

FORUM FOR GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING

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Report of the Secretary

(January 09, 2022)

I present this Annual Report [2020-21] of the activities to the Governing Council and General Body of the Forum for Global Knowledge Sharing (Knowledge Forum) through e mail:

Report on the activities: Since April 2020

Since April 2020 we have made a good progress in publications. We have been adding about 30 to 35 new research papers every year. One additional feature that we introduced recently is the section on "Communications" [and replaced the earlier section on commentaries], which provides details of the papers presented in our annual conferences or seminars and got published in peer reviewed journals. I am happy to inform you that we have 23 papers listed in it, which is over and above the papers that we have included in the edited books. We have also added a Policy Brief on FDI, prepared based on the discussion in the One day Seminar conducted at Centre for Policy Studies, IIT Bombay in February 2018. Regarding the conference papers, some members were not in favour of placing their papers in our open website due to restrictions imposed by journals. We are placing these papers under restricted access, protected by pass word. Only registered members with PW would be able to access them. *Springer* has published an edited book [edited by N.S. Siddharthan and K. Narayanan on the title "FDI, Technology and Innovation"] consisting of papers presented at 2017 and 2018 Conferences, as well as some papers presented in the One day Seminar at IIT Bombay in February 2018. Select papers presented in the Seminar at Madras School of Economics in

August 2018 has been published in the Taylor and Francis journal 'Innovation and Development'.

The *Governing Council* and the *General Body* meetings could not be held in person and therefore we are circulating the annual report through email. The draft annual report is prepared with the consent of Professor N. S. Siddharthan, President of the Forum. The General Body had earlier discussed at length and decided that the theme for the 15th Annual Conference should continue to be: *Technology and Economy*. We have received papers under this broad area of 'technology and economy' only and ready to conduct the annual conference as and when it is possible for all of us to travel freely and the social distancing norms are eased.

Conferences/Seminars Organised Since April 2020

XV Annual Conference on *Technology and Economy, we have an offer to be hosted by:* International Management Institute, New Delhi, dates to be decided once the social distancing norms are eased.

Participation

We have received very good response from Scholars from around the country with research papers. The abstracts were peer reviewed and the scholars were invited to submit the full paper. These papers have also been peer reviewed and the revised versions of the papers have been received.

Our Governing Council and General Body could not hold its meetings in person due to the Covid 19 related norms. However, the annual report has been circulated to both these groups and their feedback taken through emails. I wish to place on record my indebtedness to all the resource persons who could referee the submitted papers and provide valuable comments and suggestions for improvement. These exchanges have taken place during the lockdown period and amidst health challenges that we all faced during the last 18 months. We are grateful to eSocialSciences and in particular to Dr. Padma Prakash for hosting our website. I express my gratitude to Professor N. S. Siddharthan for his constant support, guidance and encouragement; to Professor Bino Paul for his consistent involvement and active contribution to all our activities. I thank Dr. Santosh Kumar Sahu for his active help in updating our website.

15th Annual Conference

The 15th annual conference was well planned and International Management Institute [IMI] had agreed to host it in their institution during December 4 to 6, 2020. We have received high quality research papers and many of them are accepted for presentation after peer review and revisions by the authors. However, due to the unfortunate development of lockdown during the threat of Covid 19 spread, we decided to postpone the annual conference to a later date. We have informed all the contributors and Governing Council members that we will reschedule the conference when it will be possible for us to travel and meet in person, and we will give a month's notice to them about the conference. IMI has promised to host the conference either in their Kolkata or Delhi campus, as and when it will be possible for us to travel safely and when the social distancing norms are relaxed.

Financial Position and Audited Statement

As you can see from our audit statement, we have invested the entire membership fee (including corporate members) in fixed deposits. We now have about Rs.7,34,296 in fixed deposits. Last year interest from fixed deposits and Savings account came to only about Rs. 52,018. The audited financial statements for the year 2020-21 is appended in this report. I recommend that the auditors, M/s. Raghu and Murali, Chennai, are appointed for another period of one year.

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K. Narayanan Honorary Secretary January 09, 2022

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