



MINUTES OF 102nd EC MEETING

Venue: Conference Room, Hotel Rezzas, Ahmedabad

Date: 1st March 2025

Timing: 10:30-1:30

Elected and Co-opted members

Members present

1. Urmila Rajadhyaksha	Honorary President
2. Rohini Prasad	Honorary Vice-President
3. Devayani Deshmukh Upasani	Honorary Secretary
4. Deepak Rao	Honorary Treasurer
5. Manjusha Ukidve	EC member
6. Rukkumany R H	EC member
7. Maithily Velangi	EC member
8. Ankur Jajpuria	EC member
9. Rashmi Paramesh	EC member
10. Sarang Bhide	Co-opted member

Invited members

11. Simran Malkani	Office Manager
12. Hrishikesh Phadke	IFLA APR Core Organizing Committee member

Members absent with notice

13. . Rashmi Paramesh	EC member
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Hon. President Urmila Rajadhyaksha presided over the meeting.

1. Appraising the members regarding the Research grant

Devayani Deshmukh Upasani informed the members that an agreement has been drafted in consultation with legal counsel. The agreement will be signed by Urmila Rajadhyaksha and Devayani Deshmukh Upasani on behalf of ISOLA and forwarded to the grant recipient, Rahul Sukumaran, for his signature. This will complete the initial stage of the grant-related documentation. The paperwork required for the first stage of disbursement will follow thereafter.

Manjusha Ukidve informed the members that the first review meeting for the grant, involving the Committee members, has been conducted. However, Rahul Sukumaran has not responded to follow-up review requests post-meeting. ISOLA is currently working to bring the review timeline back on track. It was proposed that a clause be included in future Research Grant agreements to address such issues, clearly outlining the steps to be taken if a grant recipient fails to complete work or attend reviews as scheduled. This was agreed by all members.

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Sridevi Rao suggested restructuring the payment schedule to include only two stages: an initial mobilization amount and a final payment upon completion of the work. Deepak Rao added that the Committee members' input on this suggestion would also be sought before moving forward.

2. Education Board update

R.H. Rukkumany provided an update on the activities of the Education Board. She informed the members of the three programmes for renewal of ISOLA recognition

PVP COA Pune has currently discontinued the course, and therefore have not submitted a review application.

Sushant School, Delhi has also closed its program, but ISOLA has not yet received any formal communication regarding this closure.

Manipal Institute, Jaipur has submitted a request for course review and inspection, which is scheduled to take place within the coming week

Rukkumany also informed the members that the Education Board has been in communication with member institutes regarding the Global and National Studios being organized as part of the IFLA APR Conference. She added that the conference theme, "*Growth Paradox*," has been integrated into the studio projects at the participating institutes.

It was discussed that a display space be given for Studio work at the Conference venue. Devayani Deshmukh suggested a blind review could be conducted for selecting the best work from the institute. Rukkumany suggested that ISOLA give them a format/ template for display as well as presentation.

Rukkumany enquired regarding concession for the Conference registration for student delegates. Devayani Deshmukh informed that the fees for students have already been subsidised and a separate discount is not required.

3. ISOLA Membership

Devayani informed the members that 86 people have renewed their membership under the Grand Amnesty scheme 2025-26.

4. IFLA APR Conference

Devayani Deshmukh informed the members that the

- The details of the agreement between ISOLA and Exhibetter (the event management company shortlisted for IFLA APR) is in progress as per suggestions from ISOLA Auditor, Rajnikant Trivedi and lawyer Divij Saurabh Mehta.
- She further informed that for the selection of the event management company, a list of 15 Event Managing Companies had been put together out of which 7 were shortlisted based on various criterias as per ISOLA requirements. After multiple rounds of discussions Exhibetter has been finalised.
- Weekly online Meeting with the IFLA APR Committees have been
- The brochure for the congress is already shared on various platforms on social media
- A detailed calender for the promotion of the event has been worked out by the team and the promotions for the congress will begin

- ISOLA has received permission to use the Incredible India logo for IFLA APR Congress 2025.
- Hrishikesh Phadke of the Finance Committee is in talks with donors for the Conference. A list of probable donors has been curated by the team. The donation slabs have been fixed. He further appraised that the IFLA APR committee has offered to share the event details with the international contacts and also help ISOLA with their donor contacts.
- Since the event shall be organized through a event manager, the ISOLA auditor has advised that the term sponsor instead of donor can be used during communication.
- Ankur Jajpuria appraised the members about the promotion strategy. Separate calendars for posting have been made for various platforms.
- The office currently handling the ISOLA website maintenance has been appointed to design the IFLA APR website. Hrishikesh informed that when the website is launched, it will be ready for registration in the month of May.
- Sridevi Rao suggested that the call for papers needs to go out early.
- Devayani Deshmukh further suggested that the static website can be launched earlier with the call for papers.
- Urmila Rajadhyaksha suggested that separate email id to be made for the IFLA APR communication. A discussion regarding group ids and comparison between Microsoft and google was shared by Hrishikesh Phadke. Based on the same all the members agreed to continue the communication with google ids.
- Rohini Prasad volunteered to look into the delegate kit.
- Devayani Deshmukh informed the members that the first donation with respect to the IFLA APR id has been deposited by Hrishikesh Phadke on behalf of NewArch think space. The Ec agreed that this donation be used to begin the work on the ISOLA Monograph.

5. **WLAM celebrations**

Urmila Rajadhyaksh suggested that the theme this year could be 'Towards Vikasit Bharat' All members agreed to the suggestion. Manjusha Ukidave would be coordinating the same.

