

**GMC GOLDEN JUBILEE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**TELECONFERENCE MINUTES**

**July 10, 2005**

Members Present: Drs. RD. Kumar & Sarala Rao (Co-Chairs)  
Drs. S. Cheela, KP. Sarma, V. Kusuma, R. Surakanti, Dilip Rao,  
U. Chintalapudi, D. Sudhaker Rao (Recording Secretary)

Guests: Ch. Chandra Sekar (Secretary GMCAA), Lingiah, Vachaspathi.

Members Excused/Absent: Drs. S. Reddy, P. Rupani, S. Kota, Govind Rao, Raja Reddy (President, GMCAA), B. Ramdev, S. Sagaram, Prashant Rao (Web master)

The meeting was called to order by Dr. R.D. Kumar at 9:05 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Dr. Vachaspathi from the class of 1980 was introduced by Dr. RD Kumar and was given the floor. He told the SC members about himself, their class union and other activities of both here in the US and in India. They are planning the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in December 2005 in Hyderabad. They have already created group e-mails of the class and he will share the list with the SC. He volunteered to be the liaison between his class and the SC.

Dr. Chandra Sekar, secretary GMCAA, joined from India and updated the activities of the GMCAA and of the construction of the AEC. He informed the SC members that there will be a year general body meeting on September 14, 2005, election of new office bearers by December 2005, and Trust will be established to oversee the long term goals of the AEC. He reminded the members about sending journals to the library.

Dr. Lingiah, who also joined from India, close update of construction activity and discussed the changes planned for the ground and second floors. It was agreed to have modular facility for the originally planned break out rooms on the first floor to allow flexibility. He told the SC members that the second floor roof was completed and the ground floor is now ready for installation of seating and other interior work.

Dr. Manchikanti, signed the construction completion and delivery contract on behalf of the SC during his visit in July. This was done in close and frequent telephone conversations between Dr. Manchikanti from India and Dr. RD Kumar, Chair of the SC. As a result, it is now assured that the AEC will be ready by December 2005 in time for formal inauguration.

Dr. RD Kumar, chair of the SC, updated the financial status of Golden Jubilee AEC account since Dr. Govind Rao could not attend. Based on what has been spent (approximately \$159,000) and the remaining balance (approximately \$120,000) in the Golden Jubilee account, there will be a shortage of \$150,000 - 200,000. Therefore, concerted efforts should be made to raise funds from alumni, majority of whom have yet

to contribute. Since, we are in the midst of forming GMC global alliance the fund raising activity will be postponed until after the retreat on August 13, 2005 in Chicago to discuss the GMC Global Alliance.

Dr. Cheela, Chair CME committee, mentioned that a CME is planned for the December celebrations and he will update further as the dates and program are finalized.

It was suggested that we consider Dr. Anji Reddy as the chief guest, but a few expressed reservation for fear of creating a perception of conflict of interest. This will be discussed further at later meetings.

It is hoped that arrangements for this year's celebrations will be closely supervised by the SC and its designated chair to avoid logistic problems experienced during the last celebrations in December 2004. Hotel Viceroy will be used as the head quarters hotel for the events in December 2005.

As in the past, opportunity was given to each member to express any additional thoughts and this was accomplished.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held at 9:00 p.m. on August 7, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

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D. Sudhaker Rao  
Recording Secretary; GMC Golden Jubilee AEC Standing Committee