Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Council of INFLIBNET Centre held on Thursday, the 9th April, 2009 at "Chinar" Habitat World, New Delhi

Members Present

Prof. S K Thorat	President, Council, INFLIBNET Centre
Prof. S K Khanna	Chairman, GB, INFLIBNET Centre

Members, INFLIBNET Council

Dr. Gagan Prathap	Director, NISCAIR, (Representing Chairman, CSIR, New Delhi)
Dr. Kamlakar Singh	Vice-Chancellor, MP Bhoj (Open) University, Bhopal
Dr. V G Talawar	Vice-Chancellor, Mysore University, Mysore
Dr. T R Kem	Director, CEC, New Delhi
Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Batra	Jt.Secretary, UGC, New Delhi (Bureau-Head)

Members, INFLIBNET'S Governing Board

Dr. R K Chauhan	Secretary, UGC, New Delhi
Dr. Parimal H. Trivedi	Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad
Dr. K Narayana Rao	Member Secretary, AICTE, New Delhi
Dr. Jai Rup Singh	Vice-Chancellor, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
Dr. M. Koganuramath	University Librarian, TISS, Mumbai
Dr. Naresh Kumar Dadhich	Director, IUCAA, Pune
Dr. Jagdish Arora	Director, INFLIBNET & Member Secretary, GB

Dr. Ved Prakash, Vice-Chairman, UGC, Dr. R A Yadav, Chairman, AICTE, Prof. Javeed Alam, Chairman, ICSSR and Dr. K K Banerjee, Director, National Library, Kolkatta could not attend the meeting because of prior commitments.

At the outset, Prof. S K Thorat, Chairman, UGC and President of the Council INFLIBNET Centre extended a warm welcome to all the distinguished members of the Council and Governing Body of the Centre and thanked them for contributing to the activities of INFLIBNET Centre with their proactive participation in the activities of the Centre and for their suggestions.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting of the 8th Council held on 26th November, 2007

The minutes of the meeting of the 8th Council held on 26th November, 2007 were confirmed by the Chairman, UGC as the President of the Council since no comments were received from the members.

2. Action Taken, Progress Made and Presentation on New Initiatives being Taken up by the Centre

Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director, INFLIBNET Centre, made an elaborate presentation on the action taken and progress made. He also made a presentation on new initiatives taken up by the Centre. The Chairman, UGC and President, Council appreciated the efforts made by the Centre and for its new initiatives.

Prof. Thorat congratulated Prof. S.K. Khanna, Chairman, Governing Board and Dr. Jagdish Arora, Director of the Centre for putting the Centre back on the track and for all the new activities that are being taken up by the Centre.

3. Presentation of the Proceedings of the 17th, 18th and 19th Meeting of the Governing Board held on 20th June, 2008, 3rd December, 2008 and 9th April, 2009 Respectively

Dr. Jagdish Arora, made a brief presentation on decisions made on major items of agenda during the 17th, 18th and 19th Meetings of the Governing Board held on 20th June, 2008, 3rd December, 2008 and 9th April, 2009 respectively. The Council took note of the agenda items approved by the Governing Board in its 17th, 18th and 19th Meetings held on 20th June, 2008, 3rd December, 2008 and 9th April, 2009 respectively.

4. Presentation of Audited Annual Accounts of the Centre for the Year 2007-2008

The Council approved audited Annual Accounts of the INFLIBNET Centre pertaining to Financial Year 2007- 2008.

5. Presentation of Annual Report 1st April 2006 to 31st March, 2007

The Annual Report of the Centre for the year 2006-2007 was approved by the Council. It was noted that the Annual Report has already been approved by the Governing Board in its 18th Meeting held on 3rd Dec., 2008.

6. Items Approved by the Governing Board which Requires Approval of the Council before it is Approved by the UGC

The following items were approved by the Governing Board of the INFLIBNET Centre in its 17th and 18th Meetings held on 20th June, 2008 and 3rd December, 2008. It was noted that these items require specific approval of the Council before formal approval of the UGC is sought:

6.1. Writing-off of Obsolete and Unserviceable Items including Computers, Furniture and Fixtures

The Council approved the writing-off and disposal of 39 unserviceable items costing Rs.95,45,722.00 (Rupees Ninety-five Lakhs Forty-five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-two only) as approved by the Governing Board in its 18th Meeting held on 3rd December, 2008.

