



## FORUM FOR GLOBAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING

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*Meeting of the General Body, October 9, 2009, 5:30 pm.*

*Venue: TISS Mumbai*

### *Report of the Secretary*

(October 9, 2009)

I welcome you all to the general Body Meeting of the Forum for Global Knowledge Sharing (Knowledge Forum). Since April 2008 we have made considerable progress in publications and memberships. 24 new members have joined the forum and we have added about 30 new research papers in our “*Research Papers*” folder. We have also added three papers in the folder “*Reports on New Developments*”. In addition we have also published two books (published by *Oxford University Press* and *Routledge*).

In our last General Body Meeting held on October 17, 2008 at ISID, Professor Indiresan expressed his desire to be relieved of his responsibilities as the President of the Knowledge Forum. He suggested to me the name of Professor Hashim, who was vice-president of the Forum for the post of the President. The Governing Council unanimously elected Professor Hashim as the President of the Forum on October 28, 2008. We are grateful to Professor Indiresan for his guidance and wise council during the formative years of our Forum. Professor Indiresan continues to be a member of our Governing

Council. Professor Hashim, with his varied and wide experience in both research and institution building will guide us to carry forward and enlarge our activities.

**The Third Annual Conference of the Forum for Global Knowledge Sharing**  
***Globalisation of Knowledge Development and Delivery***  
***(Institute for the Study of Industrial Development, Delhi, October 17-18, 2008)***

The third annual conference was hosted by the Institute for the Study of Industrial Development (ISID), Delhi. The theme of the conference was *Globalisation of Knowledge Development and Delivery*. About 45 persons registered and attended the conference. The conference covered the following issues: (a) Globalisation of R&D – FDI in R&D; (b) mass collaborations, strategic alliances, open source and peer production; (c) networking of universities, research institutions and industry. About 18 research papers were presented in the five sessions covering the following themes: (1) *Global Knowledge Networks* (2) *Globalisation of Knowledge Development and Delivery: Perspectives* (3) *European Experience* (4) *Manufacturing Sector* (5) *Information Technology*. In addition there was also a panel discussion. There was also an inaugural and concluding session wherein Professor S K Goyal, founder of ISID delivered the valedictory address.

Scholars from the following institutions presented papers and acted as discussant - University of Groningen, The Netherlands; Centre for European Economic Research, Germany; Lessius University College, School of Business, Antwerp, Belgium; University of Antwerp, Belgium; University of Oxford, UK; University of Nagoya, Japan; Pardos Marketing, France; Georgetown University, Washington DC, US; University of Leeds; Lancaster University, UK; United Nations University, the Netherlands; Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai; Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai; Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay; Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, Delhi; Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, Delhi; Lady Sriram College, Delhi University, Delhi; UNCTAD, Delhi; International Management Institute, Delhi; TIFAC, Delhi; and ISID Delhi.

I am happy that our General Body is meeting now during the fourth Annual Conference on *Science Technology and Economy*.

We have been fortunate to have a core group of scholars who have been sharing their research findings in our annual conferences. We need to consolidate this core group and also expand this group. In this conference we have succeeded in having more papers from technologists for discussion. We need more participation from scientists and technologists to make our forum an interface between technology and economics. We have also been enjoying good participation in our conferences from European and US scholars. We need to maintain and strengthen our European and American links. However, there are funding problems. The Indian government funds can no longer be used to fund the travel of foreigners. We need to explore European and US funding agencies for funding the travel of European participants.

We also need to expand our participation rate in our conferences. In this context, I have a suggestion. At present our membership is restricted to those who have publications in refereed mainstream journals. We should not dilute this criterion for membership. However, we could have a separate category for student members. We could invite Ph.D. scholars to present papers in our annual conferences and offer student membership to those whose papers have been accepted.

### **Research Papers and Membership**

Since April 2008 we have added about 30 papers to our *Research Papers* folder of the website and 24 new members have joined the Forum.

Papers posted in our *Research Papers* folder are covered by google search. They are also covered by google citation index. The papers posted in our folder have already received several citations. Furthermore, eSocialSciences <http://www.esocialsciences.com> has also been giving wide publicity to our papers and programmes. They have also given a link to our website. The most important objective of our Forum is to bring together scholars from natural sciences, technology, business schools, economics and other social sciences under one platform and encourage them to conduct collaborative interdisciplinary research. Towards this end *Research Papers* folder of our website plays a crucial role. It helps scholars from diverse fields to identify other scholars belonging to other disciplines but working on themes relating to technology creation, development, transfer and globalisation. By examining the papers in our website, scholars who are interested in interdisciplinary studies can identify scholars from other disciplines for academic collaboration.

### **Financial Position and Audited Statement**

As you can see from our audited statement, we have invested the entire membership fee (including corporate members) in fixed deposits. So far our expenditures have been very modest. We were able to successfully conduct our annual conferences mainly because we were lucky in having excellent hosts who have been raising resources and conducting our conferences. However, due to the government order that government funds cannot be used for funding foreign scholars to attending conferences, we need to look for alternative sources of funding from Europe and US. We welcome help from our EU and US members for funding for our annual meet. In addition, we need to build an

endowment to meet our modest expenditures. For this we need to obtain institutional memberships and donations. We have specified Rs.1,00,000 for institutional membership for Indian institutions and \$10,000 for institutions from developed economies. In a very short span we have established our credentials in terms of research publications, conferences and membership. We need to use this to build a good endowment so that for future conferences we are in a position to rely at least partly on our own resources. I appeal to the members of the General Body to help us in this fund mobilising endeavour.

