICASM Conference in India.</u></b> In the GBM 2019, it was proposed that ISAM should bid to host ICASM Conference in near future. Secy ISAM informed the house that conventionally ICASM is hosted by the same country only after a gap of 10 years and IAASM has been communicated for bidding for the year 2027. Towards this, in-principle approval of CAS has already been taken. Case will be initiated for MOD approval. Communication will be initiated with IAASM in early 2024 for the bidding process as intimated by IAASM.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> President directed Secy ISAM to pursue the point.</p> <p><b>Point Open</b></p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
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<p>(d) <b><u>Hiring of Part Time Clerk for ISAM Activities at Society Office.</u></b> The proposal of hiring one part time clerk for ISAM activities at Air HQ, from ISAM funds with approx financial implication of ₹ 2.5 lakhs/year (₹ 20,000/ month) was approved by the GBM. However, the point could not be actioned due to prevalent Covid-19 pandemic and various administrative issues of employing a civilian personnel in side Air HQ.</p> <p><b><u>Decision.</u></b> In view of security implications of hiring civilian clerk for non-govt job inside Air HQ, it was decided to drop the proposal.</p> <p><b>Point Closed</b></p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
<p>(e) <b><u>Corporate Membership.</u></b> The proposal of extending the corporate membership to more private airlines and aviation related industries was approved by the GBM. Secy ISAM informed the house that presently corporate membership has been given to M/s AMST, M/s ETC, Air India &amp; Indian Airlines (taken over by TATA), Jet Airways Pvt Ltd (presently not operating) and M/s JFJ Aviation &amp; Defence GmbH (for a tenure of 5 years wef 2022). He further informed the house that no fresh applications have been received this year.</p> <p><b><u>Decision.</u></b> It was decided that grant of corporate membership to any Pvt Airlines or Aerospace Industry would be guided under the provision of AFO 17/2010.</p> <p><b>Point Closed</b></p>		
<p>(f) <b><u>Changes in the Conduct of ISAM Conference.</u></b> Air Cmde Vipin Sharma, Comdt IAM suggested few points towards changes in the conduct of ISAM Conference. The following decisions were taken following deliberation on the points:-</p> <p>(i) Parallel sessions to be conducted in both the auditoria. However, the Conference would continue to be on hybrid mode. IAM to explore the technical feasibility of live streaming the parallel sessions simultaneously.</p>		