6.2. Approval of Revised Purchase Procedures (in line with Government of India)

The Council approved the revised purchase procedures that were revised in line with Government of India rules. It was noted that the revised purchase procedures was approved by the Governing Board in its 17th Meeting held on 20th June, 2008.

6.3. Revised Qualification of Senior Technical Assistant (STA)

The Council approved the revised qualification for Senior Technical Assistant (STA). It was noted that the requirement of working experience for the post has been reduced from 4 years to 2 years because of poor responses to the advertisements for the post of STA. It was noted that the revised qualification for the post of Senior Technical Assistant (STA) was approved by the Governing Board in its 17th Meeting held on 20th June, 2008.

6.4. Enhancing Power of the Director for Appointing Contractual Staff

The Council approved the increase in Director's power for appointment of contractual manpower from Rs.4,000/- to Rs.10,000/- for a specified period of maximum 6 months. It was noted that the Governing Board in its 17th Meeting held on 20th June, 2008 has already approved the proposal.

6.5. Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for Scientist B in INFLIBNET Centre as Applicable to the Assistant Librarian / College Librarian

The council approved applying the UGC's Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for Assistant Librarian in universities and colleges for the Scientist-B at the INFLIBNET Centre. It was noted that the Governing Board in its 17th Meeting held on 20th June, 2008 has approved CAS for Scientist B as applicable to the Asstt. Librarian / college librarians.

6.6. Upgradation of Entry-level Post in Administration from Clerk-cum-Typist to Assistant

The Council noted and approved the proposal regarding upgradation of entry-level post in Administration from Clerk-cum-Typist to Assistant. Members were assured that proper procedures would be used for upgradation of existing staff to the new positions. It was noted that the proposal for upgradation of entry-level positions was approved by the Governing Board in its 17th Meeting held on 20th June, 2008.

7. Items Placed before the Council for Information

7.1. Recognition of SAL Hospital under the approved Health Scheme for Medical Treatment to the Staff and Beneficiary and Revision of rates for Specialist Consultation.

The Council approved inclusion of SAL Hospital under the approved Health Scheme for Medical Treatment for the Staff and their dependents and revision of rates for specialist consultation. The Members noted that SAL Hospital has already recognised by Government bodies like SAC, ISRO, PRL, etc. Members noted that the Governing Board in its 18th Meeting held on 3rd December, 2008 has already approved this proposal.
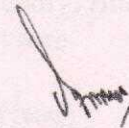
7.2. Proposal for Setting-up a University in Library and information Science

The Members discussed the proposal for setting-up of a University in Library and Information Science and suggested that the INFLIBNET Centre may concentrate on strengthening its research programme. The members pointed out that the INFLIBNET Centre is essentially a service organization and turning it into a university may hamper its main objectives of providing services to the higher education system in India.

7.3. National Seminar on "Open Access to Textual and Multimedia Content: Bridging the Digital Divide" jointly organized by the Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC) and Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET) (29-30th January, 2009 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi)

The Council took note of the National Seminar jointly organised by the INFLIBNET Centre and Council for Educational Communication (CEC) and hoped that the two Inter-university Centres would work together for providing services to the education sector.
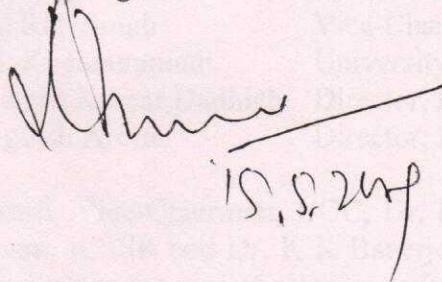
The Meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Jagdish Arora)
Director, INFLIBNET Centre and
Member-Secretary, INFLIBNET Council

Chairman, Governing Board

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