

Minutes of the First Meeting¹ of the Core Committee of IndiaLICS

Date : 2 November 2017

Venue: Committee Room RIS, New Delhi

Time: 4:00 pm

Following Members attended the meeting

Dinesh Abrol
Rakesh Basant
Saradindu Bhaduri
Sujit Bhattacharya
Sachin Chaturvedi
Keshab Das
K J Joseph
Lakhwinder Singh (Secretary/coordinator)
Piyush Verma

Lakhwinder Singh (secretary/Coordinator) IndiaLICS welcomed the core committee members and presented a brief report on the activities undertaken during 2016-2017.

1. Working Paper Series

Subsequent to the 3rd IndiaLICS International Conference held at the Centre for Development studies, Trivandrum in 2016, IndiaLICS started a Working Paper Series drawing upon the papers presented at the conference. Out of the 70 papers presented 22 were submitted after incorporating discussants' feedback for publishing them as working papers. These papers were again subjected to blind review and 10 of them were brought out as Working Papers. These papers available at IndiaLICS website www.indialics.org

2. IndiaLICS –Colorado Conference, USA

Another conference was held in Colorado organized by Daniel Johnson (in close collaboration with IndiaLICS) during June 9-10, 2016 with the active participation of the Indian community in the US and scholars from India. Judith Sutz, president of Globelics and Susan Cozzens, Member Globelics Scientific Board also participated in the conference.

¹ Though the Core Committee has been meeting during all the earlier conferences, we call this the First Meeting because it is for the first time that we have formally prepared the minutes and circulated the same among the members.

Drawing upon the papers presented at the IndiaLICS-Colorado conference a special issue of the journal *Millennial Asia* is being planned.

The Committee was highly appreciative of the work undertaken during the reporting period.

3. 4th IndiaLICS International Conference and Training Programme

Saradindu Bhaduri and Sujit Bhattacharya presented the progress about the organization of the IndiaLICS 2017 Conference and the Training Programme, both jointly organized by JNU, RIS and NISTADS, New Delhi.

The Committee appreciated the organizers for their hard work and congratulated them for putting up such an excellent conference and organizing the training programme in such an effective manner.

It was also discussed to have a definite output from the IndiaLICS 2017 and resolved to bring out Working Papers, special issues in reputed journals, especially, *Innovation and Development*, *Millennial Asia* and *Journal of Scientometrics Research* and book volumes. The Committee placed on record its appreciation of the sincere efforts put forth by scholars and staff of the three partners of IndiaLICS 2017, namely, JNU, RIS and NISTADS. Lakhwinder Singh will process the papers for bringing out them as Working Papers. The core committee members pledged wholehearted support for these publication initiatives.

4. 5th IndiaLICS International Conference 2018

Rakesh Basant and Keshab Das reported the preliminary work undertaken by them towards organizing IndiaLICS 2018 in Ahmedabad which is likely to be organized jointly by IIMA, Ahmedabad University and GIDR. As soon as the final arrangements are firmed up and decision made, organizers will be announcing the programme. The committee felt that the organizers should have the freedom to decide the time and venue of the conference, ensuring that it is not scheduled during the last week of November 2018 when the Globelics annual conference would probably be held. It was suggested that the call for papers may be announced before March 2018. It was also resolved that Prof K K Subrahmanian Memorial Lecture, at the instance of IndiaLICS, would start from IndiaLICS Ahmedabad 2018.

The Committee expressed its confidence in Rakesh Basant and Keshab Das and appreciated the work already done while thanking them for their willingness to come forward for taking up this responsibility.

5. IndiaLICS Training Programme 2018

Drawing from our experience, it was also discussed and decided that for more effective implementation of the training programme, the conference has to be held as a separate event. Piyush Verma expressed willingness to organize a one-week capacity building programme for young scholars and teachers in 2018 at the Thapar University. The committee unanimously accepted the offer and entrusted the responsibility upon Piyush Verma and Thapar University. The Thapar University will work in close collaboration with the Secretary and the core committee members in organizing the training workshop.

6. Future Directions for IndiaLICS

The Committee deliberated at length over the issue of formalizing IndiaLICS. It was resolved that IndiaLICS might have to be registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and preparations may be made for this. Although it was also recognised that we had not yet reached a stage to formalize IndiaLICS.

It was also discussed to bring gender balance in the core committee and resolved that young female scholars of innovation studies might be identified. Names of potential scholars could be sent to the Secretary of IndiaLICS who would build consensus before including names in the final list of core committee members.

It was observed that individual members should desist from making any prior personal commitment to any new potential members since it would be better that the addition of new members followed a unanimous decision by the core committee.

Dinesh Abrol highlighted the idea of IndiaLICS coming up with a Policy Brief series. The committee welcomed this excellent idea and entrusted Dinesh Abrol and Keshab Das to implement this new initiative.

The committee places on record its sincere appreciation and thanks to RIS and Sachin Chaturvedi for kindly hosting the meeting at RIS and the hospitality offered.

The meeting concluded by 5:45 pm