<p>(ii) Other societies (national / international) be approached for invited session.</p> <p>(iii) DGCA Workshop be scheduled on 3<sup>rd</sup> day of ISAM Conference as parallel session in Engineer Auditorium.</p> <p>(iv) Selection of the papers would be based on abstract only. However, the format for abstract for submission for the ISAM Conference be formulated so that the abstract would have all components including learning objectives. The date of abstract submission be advanced to 31 Mar.</p> <p>(v) The detailment of aircrew delegates for ISAM Conf may be decided by Dte of Air Ops as being followed currently. No change is recommended.</p> <p>Secy ISAM informed that during the 62<sup>nd</sup> ISAM Conf, parallel sessions are being held in both the auditoria with live streaming. No other societies have approached for dedicated sessions and hence, could not be held. DGCA Workshop is being held on 3<sup>rd</sup> day of ISAM Conference as parallel session in Engineer Auditorium. Selection of papers has been resorted to selection based on abstracts only. He further brought out that last date of abstract submission as 31 Mar could not be adhered to as such a timeline is difficult to achieve. He informed the house that the dates of Conference are finalized based on the approval of CAS who is the patron of the Society and the Chief Guest for the Conference. He proposed that the last date of abstract submission may be stipulated at 31 Jul of the year.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The following decisions were made:-</p> <p>(i) The date of abstract submission may be strictly adhered to (<b>31 July</b>).</p> <p>(ii) Holding the DGCA workshop is not the activity of ISAM. Instead, IAF will hold the workshop only on specific request from O/o DGCA. The dates and venue for the workshop will be decided accordingly</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
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<p>and may not be linked with ISAM Conference.</p> <p><b>Point Open</b></p> <p>(g) <u>Offering solutions to Civil Aviation Industry.</u> The following points were received from Col Rohit Kochhar (Retd), CMO, Indigo Airlines:-</p> <p>(i) ISAM should act as an independent body having experts of various subject domains offering solutions to civil aviation industry.</p> <p>(ii) ISAM can suggest changes to the regulatory authorities of civil aviation for incorporating amendments in the medical requirements for clearance of civil pilots.</p> <p>The point was further reiterated by Col KN Rao (Retd) who suggested that ISAM has extremely qualified Aerospace Medicine professionals of India and there is a need for harnessing this expertise for the larger benefit of aviation - especially the rapidly growing Civil Aviation.</p> <p>The above points were deliberated in detail during GBM 2022. It was opined that an established system is already in place to address issues related to civil aviation. The provision of referring specific issues also exists in the privileges of corporate membership of ISAM. It was decided that specific issues referred by Civil Aviation Industry would be examined and deliberated at appropriate level and modalities of addressing the issues would be worked out.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> Secy ISAM brought out that no matter has been referred by Civil Aviation Industry in last one year and it was decided that the point be closed.</p> <p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(h) <u>Recognition for IJASM Reviewer.</u> The quality of Peer Review is a critical parameter that is being considered for indexing of a Journal. It was suggested by Editorial Team IJASM to introduce some recognition/ appreciation for the reviewers of</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
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<p>IJASM to encourage reviewers of the Journal. The following two categories of awards were recommended:-</p> <p>(i) Best Reviewer Certificate for the year – objective criteria and modality of selection will be designed by IJASM Editorial Committee.</p> <p>(ii) Reviewer Milestone Certificate on completion of peer review of 05 / 10 (and so on) articles.</p> <p>Secy ISAM informed the house that the point was further deliberated during IJASM Advisory Meeting on 22 Nov 23. Editorial Board, IJASM has identified reviewers who have completed 5 reviews and Reviewer Milestone Certificate will be presented to them. He also apprised that Best Reviewer Award for the year could not be selected this year as there was less papers and delay in publication of the Journal. The point was further discussed and decided that Editorial Board would design objective criteria and modality of selection for 'Best Reviewer' and '2<sup>nd</sup> Best Reviewer' awards and same would be implemented from the year 2024 onwards.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> The recommendations of the IJASM Advisory Committee were agreed in the ECM.</p> <p><b>Point Open</b></p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
<p><b><u>ITEM II</u></b></p>		
<p>9. <b><u>Society Activities.</u></b> Secy ISAM informed the house on the salient activities/ achievements of the Society in the last one year. These are enumerated below:-</p> <p>(a) <b><u>Air Mshl PM Sundaram Memorial Travelling Fellowship.</u></b> Gp Capt SS Mohapatra, one of the Travelling Fellow of the Society for the year 2022-23, conducted guest lectures at <i>AIIMS, Mangalgiri Andhra Pradesh</i> on 06 Sep 23 and <i>Andaman Nicobar Institute of Medical Science (ANIMS), Port Blair</i> on 30 Sep 23. Gp Capt YS Dahiya, Travelling Fellow of ISAM for the year 2022-23, visited <i>Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical</i></p>		



<p><i>Sciences, Rohtak (Haryana)</i> on 20 Oct 23 during the ARMSCON 2023 of the Institute. ARMSCON is the 'Annual Rohtak Medical Students Conference', which brings together the largest number of undergraduate medical students in North India to this academic and cultural event. Col KN Rao (Retd), carried forward Travelling Fellow of the previous year, conducted three guest lectures at Vizag &amp; Bangalore on 12, 13 &amp; 21 Jul 23. Lectures were delivered to MBBS Students of Medical Colleges that included <i>Andhra Medical College, Gitam Medical College &amp; MS Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore</i>. All the lectures delivered by the Travelling Fellows were well received and queries were cleared as they arose.</p>		Members
<p>(b) <b><u>Participation in 93<sup>rd</sup> AsMA 2023.</u></b> The 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific conference of Aerospace Medical Association (ASMA) was held at the New Orleans, Louisiana, USA from 21 to 25 May 2023. The theme of the conference was "Aerospace and the Next Generation". Approximately 1560 participants from the United States and more than 500 participants from all over the world attended the meeting. Two members of the Society, Gp Capt R Sarkar and Sqn Ldr Anitha T made podium presentations during ASMA-2023. Both the presenters delivered their talks in professional manner and their talks were highly appreciated by the attendees. The paper by Sqn Ldr Anitha T was selected 5<sup>th</sup> among the 12-finalist panel for <i>Young Investigator Award</i> by Space Medicine Association during 93<sup>rd</sup> AsMA.</p>		Members
<p>(c) <b><u>Participation in 69<sup>th</sup> ICASM 2023.</u></b> The 69<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Aviation &amp; Space Medicine (ICASM) was held at Abu Dhabi, UAE on 26-29 Oct 2023. Approximately 300 participants from about 50 countries participated in the event. A delegation team consisting of one ISAM sponsored delegate (Gp Capt Stuti Mishra) and two official delegates (Lt Col Binu Sekhar M and Sqn Ldr Rahul Dev) participated in the Congress and presented their scientific research. All three presentations generated significant enthusiasm and interest among the audience.</p>		Members
<p>(d) <b><u>Academician Award: International Academy Of Aviaton And Space Medicine (IAASM).</u></b> The</p>		

