

Bose Institute Alumni Association

Following an e-mail message from Dr Tapan Dutta, former Ph.D students of Bose Institute assembled at the seminar room, Annexe Building, Bose Institute (Centenary Campus) on June 3rd, 2013 at 4-00 pm to discuss the initiation of the proposed Alumni Association of Bose Institute. Proceedings of the aforesaid meeting are as follows:

Members present:

Prof. B. B. Biswas, Prof. Susweta Biswas, Prof. Sibaji Raha, Prof. Nitai C. Mandal, Prof. Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Dr. Hemanta Majumder, Dr. Sekhar Chakraborti, Prof. Arun Lahiri Majumder, Prof. Parimal C. Sen, Prof. Sujoy K. Das Gupta, Prof. Sampa Das, Prof. Parames C. Sil, Prof. Sankar K. Ghosh, Dr. Tapan K. Dutta, Dr. Tapas K. Sengupta, Dr. Mahadeb Pal, Dr. Atin Mandal, Dr. Pallab Kundu, Dr. Maitrayee Das Gupta, Dr. Runa Sur, Dr. Anasuya Ganguly, Dr. Surekha Kundu, Dr. Deba Prasad Mandal, Dr. Arghya Adhikary, Dr. Joydeep Chakraborty, Dr. Somsubhra Bandyopadhyay, Dr. Ajit B. Datta, Dr. Jayanta Mukhopadhyay, Dr. Sukhendu Mandal, Dr. Gopal Chakraborti, Dr. Subrata Sau, Dr. Ranjan Kumar Nandy, Dr. Debabrata Basu, Dr. Wriddhiman Ghosh, Dr. Rumdeep Kaur, Dr. Sumanti Gupta, Dr. Biswajit Bera, Dr. Alok Kumar Hazra, Dr. Santanu Das, Dr. Sibsankar Roy, Dr. Sonali Sengupta, Dr. Banhi Sikha Choudhuri, Dr. Malay Das, Dr. Pralay Majumder, Dr. Bhaskar Gupta, Dr. Abhik Saha, Dr. Kamala Gupta, Dr. Sumita Sengupta (nee Bandyopadhyay), Dr. Sampa Biswas (nee Pain), Dr. Nilkanta Chakraborty

Welcome address was given by **Dr. Tapan K. Dutta** as organizer. In his note, he thrust upon the long-felt need to form an Alumni association. He informed the gathering that he initiated the discussion informally with the members of the Faculty of Bose Institute, who were once Ph.D. students of Bose Institute, and all of them agreed to form such a forum and as a result this meeting has been organized to officially form an Alumni Association of Bose Institute. With the centenary of the Bose Institute being only about 4 years away, it is important to establish the Alumni Association for the networking with all former alumni.

Prof. B.B. Biswas was requested to preside over the meeting.

Prof. Sibaji Raha, Director, Bose Institute, expressed his strong and cordial support in the formation of the Alumni Association. He mentioned that this association should not be restricted to Ph.D. students only, even our M.Sc.-Ph.D. students should be considered in this forum. He shared his thought that all the outgoing members and present members are inseparable part of the Bose Institute family. Although he cannot be a member of this alumni association at this stage, as the Director of this Institute, he agreed to provide all supports for this organization.

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Prof. Arun Lahiri Majumdar gave a briefing on the former Ph.D. scholars of Bose Institute from 1950s onwards. He also placed three major agenda items before the audience for consideration in order to form the Alumni Association:

- i. Name and official address to be used,
- ii. The criteria of membership,
- iii. Objectives of the Alumni Association.

The proposal for establishment of an Alumni Association was accepted unanimously with its Headquarters being at Bose Institute. The Director suggested that the official address of the Association should be the registered office address of the Institute at the main campus, i.e., 93/1, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Road, Kolkata - 700009.

It has been decided that former students (Ph.D./M.Sc.), Faculty members, RAs, Research Scientists, Pool Officers, Post Doctoral Fellows will be considered eligible for membership of Alumni Association. This should be taken into consideration while preparing the Bye Laws of the Association.

