

Kerala Council for Historical Research

42nd Executive Council Meeting

MINUTES

Date: 31-10-2018

Time: 10 am

Venue: KCHR

EC Agenda 42.1 – The Chairperson welcomed the Council Members and expressed his pleasure at the august presence of this gathering and their advices which are important for the development of the organisation.

EC Agenda 42.2 – The Minutes of the 41st Executive Council Meeting held on 4th May 2018 was read and passed.

EC Agenda 42.3 - The Minutes of the X Publications Committee Meeting held on 25th October 2018 was discussed and passed with modifications. (Please see Annexure I)

EC Agenda 42.4 - The Minutes of the IV Archaeological Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26th October 2018 was discussed and passed with modifications. (Please see Annexure II)

EC Agenda 42.5 - The Minutes of the XII Finance and Administration Committee Meeting held on 29th October 2018 was discussed and passed with modifications. (Please see Annexure III)

EC Agenda 42.6 - The Minutes of the IV Research Advisory Committee Meeting held on 30th October 2018 was read and passed with modifications. (Please see Annexure IV)

EC Agenda 42.7 -Any other matter with the permission of the Chairman.

42.7.1 : Change of designation and salary increase to Smt. Bibitha K R, Museum Volunteer

EC considered the request of Smt. Bibitha K R, Museum Volunteer for the increase of salary existing Rs. 10,000/-) and discussed the matter in detail and observed that she deserves an increase in salary. Also discussed the change in designation of Museum Volunteer to Museum Assistant Grade II

- 1. The EC decided that the designation of the Museum Volunteer to be changed to Museum Assistant Grade II**

2. **Authorized the Director to fix the appropriate remuneration. The remuneration can be changed from Rs.10,000/- to Rs. 17,675/- as per GO(P)No 112/2018/Fin dated 21/07/2018.**

42.7.2 : Honorarium to Reviewers

Proposals sent to KCHR for various grants/ scholarships/ assistance are sent for review to experts in respective fields. The EC discussed whether an honorarium may be given to the reviewers

It was approved that reviewers to which different proposals are sent by the KCHR may be given an honorarium of Rs. 1000.

42. 7.3: Proposed Lecture Series

The EC discussed the possibility of starting a new lecture series in memory of eminent anthropologist Shri. A. Ayyapan. The proposal had already been discussed by the Chairperson with the KCHR staff. The EC also discussed the possibility of conducting the series with the participation of Kannur University and CDS, Thiruvananthapuram.

The first lecture of the proposed series on A. Ayappan may be conducted in Kannur in March 2019 and the Honourable Vice Chancellor of Kannur University and the Director, Centre for Development Studies may be contacted for that purpose.

42.7.4 : Library matters

The Library Committee is to meet on 3 November 2018.

Authorized the Director to take necessary action to meet the proposals of Library Committee which is to be held on 03-11-2018.

42.7.7.Regarding Updating the KCHR website

As per governmental order, G.O. (Rt.) No. 1325/2018/ H.Edn dated, 9.7.2018, "vi. All the orders, circulars, notices and announcements of the organization, the minutes of the policy making bodies in institutions like Executive Committee Meetings, Administrative Board Meetings, General Body meetings once approved shall be uploaded" on the organization's website. The EC discussed the matter.

The EC approved updating the KCHR website as per requirements of the Government Order

As per, G.O. (Rt) No.76/2018/H.Edn. Dated 9.1.2018, the chairperson is to have the perks equivalent to Vice Chancellors of Universities. Hence a flag needs to be put up on the Chairperson's car. The EC discussed the matter of the flag to be put up on the Chairperson's car.

The EC decided that the flag may be put up on the Chairperson's car as per governmental regulations with the insignia that is to be designed as per PC Agenda 10.6.2. approved by the EC

The meeting came to a close at 4 pm.



Chairman



Director

Annexure I of the Minutes of the 42nd EC

The Minutes of the Xth Publication Committee held on 25-10-2018 at 10.30 am

The members attended were Professor P.K. Michael Tharakan, Chairperson, KCHR, Smt. Haritha V. Kumar IAS, Director, KCHR and Dr. Rajesh S.V, Archaeology Dept, University of Kerala

PC Agenda No 10.1: Chairperson welcomed the committee.

PC Agenda No. 10.2: Director's Report was read, discussed and passed with a few changes marked in bold.

Updates on the activities carried.

1: As decided in the EC Agenda No 41.4 and PC Agenda No 9.5, Proposals for financial assistance for publishing selected Social Science Research/Studies were invited along with the advertisement of KCHR Fellowships, Scholarships and Assistantship. The last date for the receipt of the application was 31st July 2018. 5 applications are received.

2. As decided in the EC Agenda No 41.4 and PC Agenda No 9.4, the initiative, Interface with the Public - Discussing History for Constructive Approach, to promote awareness of the public in the socially relevant contemporary issues and promote participation of the public in various KCHR activities has been initiated as KCHR Seminar Series.