<p>IAASM selects its academicians on the basis of their experience, academic achievements and their contribution to the field of Aerospace Medicine. Wg Cdr MD Sharma and Wg Cdr Ajay Kumar were conferred with the status of academicians of the IAASM during the 69<sup>th</sup> ICASM held in Oct 2023.</p> <p>(e) <b><u>Patent for Indigenously Designed Equipment.</u></b> An indigenously designed equipment to determine centre of gravity of an aircrew helmet by Gp Capt P Biswal, AVM A Agarwal VSM and Wg Cdr Sneha Dinakar was granted patent by the Patent Office, Government of India on 21 Sep 23.</p> <p>(f) <b><u>Race Across America (RAAM) 2023.</u></b> Wg Cdr Srinivas G, Aerospace Medicine Specialist, finishes 7<sup>th</sup> in the World's toughest bicycling race, Race Across America (RAAM) 2023. RAAM is an ultra-distance cycling race held across the United States and is counted as one of the toughest annual endurance competitions in the world.</p> <p>(g) <b><u>Technical Mini Series No 20.</u></b> IAM prepared a TMS titled 'Aeromedical Assessment in Civil Aviation' which will be released by the CAS during the plenary session of 62<sup>nd</sup> ISAM Conference on 23 May 23.</p>		<p>Members</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Members</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ITEM III</u></b></p> <p>10. <b><u>Fresh Agenda Points.</u></b></p> <p>(a) <b><u>New Members of Executive Committee (EC).</u></b> Secy ISAM informed the house that six members of EC are completing their tenure this year. These members include four elected members (Air Cmde Rajesh Kumar, Gp Capt Mona Dahiya, Wg Cdr AVK Raju (Retd) and Wg Cdr Parul Goel) and two nominated members (Col S Bharadwaj, Indian Army &amp; Surg Capt PD Ayenger, Indian Navy). He further informed that IA and IN will be requested for nominations of one rep each against the members completing their tenure. To fill up the vacancies against the four elected members, six society members expressed their willingness. An online voting was conducted for election of four EC</p>		

<p>members on 21 Nov 23. He proposed the following names of newly elected members of EC based on the results of online voting:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Cmde Prateek Kinra</li> <li>• Gp Capt Rahul Pipraiya (Retd)</li> <li>• Wg Cdr Raghunandan V</li> <li>• Wg Cdr Divya N (Retd)</li> </ul> <p><u>Decision.</u> The names of the newly elected members were approved in the ECM. The reps from IA and IN will be included in the EC on receipt of the nominations from the respective HQs.</p> <p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(b) <b><u>Changes in the Conduct of ISAM Conference.</u></b> The following points received from Gp Capt Rahul Pipraiya (Retd) towards conduct of the ISAM Conference:-</p> <p>(i) <u>Chairing Sessions in Annual ISAM Conf.</u> ISAM is a old Society with number of senior specialists (retired &amp; working) in civil. They are rarely considered for chairing of sessions while non-specialists/ other specialist offrs are considered for the same.</p> <p>(ii) <u>President's Dinner.</u> The event was conventionally organized by the PMO, HQTC on the day prior to the Inaugural day to host senior officers who arrived the previous day (Cost was borne by HQ TC). Over the time, it changed to President's Dinner. The event should either be scrapped or reverted to PMO's Dinner hosted at HQ TC and cost be borne by the HQ TC.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Delegate Dinner.</u> The earlier practice of delegate dinner on the second date parallel to the Fellows' Night served a very useful purpose of social interaction amongst young MOs and Specialists and may be considered for revival.</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
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<p>(iv) <u>Fellows' Night.</u> All Fellows &amp; Associate Fellows may subscribe to an annual contribution (Suggested Rs 1,500/- &amp; 1,000/-) irrespective of attending conference or not. This will be for continuation of Affiliation as a Fellow / Associate Fellow and preclude need for extra subscription for Fellow's Night. The updated list of contributors considering the need to remain fellow shall be based on their annual contribution.</p> <p>(v) <u>Ladies Day Out.</u> The event should either be open to all ladies accompanying delegates or should be subscription-based event. This would reduce financial burden on ISAM.</p> <p>(vi) <u>President Golf Tourney.</u> A handful of delegates play golf. Spending Society Money on a selective event seems to be unfair. If at all this was to continue, a nominal fee being charged for organizing may be considered for participants. Also, it should be an open to all event rather for a select few. Alternatively, a five Km run / Walkathon may be considered for all participants</p>		
<p><u>Decision.</u> All the points were deliberated and following decisions were taken:-</p> <p>(i) In addition to invited dignitaries, all members irrespective of specialty and seniority will be given opportunity for chairing a session based on the merits.</p> <p>(ii) President's dinner has been discontinued from 62<sup>nd</sup> ISAM Conf.</p> <p>(iii) There will be no delegate dinner. The Conf will have one social banquet, one high tea &amp; lunches all days.</p> <p>(iv) Fellowship is conferred as per the Society Memorandum. There will be no annual subscription of Fellows &amp; Associate Fellows. Fellows/ Associate Fellows willing to attend</p>	<p>Comdt IAM</p> <p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>