6. **Any other topics with the permission of the chair**

It was agreed to go ahead with the collaboration with BMS College Bangalore. Maithily Velangi to coordinate the same.

Urmila Rajadhyaksha updated the members ISOLA will be signing the MOU with IIA at the IIA NatCon in Indore for a duration of 3 years. The MOU with IRALE is already signed while the IGBC MOU is due for renewal.

Suggestions were sought for MOU with OPEN BIM. It was agreed to explore the possibility whether the collaboration can be used for capacity building of members. Urmila Rajadhyaksha updated the members that Harish Vangara along with a few other members has volunteered to explore the possibility.

Devayani Deshmukh updated the members that the elections for the Central executive council will be scheduled in the month of March and April with the new team taking office in May post the handover meeting.

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Chapter Representatives

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| 10. Sudhir Chougule | Bangalore |
| 11. Sujata Hingorani | Delhi |
| 12. Sarath Rajiv | Hyderabad |
| 13. Prachi Wakaley | Maharashtra |
| 14. Nilesh Deshpande | Mumbai |
| 15. Savita Raje | Madhya Pradesh |
| 16. Hemanshu Taneja | Rajasthan |

Invited members

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| 17. Simran Malkani | Office Manager |
| 18. Hrishikesh Phadke | IFLAAPR Core Organizing Committee member |

Members absent with notice

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| 20. Ganga Krishnan | Kerala |
| 21. Priyanka Kanhere | Gujarat |
| 22. Seetha R | TNPY |

Hon. President Urmila Rajadhyaksha presided over the meeting.

1. Appraising the members regarding the topics discussed in the morning EC meeting

Devayani Deshmukh Upasani appraised all the members regarding the topics discussed in the morning meeting.

2. Appraising the members regarding the IFLA APR Congress activities

Devayani introduced the Conference themes and sessions to the members.

- Key note: Growth Paradox: Dilemma and Critical thinking.
- Session 01: Need for Relooking at the Development paradigm; Diverse ecosystems, Contexts and tensions
- Session 02: Cultural and Regional contextuality; A tool to rethink about growth.
- Session 03: Ecological and social ethics; Inclusive landscapes.
- Session 04: Questioning the status quo, Need for a paradigm shift; experiments and overlaps of pedagogy, practice and research.
- Public lecture: Resilience and adaptation; role of the landscape architect

Sujata Hingorani, Sridevi Rao and Hrishikesh Phadke gave recommendations for speakers. Devayani requested everyone to send these suggestions on email at the earliest so it could be closed in a week's time.

She further updated the members that Urmila Rajadhyaksha, Hrishikesh Phadke and her had a meeting with the IFLA Committee for updating regarding the progress of the congress. She also updated that Hemanshu Taneja will be co ordinating on behalf of ISOLA for the IFLA APR awards organization.

ISOLA has received permission from the Ministry of tourism to use the Incredible India logo for the IFLA APR congress

Maithily Velangi appraised the members about inclusion of Quiz in the Congress sessions. It was discussed that the quiz could include teams from various allied organizations. Maithily further updated the members that the quiz would begin as a pre-congress activity culminating on the days of the congress.

Rukkumany RH gave an update about the National Studio. She updated the members that all the institutes recognized by ISOLA are working on the broader theme of Growth Paradox for the present semester. Each institute has been asked to interpret the theme to create individual briefs. The selected works from each institute will be

Devayani Deshmukh updated the members that the day tours for the congress are being curated by Swati Desai, Shraddha Palande and Gayatri Narkar. She further appraised that the post congress tour curated by the chapters should focus on highlighting the landscapes of the particular region. She requested all the chapters to get back with their suggestions for the tours at the earliest. Sujata Hingorani suggested that a travel agent be brought on board to curate the post conference tours. Urmila Rajadhyaksha suggested that we would need to define the role of such a person at our end.

Sujata Hingorani and Sudhir Chougule updated the members regarding the congress and expo layout. They further updated the members that the layout would be modified further as per discussion with the event management team to incorporate technical and safety requirements as per the venue norms as well the financials of the expo. It was suggested

that Landscape Architects could come on board to custom design stalls for the Gold/Platinum donors, however the discussion did not conclude in any direction.

Hemanshu Taneja suggested that a competition be held for the Art Installations that are to be a part of the pre-Conference activities.

Hrishikesh Phadke updated regarding the delegate categories The present categories proposed were ISOLA member, National delegate, Foreign Delegate and student delegate.

He further updated that the fees for the delegates will be finalized shortly and as per the discussions with the IFLAAPR team the award nights will be charged separately.

2 WLAM update

Urmila Rajadhyaksha informed everyone that the theme for WLAM 2025 would be 'Towards Vikasit Bharat' and that Chapters should plan activities related to the theme. Manjusha Ukidave added that spreading awareness about our profession and about the theme was the two-fold aim of the WLAM.

3. Chapter update on website

Manjusha requested all Chapter representatives to share data about Chapter activities for website by March 15th. She also requested everyone to submit revised Chapter reports at the earliest.

It was discussed that Hyderabad Chapter is to complete printing of Conference books by July 25th 2025.

4. Any other topics with the permission of the chair

Devayani Deshmukh updated the members that the elections for the Maharashtra, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Madhyapradesh chapter are ongoing and the new committee will take over on 1st April

Minutes of meeting by

Devayani Deshmukh Upasani, Hon Secretary ISOLA

Drafted by

Manjusha Ukidve, ISOLA EC member