Formation of a Steering Committee has been proposed for proper initiation of the functions of the Association. A committee was formed with following members:

Chief Patron:	Director, Bose Institute
President:	Prof. B.B. Biswas
Vice President:	Prof. A. K. Mishra, Prof. A.C. Ghosh, Prof. N.C. Mandal, Prof. S. C. Roy
Secretary:	Dr. Tapan K. Dutta
Asst. Secretary:	Dr. Tapas Sengupta, Dr. Mahadeb Pal
Treasure:	Dr. Pallab Kundu
Asst. Treasure:	Dr. Sibsankar Roy, Dr. Atin K. Mandal
Members:	Prof. Arun Lahiri Majumdar, Dr. Hemanta Majumdar, Prof. P.C. Sen, Prof. D.J. Chattopadhyay, Prof. Sekhar Chakraborti, Prof. Manikuntala Kundu, Prof. Maitree Dasgupta, Dr. Ranjan Nandi, Dr. Subrata Sau, Dr. Jayanta Mukhopadhyay, Dr. Ajit Bikram Datta, Dr. Wridhiman Ghosh, Dr. Sukhendu Mandal, Dr. Sampa Biswas Pyne

Dr. Tapas Sengupta pointed out that the committee members are mostly Kolkata oriented, and suggested that we should include members from outside of Kolkata, or West Bengal or abroad. It was also pointed out this would be taken care of after the primary work for the Association is completed.

Prof. P. C. Sen suggested to take consent of the committee members who were absent in this meeting.

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Prof. B.B. Biswas agreed to act as the President of the Association and formally inaugurated the Bose Institute Alumni Association (BIAA).

Discussion was held on the following agenda based on the task to be done at this stage:

1. Preparation of Bye Laws
2. Registration of Alumni Association
3. Opening of a Bank Account
4. Membership subscription
5. Networking with Alumni members
6. Database and website development.

Three groups have been suggested to execute these works.

Agenda 1-2: Bye Laws should be written carefully and clearly to define the criteria of membership. **Dr. Ranjan Nandi** indicated that specified format should be used for registering the Association.

Prof. S.C. Roy, Prof. A.C. Ghosh, Prof. N.C. Mandal, Dr. T.K. Dutta and Dr. Ranjan Nandi will prepare Bye Laws of the Alumni Association for Registration.

Agenda 3: Opening of bank account will be taken care by the Treasurer and Secretary. It has been decided that the Treasurer, Secretary and any one of the Asst. Secretaries would be the signatories for opening of Savings bank account in the name of 'Bose Institute Alumni Association' and for subsequent operation of the account.

Agenda 4: Upon discussion, one-time membership fee of Rs. 3000/- or US \$ 100 or equivalent amount has been fixed.

Agenda 5-6: Networking will be done by sending email to all alumni while to create a list of alumni, information will be gathered from different sources e.g. library, respective faculty members and former students etc. **Dr. Ajit Bikram Dutta** was assigned to develop a website for alumni association with the help of others. It has also been suggested to create an interactive webpage or Facebook account or yahoo groups to communicate with alumni.

Dr. H.K. Majumdar expressed his happiness to come over in the meeting. He mentioned that we should decide what will be the purpose and function of the organization after forming the constitution and registration of the association. He shared his suggestions to keep the activity of the Alumni Association very attractive by discussing the achievement of students, celebrating the

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progress, get together to exchange thoughts, organize reunion, talk about different issues, matters etc.

Prof. Arun Lahiri Majumdar suggested organizing a symposium or seminar during get together of the alumni at a time when overseas alumni can also participate.

Prof. Sekhar Chakraborty expressed that during his student life he used to say 'Basu Bijgan Mandir' instead of 'Bose Institute' and spent a really good time. It will be great if we can get together again to recapitulate those days so that we can interact with our teachers and pass these interactions to our juniors.

Prof. N.C. Mandal said that it is very good to form this alumni association so that we can interact with others. He also suggested that respective faculty members can give the list of their students for enrollment as alumni.

Prof D. J Chattopadhyay congratulated the organizers for the formation of the Alumni Association and expressed his happiness to be part of the same. He encouraged to actively work for the cause since this is the Bose Institute Alumni Association.

Prof. Sampa Das expressed her happiness for such a development and conveyed best wishes for all success.

Prof. B. B. Biswas was happy to come over here to see a large number of former students, although stated that this should have started earlier. He said that he would be happy if we could get together every 2-3 months to enable us to interact with others to know each other's work. He emphasized the idea of Prof. S. N. Bose to have regular 'ADDA' on science since this is how science progresses.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks and vote of thanks proposed by **Prof P C Sen**.



(Dr Tapan K Datta)



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