

Report of Business Meeting

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The Business Meeting of RC13 was held on July 14, 2010 at Svenska Massen, Gothenburg during the course of the ISA Congress. Almost all the members present at Gothenburg attended the meeting.

Members who had made remarkable contributions to the field of leisure were felicitated and given token mementoes by the President. As there had been not suitable entry for the award to a Young Leisure Scholar, the award had to be withheld.

The activities undertaken in the preceding four years were recounted by Veena Sharma, the Secretary. The number of activities undertaken were varied enough to have kept the members busy during the four year span – these included the participation in the mid-term Congress at Barcelona as also the mid-term RC13 Conference held in Beijing China in October 2009.

The Financial Report, prepared by the President with the help of the Secretarial help hired by the RC was also read out by Veena Sharma. With the increase in the number of members the financial situation of the RC has improved considerably. It is hoped that with the continually increasing numbers this situation will become even better.

An important part of the agenda of the Meeting was the election of a new Board for the coming four years. The Returning Officer, Francis Lobo, carried out his job with admirable felicity. The result was that the election was near unanimous even as it took into account wide regional representation while keeping in mind the gender factor. The President and the Secretary were retained so as to enable continuity in the efforts made in the past four years. A few other Board members also were re-elected. A number of eminent Leisure Scholars were nominated and elected to the Board. As such, the new Board is highly representative of the old and new generations of leisure scholars. It is expected that the experienced members will be able to guide the new activities while the new ones bring in new ideas and enthusiasm. The Returning Officer may be congratulated for this feat.

With the increasing numbers of members the management of activities of the RC would require active participation of more persons. The increase in numbers could also facilitate more variety in the activities that would enhance the academic calibre of the Committee.

Members of the new Board of RC 13

Their names are listed in the opening section of this Newsletter.

A number of issues for strengthening the RC were brought up in the course of the meeting. The President, Ishwar Modi, announced that the RC should make a dedicated effort to bring out publications on the papers



presented at various RC13 conferences in the past couple of years.

Alan Law, along with other members proposed that a refereed journal should be brought out by RC13. This idea was supported and modalities of bringing out th journal are now to be put in place.

Fabio LoVerde and Gianna Cappello offered to host the next mid-term Conference of the Committee at Palermo, Italy in the year 2011. The offer was gladly accepted by the members. The timing and the duration of the Conference, as also the theme, have still to be worked out.

It was also proposed that besides the mid-term Conference, efforts be made to hold leisure oriented meetings in different parts of the world to promote work in this field.

