Commissioning of Well-researched In-depth Reports on topics of Scientific and Societal Importance

The Academy has launched a new scheme on preparation of in-depth reports on topics of scientific and societal issues. INSA Fellows are invited to undertake studies in areas of their expertise and prepare thoroughly researched authoritative documents. These reports are expected to serve as reference documents. These will be brought out as INSA Publications after peer-review of the manuscripts. In case there are irreconcilable differences between the authors and the reviewers these will be reproduced in the documents. However, the views expressed in the report will be solely those of the author/s and not that of the Academy. The length of the final reports is expected to be of about 200 printed pages and will have references to all the published literature in the field. Exceptions can be made in special cases on the basis of the justification submitted by proposers. The authors will keep in mind that the readership will be quite diverse including experts in the field, young and active researchers, policy makers, government authorities and general public. The duration of the project will be 1 year.

Proposals for preparing Study Reports will be invited from the Fellowship once every year in a prescribed format. The proposals will articulate the basic approach as well an outline of the contents. The Reports are expected to cover review of the status at international level and indicate strengths of India in the particular area. The report can be prepared by a single or group of authors, including non-Fellows. However, the lead author will be a Fellow of the Academy.

All the proposals will be reviewed by a Committee Chaired by President INSA and constituted of Vice Presidents. Their recommendations will be submitted to the Council for final approval. Up to ten Reports will be commissioned each year.

If specific proposals are received from Government Departments/Agencies for studies on specific topics these will also be placed before the Committee of INSA Officers, mentioned above. The topics will be circulated among fellowship, inviting concrete proposals.

The Academy will provide necessary financial support to the proposals selected for preparing Reports. This may include a project assistant, a computer operator, essential hardware like a PC, Contingency funds of Rs 50, 000. The support staff shall be paid as per DST norms. The authors will be paid suitable honorarium after publication of the Report.
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