



உலகத் தமிழ் ஆராய்ச்சி மன்றம் INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR TAMIL RESEARCH

Meeting of I.A.T.R. held on 20th May 2015 at Chennai

PRESIDENT

Tan Sri Prof. Dr. T. Marimuthu

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Dr. M. Ponnaivaikko (India)
Dr. Jean-Luc Chevillard (France)
Dr. Martha Selby (USA)

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Dr. S.P.Thinnappan (Singapore)
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Dr. Ulaganayaki Palani (India)

TREASURER

R. Muthukumarasamy (India)
Tiroumale Chetty (Mauritius)

CO-ORDINATOR

Dr. P. Maruda Nayagam (India)

Members Present:

1. Tan Sri Dr.T.Marimuthu - President
2. Dr.V.C.Kulandaisamy - Past Vice-President
3. Dr.M.Ponnaivaikko - Vice-President (India)
4. Dr.Ulaganayagi Palani - Secretary General (India)
5. Thiru R.Muthukumarasamy - Treasurer (India)
6. Dr.Maruda Nayagam - Coordinator

The meeting took place at the residence of Dr.V.C.Kulandaisamy, Ex Vice President residence, No.41, M.G.R. Salai, Besant Nagar, Chennai 600 090.

Dr. V.C. Kulandaiswamy welcomed the new Executive Committee Members of the I.A.T.R. and Dr. Marimuthu, the President of IATR briefed the members about the 9th International Tamil Conference held at Kuala Lumpur in 2015 Jan 30th Feb. The President introduced the newly elected members to Dr.V.C.Kulandaiswamy. He reported the outcome of the I.A.T.R General Body Meeting held on 31st Jan 2015 held at the University of Malaysia. He also informed that the next 10th International Tamil Conference as promised by Dr.Francis S. Muthu, the newly elected General secretary of IATR will be held in the United States in 2017 at a suitable place in U.S. After detailed discussions the decisions were taken:

1. The President said that the National Units of I.A.T.R have not been opened in many countries except in Malaysia. He therefore

suggested that the National Units in India, South Africa, Mauritius, Canada, Australia etc. need to be opened. It was RESOLVED that in India Thiru. Nandan Masilamani be authorized to open the Indian Unit. It was further resolved that Mr.Micky Chetty be requested to open the South African Unit, and suitable persons be identified to open IATR units in the other countries.

2. Dr.Kulandaisamy suggested that IATR should give IATR Research Awards to the contributors for Tamil Development during the IATR Conferences. The idea was welcomed whole heartedly and the committee granted permission for the same.
3. It was suggested that a corpus fund for the Award need to be generated and it was RESOLVED that the same be approved.
4. Dr.Kulandaisamy graciously donated Rs.10,000/= towards the IATR Award Fund. The gesture of Dr.Kulandaisamy was well appreciated and the members thanked him.
5. It was noted that till now no Bank account was opened for IATR. It was therefore RESOLVED that two Bank accounts be opened in Chennai, one for IATR General fund and the other for the IATR Award fund. It was further RESOLVED to authorize Dr. M.Ponnaivaikko the Vice President and Mr.R. Muthukumaraswamy, the Treasurer to operate these accounts.
6. Dr.Ponnaivaikko said that there enormous insertions in the Sangam Literatures, like Tholkapium, Pura Nanuru, etc. which has pushed period of these literatures far back and he, therefore he suggested that IATR should give more concentration in this aspect and the IATR Conference themes should be suggested to address these issues. The suggestion was well taken and RESOLVED that this be followed for the future IATR conferences.
7. The General Secretary Dr.Ulaganayagi thanked the members and the meeting ended with vote of thanks.



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