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*From the Editor*

*On behalf of the Editorial Board, I take pleasure in forwarding the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the 5<sup>th</sup> Volume of our Newsletter.*

*We look forward for your participation and comments.*

## *Editorial Board Members*

**Dr. Asis Goswami, Dr. A. K. Ganguli, Sri. K. N. Sen**

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## **Forthcoming International event**

- ☞ International congress on Humanizing Work and Work Environment  
Mumbai, December 11 - 14, 2001
- ☞ 3<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on women, Work and Health  
Stockholm, June 2-5, 2002
- ☞ XVI International Annual Occupational Ergonomics & Safety Conference 2002

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**Excerpts from the address of the President Dr. Sachchidananda Banerjee at the Annual General Meeting of the society held at Presidency College, Kolkata, on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2001**

“Dear Fellow Members, Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I welcome you all most cordially at this meeting and expect that the deliberations will be fruitful.

You are possibly aware that we lost our beloved first President of the Society, Dr. Hari Pada Chattopadhyay, on February 7, 2001 after a brief illness. He was the back bone of our Society. His contributions in the development of our Society will be remembered. May I request you to stand up for a minute to show our respect to the departed soul.

Due to continued absence of our General Secretary, Dr. R. N. Sen, from Kolkata many lapses occurred in the running of the Society. Some Founder members dissociated themselves from the Society. Remedial measures, therefore, were taken which included shifting of the office of the society from the residence of Dr. R. N. Sen to the Department of Physiology, Presidency College, Kolkata, arranging the 3<sup>rd</sup> ISE along with ERGOASIA sponsored by some of our disgruntled members so as to bring them under the parent body and other measures.

To enlarge the sphere of activity of the Society a seminar was arranged in the Science City, Kolkata in collaboration with the Loss Prevention Association of India Limited. The conference was held for two days and the key-note address was delivered by your President.

A membership drive to enroll members from business organizations and sister concerns has been made. With your participation and suggestions, I am sure the Society will grow from more to more.

You are going to elect a new Executive Council today after the end of this meeting. I hope you will include fresh blood in the Executive Council who will work enthusiastically to increase the sphere of activity of our society.

The basic studies on Ergonomics were started in the Department of Physiology, Presidency College, Kolkata in 1950. The subject of Ergonomics was included in the M.Sc. Physiology curriculum as a special paper and is taught at the Presidency College, Kolkata, the University College of Science and Technology, Calcutta University, and in Vidyasagar University, Midnapore.

The Department of Physiology was started in the Presidency College Calcutta in 1901 as a basic science. This was first of its kind in India. The Department of Physiology under the able leadership of Prof. Chandan Mitra, the Head of the Department, is going to celebrate the centenary year of the establishment of teaching of Physiology in the country in 2001. I wish your Society arranges a seminar on the occasion to highlight the importance of Ergonomical studies.

I thank all of you for your participation in this meeting”.

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**News of Members:**

Dr. Somnath Gangopadhyay, Life Member and presently Asst. Secretary, of ISE attended a Workshop on “*Advances in Occupational and Environmental Medicine*” at the University of California, San Francisco, USA, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2001, after receiving a prestigious scholarship from the University of California, San Francisco.

### **New Sub Committees:**

As discussed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2001 the following committees were formed.

These Sub-Committees were formed for one year (upto March) It was decided to review the performance of each sub-committee after one year (i.e. March 2002) for further action.

#### **1) Advisory Committee**

It was suggested to create an Advisory Committee consisting of the following persons:

1. Dr. W. Selvamurthy
2. Mr. R. Sethuraman

#### **2) Finance Sub-committee:**

Dr. Chandan Pradhan – Convenor and Sri A. Mukherjee and Sri A. Sasmal - Members

#### **3) Publication Sub-Committee:**

1. **Newsletter** – Dr. A. Ganguli and Dr, Asis Goswami – Joint Convenors, Sri K. N. Sen – Member
2. **Souvenir** – Dr. B. N. Lahiri and Sri Debudut Ghosh Thakur – Joint Convenors, Sri Ashis Sinha and Dr. Prakash Dhara - Members

#### **4) Workshop/Training Sub-committee:**

Dr. B. N. Lahiri Convenor and Sri Bimal Mukhopadhyay – Joint Convenors, Dr. G. G. Ray and Dr. D. Majumdar - Members

### **Membership Cards – Photo and other details :**

All Life Members of ISE are requested, to send two stamp size photograph and the following details to enable us to issue “Membership Cards”:

- 1) Name ( as you wish to display)
- 2) Address
- 3) Email
- 4) Organisation
- 5) Position

### **WELCOME New Life Members:**

- 1) Mr. S. Dhara

### **Forthcoming International Events:**

#### **ERGOASIA**

2001  
**HWWE**

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Mumbai, December 11 - 14, 2001

*Excellence through ergonomic practices*

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**Indian Society of Ergonomics (ISE) is a collaborator for this event.**

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#### **International Congress on Women, Work & Health**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on women, Work and Health will take place in June 2-5, of 2002 in Stockholm, organized by the National Institute for Working Life.

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**National Seminar on “Ergonomics, Occupational Safety and Health”  
held at Salt Lake City , Kolkata during 22-23 March 2001**



**Dr. Sachchidananda Banerjee, President ISE delivering Key-note address**

From L to R Dr. S. Banerjee, president, ISE, Sri R. K. Gangopadhyay, Chief Inspector of Factories, West Bengal, Mr. S. Naraynswamy, Managing Director, Loss Prevention Association of India Ltd, Mumbai, and Sri K. N. Sen, Asst. Secretary, ISE and Sr, Safety Engineer, Larsen & Toubro Limited, Kolkata



**Mr. Bimal Mukhopadhyay, Officer Incharge, LPA – Kolkata and Life Member, ISE, conducting the inaugural function**