### **Concluding Comments**

In a short span of four years we have succeeded in attracting a core group of scholars who have been contributing to our web research papers series (working papers) and regularly attending our annual conferences. We have also published two conference volumes containing select papers presented at our conference, both published by Routledge simultaneously from New Delhi and London. We have also motivated some eminent corporate organisations to become corporate members. We need to carry this forward. In this context we need to give priority to two items:

1. Approaching EU and US funding agencies to fund travel of EU and US participants to the annual conferences.
2. Motivating EU and US corporations to become corporate members of the forum.

This will help us to expand our activities and give us a global presence. Now that we have established a good academic record in terms of publications and organising conferences, we should be able to approach international funding agencies and

corporations for support. I appeal to the members of the general body to take active interest in this venture.

*List of Research Papers since April 2008*

T. Jayaraman Does India need a BayhDole type Act? Misplaced Priorities in STI Policy 05-OCT-09

M V Rane Green Technologies Related to Refrigeration and Air Conditioning 05-OCT-09

Kannan Moudgalya Free and synchronous course delivery at IIT Bombay, 02-OCT-09

Stanley Nollen Innovation in Indian and Chinese Software Firms, 30-SEP-09

Vinish Catching-up or falling behind - Role of S&T in growth of emerging economies,29-SEP-09

Subash Sasidharan MNEs and Export Spillovers: An Analysis of Indian Manufacturing Industries, 14-SEP-09

K. Narayanan SOCIO-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT THROUGH ICT, 10-SEP-09

Aradhna Aggarwal The STPI scheme and Competitiveness of Indias IT industry: Historical Analysis and a Future Outlook, 08-SEP-09

Bino Paul What Factors Make a World Small? A Case of Economics, 08-SEP-09

V.N.balasubramanyam Science, Technology and Development: The Case of Indias Investments Abroad, 08-SEP-09

Aradhna Aggarwal Evaluating Innovation in Health Care Services: Impact of Yeshasvini Health Insurance Programme on Health Care Utilisation among Women, 20-AUG-09

Enrique Saravia State-owned companies and their use as instruments of scientific and technological policy. The brazilian case, 10-AUG-09

K. Lal Entrepreneurship and Technological Change in Malaysian SMEs, 10-AUG-09

Filip De Beule Multinational ownership and R&D intensity, 11-JUL-09

Saon Ray International technology diffusion and productivity, 23-APR-09

N. S. Siddharthan Determinants of R&D: Lessons from Literature, 20-FEB-09

N. S. Siddharthan Globalisation of Knowledge Development and Delivery., 06-OCT-08

K. Narayanan FDI and R & D in the Pharmaceutical Sector in India, 06-OCT-08

Jaya Prakash Pradhan Outward FDI and Knowledge Flows: A study of the Indian Automotive Sector, 02-OCT-08

K. Narayanan Technology Sourcing and Internationalisation of IT firms in India, 24-SEP-08

Aya Okada Innovation through Long-distance Conversations? Lessons from Offshoring-based Software Clusters in Bangalore, 23-SEP-08

N.Mrinalini R&D Internationalisation: With Special Reference to Indian Information Technology Sector , 20-SEP-08

Wilfred Dolfsma Innovation Systems as Patent Networks 15-SEP-08

K. Lal Entrepreneurship and Innovation Strategies in ICT SMEs in Enlarged Europe (EU25) 12-SEP-08

Pardos Growing Industrial Interconnections and Globalised Companies 10-SEP-08

Y.S Rajan Globalisation of Knowledge Development and Delivery: Technology and Policy Perspectives 10-SEP-08

Xiaolan Fu International and Intranational Technological Spillovers and Productivity Growth in China 08-SEP-08

Bino Paul Concentration in knowledge output to social network: evidence from India 07-AUG-08

Filip De Beule R&D, Product Renewal and Clusters in Belgium 20-JUL-08

Anja Schmiele Drivers and Effects of Internationalising Innovation by SMEs 25-JUN-08

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### **New Members Since April 2008**

1. E. Gelb, Centre for Agricultural Economic Research, Israel.
2. Anja Schmiele, ZEW, Germany.
3. Wilfred Dolfsma, University of Groningen, the Netherlands.
4. Suresh Babu, IIT Madras.
5. Xiaolan Fu, Oxford University, UK.
6. Nicolas Forsans, University of Leeds, UK.



7. V.N.balasubramanyam, University of Lancaster, UK.
8. M. R. Murthy, ISID, Delhi.
9. T. R. Madan Mohan, Browne & Mohan, Bangalore.
10. Srijit Mishra, IGIDR, Mumbai.
11. Subrata Sarkar, IGIDR, Mumbai.
12. B.S. Murty, IIT Madras.
13. Kanagaraj Easwaran, Mizoram University, Mizoram.
14. Rishikesha Krishnan, IIM Bangalore.
15. Kiran Abraham Zacharia, TIFAC
16. Enrique Saravia, Getulio Vargas Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
17. Atsushi Kato, Aoyama Gakuin University, Tokyo, Japan.
18. Sudip Chaudhuri, IIM Calcutta.
19. P. Vigneswara Ilavarasan, IIT Telhi.
20. Ravinder Rena, PNG University of Technology.
21. Kannan Moudgalya, IIT Bombay.
22. M. V. Rane, IIT Bombay.
23. Sridhar Iyer, IIT Bombay.
24. T. Jayaraman, TISS, Mumbai