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**Minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body meeting of the Indian Society of Earthquake Technology held online on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 at 7:30 PM.**

- 50.0 Prof. T.G. Sitharam, President ISET, welcomed the members present to the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting. Prof. Sitharam has highlighted various initiatives taken during the past one year. In spite of COVID-19 pandemic, ISET has successfully conducted a number of activities. ISET has started webinar series, under which lectures were delivered by eminent personalities including some of the EC members of ISET. It was a huge success. Later part of the year, the society's secretariat was totally occupied by the bidding process of 18WCEE. ISET has launched a dedicated website, containing a detailed presentation, promotional videos, and other information to support and promote ISET's 18WCEE bid. ISET office has contacted members of ISET and other bodies and collected information about their notable contributions to earthquake engineering. Contacted National Delegates of other countries through email and phone calls. Prepared promotional videos covering different aspects. The dedicated website for ISET's 18WCEE bid [www.iset.org.in/18wcee](http://www.iset.org.in/18wcee) received a financial support of Eighteen lakhs from the Ministry of Earth Sciences. In spite of the fact that 17WCEE is being organized in Japan (in Asia), ISET managed to get very good support and stood 2<sup>nd</sup> preferred country among the competing countries. The society is now gearing up for organizing the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Recent Advances in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics (7ICRAGEE), in July 2021. Prof. Sitharam has appreciated the efforts made by Prof. Ravi Jakka, Secretary, ISET in preparing 18WCEE bidding materials and conducting so many activities throughout the year even during the pandemic. Prof. Sitharam has also appreciated the active involvement of Prof. Sreevalsa Kolathayar and other EC members in various activities of ISET.
- 50.1 The members confirmed the minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body meeting held on February 25, 2020.
- 50.2 Report on the actions taken on the Minutes of the last General Body meeting was presented by Dr. Ravi S. Jakka, Secretary and the same was noted by the General Body members.
- 50.3 **Reporting Items:**
- All the reporting items as given in the Annual Report of the Secretary (see item 49.5, Annexure-II) were considered.
- 50.4 Considered the Audited Annual Accounts of the Society for the year ending March 31, 2020 as approved by the Executive Committee and the same was approved by the General Body. A copy of the Audited Annual Accounts is enclosed in Annexure-I.
- 50.5 Considered the Annual Report of the Secretary for ISET activities during the period February 25, 2020 to April 15, 2021 as approved by the Executive Committee and the same was approved by the General Body. A copy of the Annual Report is enclosed in Annexure-II.
- 50.6 The progress on 7ICRAGEE was presented by Dr. Ravi Jakka, Organizing Secretary, 7ICRAGEE. The reviewed technical papers are being published by Springer in 5 volumes, based on 5 broad themes. The papers are expected to appear soon online by the end of April 2021. Currently, keynote volume is in press with the publisher. More than 500 abstracts were initially received, out of which, a total of 250 full length manuscripts were finally received. All the manuscripts were sent to peer review. Based on the review and quality checks, a total of 200 manuscripts have been accepted for publication. However,

172 were only included in the 1<sup>st</sup> series of volumes, due to non-receipt of registration fee. The remaining manuscripts would be considered in the next series of volumes after the completion of remaining formalities such as copyright agreement submission and payment of the registration fee. The 2<sup>nd</sup> series of volumes would be brought out soon after the conference. Work has been started for the creation of online conference platform.

50.7 **Any other items:**

- i. The members have suggested the Secretary to open an account in State of Bank of India and also suggested to shift the fund to the State Bank of India.
- ii. The members suggested that the Local Chapters should be encouraged to organize various activities. Also, they are requested to hold elections for the office bearer positions on time and send the information to the ISET headquarter. Letters are to be sent to each chapter's office bearers in this regard.

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



(Prof. T.G. Sitharam)  
President, ISET



(Dr. Ravi S. Jakka)  
Secretary, ISET