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### ***Report of the Secretary***

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I welcome you all to the general Body Meeting of the Forum for Global Knowledge Sharing (Knowledge Forum).

#### **Report on activities: Since April 2016**

Since April 2016 we have made considerable progress in publications. We have added about 42 new research papers. We also a Folder “COMMENTARIES”. *Springer* has brought out an edited volume consisting of papers presented at 2016 Conference. This is being released in this conference.

#### ***Conferences/Seminars Organised Since April 2016***

**XI Annual Conference on “Globalisation of Technology and Development”, Hosted by: Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, 2-5, December, 2016**

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About 90 persons from 30 institutions registered and participated in the conference.

Professor S R Hashim, President, Knowledge Forum, could not attend because of the sudden cancellation of his flight from Delhi. In his absence Professor Stanley Nollen (Georgetown University and Vice President of the Forum), Chaired the Introductory Session. Professor Malathy Duraisamy (HoD HSS IIT Madras) welcomed the participants. Professor N S Siddharthan presented the ‘Tour of the sessions’ and Professor Kensuke Fukushi (Tokyo University) delivered the ‘Key Note’ address. Professor K Narayanan (IIT Bombay and co editor of the volume) gave an introduction to the volume published by *Springer* containing select papers presented at our 2014 conference and 2015 March workshop. Professor A K Mishra (Dean Academic Research, IIT M) released the volume. Professor K Narayanan proposed the vote of thanks.

The *Governing Council* and the *General Body* meetings were Chaired by Professor Y S Rajan (ISRO and Vice President of the Forum). The General Body decided the following theme for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference:

***Changing Paradigms in Technology, Trade and Development***

**Participation**

Scholars from the following institutions participated:

***International***

1. Georgetown University, Washington DC.
2. Centre for International Environmental Studies, Graduate Institute of Geneva, Switzerland
3. CUNY Brooklyn College and Graduate Center
4. Tokyo University
5. United Nations University, Maastricht, the Netherlands.
6. ILO Geneva

***Delhi***

7. Delhi University
8. JNU
9. CSIR-NISTADS
10. ISID
11. Society for Development Studies

***Mumbai***

12. IIT Bombay
13. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)
14. eSocialSciences
15. Reserve Bank of India
16. Tata Trusts

***Chennai***

17. Madras School of Economics
18. IIT Madras
19. Madras Institute of Development Studies
20. IFMR
21. MIDS
22. Indian Institute of Materials Management

### ***Bangalore/Karnataka***

23. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
24. Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC)
25. National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal
26. IIM Bangalore

### ***Kerala***

27. CDS Trivandrum
28. IIM Kozhikode

### ***Other Cities***

29. Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management, Shillong
30. IIT Indore

### **Technical Sessions:**

21 research papers and 4 case studies were presented.

The following persons Chaired the technical sessions and initiated discussions:

- **K. L. Krishna**, Chairman MIDS and former Director Delhi School of Economics, (DSE)
- **N. S. Siddharthan**, Hon. Director Knowledge Forum and Hon. Professor Madras School of Economics
- **Y. S. Rajan**, Distinguished Professor (ISRO)
- **Malathy Duraisamy**, Head H&SS, IITM
- **Ashok Jain**, Former Director, NISTAD CSIR
- **P. Duraisamy**, ICSSR National Fellow MIDS and former Head Dept. of Econometrics, University of Madras
- **Stanley Nollen** (Georgetown University, Washington D.C.)

### **Session 1: *FDI Spillovers***

Issues Discussed:

- Worldwide shift of FDI to services and its impact
- Firm capabilities and FDI spillovers
- Employment growth, exchange rate volatility and FDI

## **Session 2: *Outward FDI***

Issues Discussed:

- M&A and outward FDI
- Outward FDI and international production network
- Pull and push factors of FDI

## **Session 3: *FDI Other Issues***

Issues Discussed:

- FDI and business cycle co-movements
- Culture, quality of innovations and governance
- Domestic private investments and FDI

## **Session 4: *Innovations***

Issues Discussed:

- Innovation, product life cycles and intellectual property rights protection
- Organizational learning capability for responding to innovation and change
- Board characteristics, ownership structure and technological efforts

## **Session 5: *Information Technology***

Issues Discussed:

- Global technologies and higher education in India
- ICT and SMEs

## **Session 6: *Technology***

Issues Discussed:

- Intra industry trade and technology
- Globalisation and growth

## **Session 7: *Industry Studies***

- Pharmaceutical industry: New patent regime and monopoly power
- Basic metals: Productivity and determinants
- Paper and pulp industry: Technical change and energy efficiency
- Auto component industry: Labour, information technology and knowledge management

### **Session 8: *Brainstorming Session on Changing Nature of FDI***

- Changing Nature of FDI: Need to re-examine the productivity spillovers
- FDI: Shift to services
- Technology services

### **Session 9: *IIT Madras Case Studies***

- Patents and IPR management
- Joint ventures and know-how transfer
- Solar desalination technologies
- Micro-electronics industry

In the concluding session the participants expressed their appreciation and thanks to the hosts, IIT Madras, for efficiently organizing an excellent conference and in particular were full of admiration for the student volunteers for their enthusiasm and helpful nature.

## **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

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I am happy that our General Body is meeting now during the 12th Annual Conference on ***Changing Paradigms in Technology, Trade and Development*** at **Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies, Bhubaneswar**. We would like to thank the Tata Trusts for their partnership in organising the conference. In addition to hosting the conference NCCDS has also organised the Ph.D. Workshop. I wish to place on record my indebtedness to Professor Sirjit Mishra and Dr. Dash for their active involvement in organising the conference. We are grateful to eSocialSciences and in particular to Dr. Padma Prakash for hosting our website. I express my gratitude to Professor S R Hashim for his constant support and encouragement; to Professor K Narayanan for his consistent involvement and active contribution to all our activities. I thank Dr. Santosh K Sahu for his active help in preparing and arranging the conference material.

### **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.7,34,977 in fixed deposits. Last year interest from fixed deposits came to only about 55,343 rupees. For the current conference we have received Rs.10 lakhs from Tata Trusts. In addition NCCDS has mobilised another 2 lakhs. I express my gratitude to Tata Trusts for their partnership in organising our annual conferences and seminars.

N S Siddharthan  
Hon. Secretary  
November 9, 2017