

# **National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources**

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## **Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> ACC meeting held on 23 July 2010**

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The 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Apex Coordination Committee (ACC) was held on Friday, 23.07.2010 at 15.00 hrs in the NISCAIR Committee Room, SVM Campus. Shri Gauhar Raza, Scientist F attended as a special invitee. Issues discussed in the above meeting are given below.

### **CSIR initiative on science communication through multimedia**

The planned two-day National workshop for 10-11 Aug 2010 at CSIR Science Centre has been postponed. However, a one-day meeting with few experts on content development and basic infrastructure for studio has been fixed for 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2010 at Pusa campus. Director General, CSIR will be attending the meeting. Shri Gauhar Raza is hopeful of getting some concrete suggestions with realistic figures from expected experts. Initially, NISCAIR may plan for a studio with shooting floor and associated editing facility. Possibility of erecting the studio and related structures in NISCAIR (Pusa campus) is being explored.

### **Issuing 'certificate of indexed' to journals by Abstracting services**

Dr. R K Verma, Head, Abstracting Journals, NISCAIR invited attention/recommendation of ACC on requests from various journals covered by the abstracting journals ISA/MAPA for issuing certificate to them that they are being indexed by ISA or MAPA accordingly. The ACC recommended that the respective Editors, in their capacity as the Editor of the abstracting journal, may issue a letter as reply to such requests stating that the particular journal is indexed. In addition, the list of indexed journals may also be displayed in their respective home page in NISCAIR website.

### **Online submission/e-editorial**

The issue of online submission/processing of manuscripts by periodicals was discussed. The members agreed that the current online system has difficulties/shortfalls. The ACC recommended that the present system may be withdrawn and the other "Online publishing @NISCAIR" based on OJS proposed by Mr Sanjay Burde be placed on board after a demo.

### **Performance indicators of NISCAIR periodicals**

The issue of performance criteria i.e. the impact factor >0.5 and paid subscription 1000+ was brought to discussion by Dr. Kavathekar, Head, Periodicals (Life Sci.). He requested the Director to consider and give six months time to improve for those journals who do not qualify the said criteria. The Director said that he did not fix any particular time (target), as of now, on this but only shared his views that why can't NISCAIR think of strengthening those journals which show not only consistent performance but also a positive trend by pooling the existing manpower and drop/merge those journals which are consistently non performing.

This is issued with the approval of the Director.

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