<p>Fellows' Night will continue to pay the charges fixed by the organisers for the event.</p> <p>(v) All ladies accompanying outstation delegates are being invited. Same practice to continue in future. Organisers may consider charging a fee for the event for those willing to participate.</p> <p>(vi) <u>President Golf Tourney</u>. The event is organized as a tradition. The same is to continue and will be kept open to all as it is now. Organisers may consider charging a fee for the event for those willing to participate.</p>		
<p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(c) <u>Executive Committee Members</u>. The point was received from Gp Capt Rahul Pipraiya (Retd). He suggested that besides Civilian and Army / Navy Members, 50% quorum of EC members be made by the retired Avn Med Spls.</p> <p><u>Decision</u>. Besides Ex-officio members and IA &amp; IN reps, all members should have equal opportunity to be elected as EC members</p>	Secy ISAM	Members
<p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(d) <u>ISAM Sponsorship</u>. The following points were received from Gp Capt Rahul Pipraiya (Retd):-</p> <p>(i) <u>Sponsorship for International Conf</u>. The Society sponsorship should only be restricted to young residents or Av Med Spl below the rank of Wg Cdr and Equivalent. The announcement may be made on the webpage after due selection process.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Sponsorship for Research Grant</u>. This may be vetted and approved in GBM and made public on website.</p> <p><u>Decision</u>. Both the points were deliberated. It was decided that all members should have equal opportunity for consideration for sponsorship based</p>	Secy ISAM	Members

