

## First Meeting

### Minutes of the meeting of I.A.T.R. held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Chennai

#### 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 in the residence of Dr.V.C.Kulandaisamy, Ex Vice-President, at 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 9<sup>th</sup> International Tamil Conference held at Kuala Lumpur in 2015 Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015 held at the University of Malaysia. He also informed that the next 10<sup>th</sup> International Tamil Conference as promised by Dr.Francis S. Muthu, one of the newly elected General secretaries of IATR will be held in Chicago in the United States in 2017. After detailed discussions the following 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. NandanMasilamani be authorized to open the Indian Unit.
2. It was further resolved that Mr.MickyChetty be requested to open the South African Unit, and suitable persons be identified to open IATR units in the other countries.
3. 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.

4. It was suggested that a corpus fund for the Award need to be generated and it was RESOLVED that the same be approved.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. For enabling IATR to function as a registered society, it was RESOLVED that IATR India office shall be registered in Chennai as a non-profit non-Governmental Association under the Societies registration Act.
8. Dr.Ponnaivaikko said that there are enormous insertions in the Sangam Literatures, like Tholkapium, Pura Nanuru, etc. which has pushed the period of these literatures far back and therefore he suggested that IATR should concentrate in this aspect and take initiatives to publish the Sangam Literatures as செம்பதிப்புகள், removing the later insertions. His suggestion was well taken and RESOLVED to implement the same.
9. The General Secretary Dr.Ulaganayagi thanked the members and the meeting ended with vote of thanks.



( T.MARIMUTHU )

President