



**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE (IBSC), BITS, PILANI – K K BIRLA GOA CAMPUS**

Meeting held on 09/09/2017 (Tuesday), 1600-1710 hrs. at the Conference Room, BITS.

**Attendance:**

<b>Members Present</b>			<b>Members absent*</b>
<b>Prof. G. Raghurama</b> (Chairperson)	<b>Dr. Samir Damare</b> (External Expert)	<b>Dr. Utpal Roy</b> (Internal Expert)	<b>Prof. Urmila Barros</b> (DBT nominee)
<b>Prof. Sunil Bhand</b> (Member Secretary)	<b>Dr. Sumit Biswas</b> (Internal Expert)	<b>Dr. Judith Braganca</b> (Internal Expert)	<b>Dr. Raghavendra KM</b> (Biosafety Officer)

**\*Member absent:** Prof. Barros expressed her inability to attend by mail. Dr. Raghavendra was on some emergency duty.

1. The meeting was chaired by the Director of the Campus, Prof. G. Raghurama.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Dr. Sumit Biswas, after which the chairman sought a comprehensive follow up of the roles of the committee.
3. The committee was apprised of the following action taken:
  - a. A questionnaire for self declaration of IBSC compliance with respect to a project proposal has been formulated, and has been in use for the last 8 months,
  - b. A budgetary cost for a BSL 2 facility had been submitted by the HoD, Biological Sciences for consideration to the Director,
  - c. Three proposals had been issued IBSC compliance certificate since January 2017.
4. The chairman enquired about the scope of expanding and covering larger projects that needs BSL 2 facility or such infrastructure. It was suggested to the HoD, Biological Sciences to explore the users, expenditure, etc. and provide a detailed report on proposal for the inclusion of a BSL2 facility as part of the Central Facility of the Institute.
5. For increasing awareness among the users of biosafety-related material, Dr. Biswas has to send a global e-mail to all individuals highlighting the need of biosafety measures and the availability of the IBSC as a guiding committee.