<p>on the merits. The provision for sponsorship for MD residents (ref 2019 GBM) would continue. There is provision of sufficient funding for research projects through other sources and sponsorship through ISAM may not be considered for the same.</p> <p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(e) <b><u>Provisional Subsidy for Delegate Fee for Civilian Residents.</u></b> A point was received from Gp Capt Rahul Pipraiya (Retd) that delegate fee for Civilian Residents may be made equal or lesser to approved delegate fee for Retd Av Med Spl.</p> <p>Secy ISAM apprised the house that the present delegate fees for ISAM Conference (ratified in GBM 2021) are as follows:-</p> <p><b><u>Physical attendance</u></b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Military</td> <td>- ₹ 10,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Life Members in service</td> <td>- ₹10,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-Life members</td> <td>- ₹ 10,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Retired Life Members</td> <td>- ₹ 5000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foreigners</td> <td>- 400 \$</td> </tr> </table> <p><b><u>Virtual Attendance</u></b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Indian</td> <td>- ₹1,000/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foreigners</td> <td>- 100 \$</td> </tr> </table> <p>Secy ISAM further informed that the delegation fee for civilian residents is Rs 10,000/- at present and same as life members in service.</p> <p>The point was deliberated in the ECM. It was brought out that there is a provision for lesser delegation fees iro student officers in most of the National &amp; International Conferences. EC was of the opinion that similar provisions be exercised for ISAM Conference.</p> <p><b><u>Decision.</u></b> It was decided that the delegate fee for all Residents (military or civil) be fixed at Rs 5,000/-.</p> <p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(d) <b><u>Creating Recorded History of ISAM.</u></b> The following points were received from Air Cmde Vipin Sharma:-</p>	Military	- ₹ 10,000/-	Life Members in service	- ₹10,000/-	Non-Life members	- ₹ 10,000/-	Retired Life Members	- ₹ 5000/-	Foreigners	- 400 \$	Indian	- ₹1,000/-	Foreigners	- 100 \$	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
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<p>(i) <u>Creating President ISAM Hall at IAM.</u> During the tenure of President, certain legacy decisions / progress is made. A President ISAM Hall may be created at IAM that will have a dedicated space for placing photographs of Presidents of the Society with a list of major achievements/ progress during the tenure.</p> <p>(ii) <u>History of ISAM Conf.</u> Each ISAM Conf has a unique Theme, Logo, Programme Card and Boucher. TMS and IJASM are being released during the Conf. These materials could be used to create History of ISAM Conf. The hall could have Honour Boards with names of ISAM Secy, Org Secy, Subroto Mukerjee Orators, Srinagesh Orators, Manekshaw Panellists, ISAM Sponsored International Presenters, Best Paper Awardees etc.</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> Upon deliberation, it emerged that using Govt space for creating private society facilities would require necessary permission. IAM may consider creating these facilities as a supplement to IAM History/ Museum.</p> <p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(f) <u>Inclusion of Army Av Med Spl in the IJASM Editorial Board.</u> A point was received from Lt Col Srihari Ayer that role as Technical Editor etc may also be provided to Av Med Spl of IA &amp; not to be limited to those posted to IAM. This will provide avenues for the Av Med Spl of IA to grow in the specialty and satisfaction of contributing to the specialty.</p> <p>Secy ISAM brought out that an Army Physiologist posted to IAM is presently the Tech Editor of IJASM. He also brought out that the changes in the composition of IJASM Editorial Team has been deliberated in the IJASM Advisory Committee Meeting held on 22 Nov 22. It has been decided that Executive &amp; Tech Editors of IJASM will be from IAM. One Associate Editor will be from the faculty of IAM and others will be from outside IAM based on the merits.</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
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<p><u>Decision.</u> It was decided to close the point.</p> <p>(g) <u>Solutions to Av Med Related Issues.</u> A point was received from Col KN Rao (Retd) that ISAM to take the lead in guidance of aviation medicine issues in military and civil aviation. Towards this he proposed the following activities:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Syllabus for MD to be revised include relevant aspects of civil aviation.</li> <li>• Chair/ Department of Civil Aviation to be set up at IAM.</li> <li>• Creation of a Working Group (8-10 members) on a rotation basis (1 year tenure) to address challenges of civil aviation.</li> <li>• Creation of a capsule course for aviation psychologists to address the fast evolving requirement of aviation psychologists.</li> <li>• Syllabus for DGCA medical examiners to be revised and updated.</li> <li>• Certification Courses to be mandatorily vetted by ISAM and be available online and in-person.</li> </ul> <p>The point was deliberated. Revision of MD course is undertaken periodically by IAM as a Training Institute. There is an established system already in place to address the challenges of civil or military aviation, if any. Creation of a capsule course for aviation psychologists &amp; DGCA is the responsibility of authorized regulatory body. Vetting of certification course is not the mandate of ISAM</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
<p><u>Decision.</u> It was decided to close the point.</p> <p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(e) <u>Audit Report for the Financial Year 2022-23.</u> The Secy and Treasurer ISAM presented the audit report along with the trial balance for the financial year 2022-23 duly vetted by the Chartered Accountant. He informed the house that there are no observations made by the auditor.</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
<p><u>Decision.</u> The audit report was ratified by the</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>



