

Annual Report for the Year 2019-2020

Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the Annual General Meeting of the Society, scheduled to be held on 19th March, 2020 in the Department of Geology, University of Lucknow and the 38th M. R. Sahni Memorial Lecture (Speaker; Prof. A. D. Singh, B.H.U., Varanasi) which was also scheduled to be delivered on the same day were postponed.

Annual report of the activities of the Society for the year 2019-20 is presented below:

Annual General Meeting

The 63rd Annual General Body Meeting of the Society was held on 6th March 2019 at the Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, University of Lucknow, Lucknow. Prof. M. P. Singh presided over the meeting. 50 fellows attended the meeting.

Council Meetings

The Executive Council of the Society met on 5 occasions during the preceding year for transacting the routine business of the Society.

I appreciate the cooperation and contributions of the members of the Council and hope they will continue to help and guide the Society in its future activities also.

Lectures

1. **37th M.R. Sahni Lecture** was delivered on 6th March 2019 by Prof. Sunil Bajpai, Department of Earth Sciences, IIT, Roorkee on “Tertiary Vertebrate Faunas of India: Recent advances in evolutionary and biogeographic scenarios” in the Geology Department, University of Lucknow, Lucknow?
2. **21st Prof. S. N. Singh Memorial Lecture** entitled, ‘Palaeoseismic and Active fault mapping in Central and NW Himalaya’ was delivered by Prof. Javed N. Malik, Department of Earth Sciences, IIT, Kanpur on 19th September, 2019.

Awards & Medals:

Prof. S. K. Singh Memorial Gold Medal for 2018, for the best research paper published in the volume 63 (2018) of the Journal of the Palaeontological Society of India which was conferred on Dr. S. Nawaz Ali, Scientist of BSIP, Lucknow on 6th March, 2019.

Mani Shanker Shukla Gold Medal for outstanding contributions by a young researcher in the field of Micropalaeontology for the year 2018 was conferred upon Dr. Santosh K. Pandey, Scientist of BSIP, Lucknow on 6th March, 2019.

M.R. Sahni Memorial Gold Medal was awarded to Miss Shruti Saxena for securing highest percentage of marks in Palaeontology at 3rd & 4th Semester (Combined) examinations of 2019 of Lucknow University.

Prof. S.N. Bhalla Gold Medal (2019) for outstanding contributions in the field of micropalaeontology was awarded to Prof. Devesh Sinha of Delhi University on 6th November, 2019 during the 27th ICMS at B.H.U., Varanasi.

8th Prof. R. C. Misra Life Time Achievement Award was conferred upon Dr. V. P. Dimri, FNA, former Director, NGRI on 8th January, 2020 during a meeting of FIGA at Hyderabad.

Students and well wishers of Dr. Rajiv Nigam of the National Institute of Oceanography (Goa) have requested the P.S.I. to institute a medal in honour of Dr. Nigam as ‘**Dr. Rajiv Nigam Medal**’ for outstanding work in palaeontology (preferably micropalaeontology) for scientists working in India to be awarded once in two years. The Council agreed to the proposal. An amount of Rs. 2 lakhs has been deposited by them with the P.S.I. to finance the medal.

International Fossil Day:

The Society celebrated **International Fossil Day** on 16th October, 2019 in collaboration with the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP) at Lucknow. A large number of school and college students participated in the event. Six lectures on various popular geoscientific topics were delivered by the scientists of BSIP. Dr. V.P. Mishra, Dr. Mukund Sharma, Dr. Amit K. Ghosh, Dr. Anupam Sharma and Dr. Purnima Srivastava interacted with students. The school children also visited the BSIP labs, museum and analytical facilities.

Under the Student Chapter of the Palaeontological Society of India, the Earth Science Centres at the Jammu University (Jammu), Madras University (Chennai) and Shri Guru Ram Rai P.G. College, Dehradun organised International Fossil day on 16th October, 2019 by involving the students of schools and colleges. The students interacted with the scientists and were given lectures on various interesting topics. They also visited the museums. The effort was well appreciated by the students.

Workshop

A workshop on **Applied Biostratigraphy in Mineral and Hydrocarbon Exploration** was organised by the Society from **20-22 November, 2019** in Lucknow in association with CAS in Geology, University of Lucknow and B.S.I.P., Lucknow. About one hundred delegates, researchers, scientists and resource persons participated in the workshop. Successful organisation of the workshop by Dr. Sudhir Shukla, Vice President of the Society & Organising Secretary of the workshop is well appreciated and commended by the participants.

