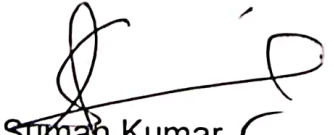


API-AFMS GENERAL BODY MEETING ON 4 MAY 2025

1. Introduction: The API-AFMS chapter which began in September 2023, had its first GBM which was conducted on a virtual platform on 04 May 2025.
2. Attendance: Attended by 35 API-AFMS members, who joined the meeting on virtual platform.
3. Flow of the GBM:
  - (a) The meeting commenced with opening remarks by Chairperson API-AFMS, Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja SM, VSM\*\*, who welcomed all participants and emphasized the vision and collaborative spirit of API-AFMS.
  - (b) This was followed by handing over of the Chair to Surg RAdm Vivek Hande VSM, Sr Consit (Med).
  - (c) Secretary API-AFMS, Brig Suman Kumar, then provided a brief about API-AFMS, its background, ongoing initiatives, and the importance of structured academic and professional engagements across the AFMS community.
4. Nomination of Office bearers: Since its inception, API-AFMS chapter has been conducted various CMEs at AFMC, Pune. With an aim of expansion of this body and involvement of other AFMS hospitals in CMEs, the following office bearers were nominated:
  - (a) Co-Chairperson: Lt Gen BN Shahi (Retd)
  - (b) Honorary Secretary: Brig Suman Kumar
  - (c) Joint Secretary: Brig Anil Menon (Retd)
  - (d) Section Editor: Col Y Uday
  - (e) Associate Section Editor: Surg Cdr Vineet Behera
  - (f) Executive Committee Members:
    - i. All Heads of Departments (HsOD), Medicine of CHNC, CHSC, CHEC, CHCC, CHWC, BHDC, AHR&R and INHS Asvini
    - ii. Air Cmde(Retd) VK Sasindhran
  - (g) Treasurers: Maj Arun Valsan (Retd), Brig SP Gorthi (Retd), Col VP Singh (Retd)
5. The Senior Consultant discusses briefly the agenda points put up during the GBM along with other attendees.
6. Air Mshl Sandeep Thareja, SM, VSM\*\* concluded the meeting with the following key points:
  - (a) More serving and younger officers must be encouraged to engage with API-AFMS and participate in GBMs.
  - (b) Quarterly CMEs and activities should be scheduled on fixed, pre-decided dates for consistency and participation.

  
Brig Suman Kumar  
Prof & HOD (Dept of Int Med, AFMC)  
Hon Secretary, API-AFMS

**MINUTES OF THE GBM: 04 MAY 2025**

SN	Name & Designation	Points for Consideration	Action	Info
1	Surg RAdm Vivek Hande VSM, Sr Consit (Med)	Next Annual CME of API-AFMS to be conducted in Hybrid mode at AICTS under the aegis of Respiratory Medicine. The HsODs of Respiratory Medicine at Army Hospital (R&R) and AICTS will finalize the theme and dates.	HOD Respiratory Medicine AICTS & HOD Respiratory Medicine, AH R&R	
		<b>Recommended</b> Efforts to expand the API-AFMS membership: a) All HsODs, Senior Advisors and veterans in medical colleges to actively promote membership. b) A target of 400 members by the end of 2025 was set.	Heads of Departments (HsOD), Medicine of CHNC, CHSC, CHEC, CHCC, CHWC, BHDC, AHR&R and INHS Asvini	
		All major training activities across AFMS will be disseminated under the API - AFMS umbrella.	Section Editor and Executive Committee	
		Actively seek young physicians, especially from peripheral hospitals, to volunteer in API-AFMS initiatives like website updates and Newsletter contributions.	Heads of Departments (HsOD), Medicine of CHNC, CHSC, CHEC, CHCC, CHWC, BHDC, AHR&R and INHS Asvini	

2	Brig Muthukrishnan SM, VSM Commandant 167 MH	Greater involvement of other hospitals in CMEs, with AFMC as the nodal centre. AFMC was reaffirmed as the central hub for the Annual CME, with active support from Command hospitals.		
		<b>Recommended</b> Proposal for short, specialty - oriented CMEs every 2-3 months at other AFMS hospitals was well received. <b>Recommended</b>		
3	Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja SM, VSM** DGMS (Air)	a. Research funds should not be outsourced through API-AFMS. b. Strict adherence to NMC regulations for funding; pharmaceutical industry support to be allowed within norms. c. Funds may be handled by veterans where appropriate. d. Donation under prevalent IT norms, to be allowed for enhancing funds. <b>Recommended</b>	Treasurers API-AFMS	
4	Lt Gen BN Shahi (Retd)	It was agreed that Lifetime Membership will be instituted for eligible individuals. <b>Recommended</b>	Secretary API-AFMS	
5	Brig Suman Kumar, Prof & HOD Med, AFMC	a. A dedicated "Achievements" subsection to be added to the website. b. Inclusion of Critical Care Medicine as a recognized sub-specialty on the website. <b>Recommended</b>	Section Editor & Executive Committee	