<p>members. President requested all EC members to offer proposals for appropriate utilization of society money to reduce excess of income over expenditure.</p> <p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(f) <b><u>Selection of New Fellows of the Society.</u></b> Based on the approved MoM of 2019, a BOO under chairmanship of senior most IAF Aerosp Med Splt was constituted at Air HQ with Air Cmde MS (S) and Gp Capt MS (AM) as members to finalize the names of new Fellows. The BOO has recommended following 02 members to be nominated as Fellows for the year 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Cmde MM Dogra (Retd)</li> <li>• Gp Capt YS Dahiya</li> </ul>		
<p><u>Decision.</u> The decision of BOO was agreed by the EC and same will be ratified in the GBM.</p>	Secy ISAM	Members
<p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(g) <b><u>Selection of Air Mshl PM Sundram Travelling Fellowship.</u></b> The BOO (same as that for selection of Fellows) was formed at Air HQ, which based on the approved QRs shortlisted the following officers for nomination of Travelling Fellowship for the year 2022-23. The members are required to take few lectures at Medical Colleges spreading the awareness about the specialty. The nominated members are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gp Capt Mona Dahiya</li> <li>• Gp Capt Prathu Rastogi</li> </ul>		
<p><u>Decision.</u> The decision of BOO was agreed by the EC and same will be ratified in the GBM.</p>	Secy ISAM	Members
<p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(h) <b><u>Selection of New Associate Fellows of the Society.</u></b> This year Sectt has received four applications from the following members for the Associate Fellowship:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wg Cdr Khaling</li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wg Cdr V Raghunandan</li> <li>• Wg Cdr Avinash BK</li> <li>• Wg Cdr Polash Sannigrahi</li> </ul> <p>All the four applications were in order and the members were found to meet the required QRs (approved in GBM 2019).</p> <p><u>Decision.</u> All the four applications were approved by the EC and grant of Associate Fellowship to the six members will be ratified in the GBM.</p> <p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(j) <b><u>New Life Members of the Society.</u></b> Secy ISAM informed that a total of 11 new applications have been received for Life Membership of the Society. All the applications were in order and approved by EC. The list of candidates for the Life Membership is as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gp Capt Mudit Sharma (Retd)</li> <li>• Maj Venkatesh E</li> <li>• Sqn Ldr Meghna</li> <li>• Surg Lt Cdr A Rakesh</li> <li>• Sqn Ldr Ketan Deshpandey</li> <li>• Sqn Ldr Nikeata Jha</li> <li>• Sqn Ldr Krishnaveni M</li> <li>• Surg Lt Cdr V Rajesh Reddy</li> <li>• Dr R Pranav Krishna</li> <li>• Dr Gokul Harish M</li> <li>• Dr Sneha M Kahalekar</li> </ul>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>
<p><u>Decision.</u> All the applications were approved by the EC and grant of Life Membership to the 11 applicants will be ratified in the GBM.</p> <p><b>Point Closed</b></p> <p>(k) <b><u>Venue and Date for 63<sup>rd</sup> ISAM Conference.</u></b> Secy ISAM proposed that venue for the next conference should be IAM IAF Bengaluru and discussed the available options of dates for the Conference.</p>	<p>Secy ISAM</p>	<p>Members</p>

<p><u>Decision.</u> The following was agreed upon:-</p> <p>Venue: <b>IAM Bengaluru</b></p> <p>Dates: <b>First Choice</b> - <b>21 - 23 Nov 24</b></p> <p><b>Second Choice</b> - <b>05 - 07 Dec 24</b></p> <p>The choice of dates to be ratified by GBM and subsequently put up to the CAS for approval.</p> <p><b>Point Closed</b></p>	Secy ISAM	Members
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ITEM V</u></b></p> <p>12. <b><u>Vote of Thanks to the Outgoing Members.</u></b> Secy ISAM proposed vote of thanks to the following outgoing members who have completed their tenure as members of EC. He expressed his gratitude towards the members for the unprecedented support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AVM N Taneja VSM (Retd)</li> <li>• Col S Bharadwaj, IA</li> <li>• Surg Capt PD Ayenger, IN</li> <li>• Air Cmde Rajesh Kumar</li> <li>• Gp Capt Mona Dahiya</li> <li>• Wg Cdr AVK Raju (Retd)</li> <li>• Wg Cdr Parul Goel</li> </ul>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>ITEM VI</u></b></p> <p>13. <b><u>Closing Remarks by the President.</u></b> The President thanked all the members of the EC for their valuable support and the good work for the benefit of the Society. He requested all EC members to forward constructive proposals to Secy ISAM on appropriate utilization of society money to reduce excess of income over expenditure.</p>		

14. There being no further points, Secy ISAM thanked the President ISAM and all members of the Executive Committee for their valuable time and contribution. The meeting concluded at 1200 h.



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Date: 29 Dec 23

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