Current Membership

Life Member	330	(Including 6 in current year)
Honorary Member	02	
Institutional Member	03	
Total	335	

Publication

The Society publishes SCI Journal of the Palaeontological Society of India biannually beside publishing special volumes and field guide books as and when required. I am happy to add that the credibility of the journal has increased and presently its impact factor is 0.663. The Society is very much thankful to the Editorial Board of the Journal for their untiring efforts in this direction. Two nos. of Volume 64 of the Journal were published and released during the year 2019.

Acknowledgements

The Society expresses its deep sense of gratitude to the Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India for granting Rs. 1,50,000/- towards publication of the Journal of the Society. The support provided by Dr. Vandana Prasad, Director, BSIP and Scientists and staff of the BSIP in organising the International Fossil Day in collaboration with BSIP is thankfully acknowledged. The Convenors / Co-ordinators of the Student Chapters who organised the International Fossil Day at their centres on behalf of the Society are also thankfully acknowledged.

The Society is indebted to Dr. Vandana Prasad, Director, BSIP for extending the lab. facilities during the Workshop on Applied Biostratigraphy in Mineral and Hydrocarbon Exploration. The support provided by Shri Som Nath Chandel, the then ADG & HOD, GSI, Northern Region during the organisation of the workshop and in many other ways is thankfully acknowledged. The Society is also thankful to Ministry of Earth Science (MOES), Oil India Limited & Oil & Natural Gas Corporation for providing the financial assistance of Rs. 2,50,000/- : Rs 100,000 & Rs. 1,50,000/- respectively for the organisation of the workshop.

The Society is grateful to Prof. Rameshwar Bali, Head, Centre of Advanced Study in Geology, Lucknow University and all the faculty members, staff and students for their help and support in all the activities of the Society.

The Society feels obliged to all scientists who assisted editors in evaluating scientific contributions received for publication in the Journal of the Society.

Lastly, I would also like to thank the members of the Executive Council of the Society and fellows for their help, support and guidance in the smooth functioning of the activities of the Society.

1st April, 2020.


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STATEMENT OF RECEIPT AND PAYMENTS
(From 1st April 2018 To 31st March 2019)

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)	PAYMENTS	AMOUNT (Rs.)
Opening Balances:			
F.D.R	1977476.00	Honorarium to Part-Time Worker	99600.00
UCO Bank (A/C No. 16644)	3209.34	Professional Fees	17400.00
IOB (1867)	166825.20	Printing & Stationery Expenses	5340.00
Cash in hand	11011.78	Postage Expenses	20578.20
Sub-Total	2158522.32	Telephone & Internet Expenses	11844.00
Admission & Subscription Fees	57900.00	Publication Expenses	346533.60
Sale of Society's Publications	228201.00	Miscellaneous Expenses	1890.00
Interest on S/B A/C	4847.00	M.R Sahn Memorial Lecture Expenses	13364.00
Interest on FDR	133044.00	R.C. Misra Memorial Lecture Expenses	13787.20
DST Grant (SERB)	100000.00	S.N.Singh Memorial Lecture Expenses	4083.20
Income Tax Return	17000.00	Website Maintainence Expenses	11100.00
Income from Royalty	48561.00	Conveyance Charges	1850.00
		New Laptop & Printer Expenses	48000.00
		Bank Charges	70.80
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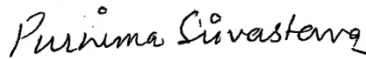
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For The Palaeontological Society of India

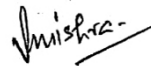

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Medals and Awards Instituted by the Palaeontological Society of India**NOTICE**

The Palaeontological Society of India awards the following Gold Medals/Awards instituted by benevolent grants/funds received through the families and friends of the Fellows of the Society. These Medals and Awards are given away each year except the Prof. S.N. Bhalla Gold Medal which is awarded once in two years. Applications and Nominations for the award and Medals are invited up to 31st January 2021.

1. Sharda Chandra Gold Medal for outstanding research publications on Indian material in the field of palaeontology.
2. Mani Shanker Shukla Gold Medal to a young research worker (below 40 years of age) in recognition of his outstanding contributions on Indian material in the field of micropalaeontology.
3. Prof. M. R. Sahni Gold Medal for a post graduate Student of University of Lucknow securing highest percentage of marks in the examination in Palaeontology Paper.
4. Prof. S. N. Bhalla Gold Medal for outstanding contributions in the field of micropalaeontology.
5. Prof. S. K. Singh Memorial Gold Medal for best research paper published in the immediate past volume of the Journal of the Palaeontological Society of India.
6. Prof. R. C. Misra Life Time Achievement Award Gold Medal for outstanding contributions in the field of geosciences.

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