The preliminary Seminar was conducted on October 2018, October 22nd at KCHR Annexe, Kesavadasapuram. In the seminar titled as 'Kadalarivukalum Neranu bhavangalum' Sri, Robert Panipilla (Friends of Marine Life) presented the subject on the basis of his book titled same. Sri.A.J. Vijayan, (PROTHSAHAN), discussed the topic presented. Professor P.K Michael Tharakan chaired the programme. The topic was well discussed by the participants and Sri. Robert Panipilla replied to the queries of the participants.

Recommendations to the EC: Director suggested sharing the video documentation of the seminar to the Directorate of Collegiate Education to telecast through video conferencing for the benefit of the college students.

The EC acknowledged the efforts and offer of the Directorate of Collegiate Education to telecast public lectures/ other events through video- conferencing. Public events held by the KCHR can be telecast in this manner if the possibility exists.

3. As decided in the EC Agenda No 41.4 and PC Agenda No 9.3, to initiate public relation and regular rapport with the academia, the project, *Interface with the Public- One Day History Workshop* for the scholars/history students of various Colleges, steps

have been taken. Steps have been taken to contact with the Colleges in Thiruvananthapuram District to commence the history workshop. The programme will be commenced in the month of November 2018.

Recommendations to the EC: It is suggested that preliminary workshop of the post graduate students may be commenced after Puthuppally Raghavan Memorial Lecture tentatively scheduled to conduct on 2018 November 14th. Director volunteered inviting Women's College for the preliminary workshop.

Approved by the EC

4. Publication of Diaries and Letters of Late Smt. Eliamma Mathen.

The steps will be initiated soon.

Recommendations to the EC: A Scholar may be entrusted the task of writing an introduction on the social and economic context referred in the text. The Committee authorized Director and Chairperson to suggest a scholar for the same.

Dr. Jaiprakash Raghavaiah was nominated by the EC to be entrusted with the above work.

5: Publication of Diaries of Prof. TI Poonen

The steps will be initiated soon.

Recommendations to the EC: The crowd transcription of the Diaries of Prof. TI Poonen may be carried out through the DKP website as followed in transcription of Diaries of Late Smt. Eliamma Mathen. The Transcription project may be advertised for inviting public response in this regard. A team of scholars may evaluate the transcribed text and a member of the team may be entrusted the task of preparing the introductory part with specific relevance to the pedagogical and other teaching methods used at that time.

Approved by the EC: It was also decided to publish the diaries in a book form with interpretative introduction by an expert by the year 2020.

6: Publication of Vocabulam Malabaricum by Arnos Pathiri

The steps will be initiated soon.

Recommendations to the EC: The publication may have introductory papers on the social, religious and language scenario of the 18th century Keralam. Two experts in the respective fields may be entrusted the task of preparation of introductory papers. As Research Officer and Academic Coordinator have joined the KCHR team, the actions may be initiated soon.

Approved

PC Agenda No 10.3: Financial Assistance for Publication of selected Social Science Research / Studies

As decided in the EC No 41, Proposals for financial assistance for publishing selected Social Science Research/Studies were invited along with the advertisement of KCHR

Fellowships, Scholarships and Assistantship. The last date for the receipt of the application was 31st July 2018. Five applications are received for Publication Grant. A committee may be constituted to decide upon the received proposals for financial assistance for publication. The detailed list and the proposals received for financial assistance is tabled for perusal.

Recommendations to the EC: The received proposals may be forwarded to Research Advisory Committee to decide upon the selection and suggest further proceedings.

EC referred the matter to be decided in EC Agenda 42. 6.

PC Agenda No 10.4 : Printing of KCHR Diary and Calendar for the year 2019

1000 Nos. of Calendar and Diaries for the Year 2019 may be printed to be distributed to KCHR friends and associates. A committee may be constituted for taking decision on finalizing the matter/ pictures to be included in Diary. Rs. 16,90000/- is earmarked this year for printing diaries, calendar etc.

Recommendations to the EC: Committee approved to print 1000 copies of Diaries and Calendar for the year 2019. Committee recommended printing 1000 nos of KCHR notepads to be provided in future meetings, seminars and workshops of KCHR. Also 1000 nos of KCHR cloth carry bags may be purchased for the use of sale of books. The committee authorized the Director to formulate a committee to decide upon the matter/pictures to be included in the Diary and Calendar.

- i. The Director was authorized by the EC to look into the matter of whether a diary and calendar can be published or not in the light of the restriction on expenditure after the August 2018 floods.
- ii. The printing of 1000 number of notepads and 1000 number of cloth bags were approved by the EC.

PC Agenda No 10.5 - Biography of Captain De-Lennoy by Sri. P.G Thomas - Proposal to Publish by KCHR

Sri. P.G Thomas, Pulikkattu Madathil, TC IX/1902(i), Edavakkode, Kariyam Road, Sreekaryam P.O, Thiruvananthapuram, submitted the manuscript of the biography of Captain De-Lennoy (typed in 65 A4 pages in two parts) to be published by KCHR. The same is tabled for perusal.

Recommendations to the EC: The received proposal may be forwarded to Research Advisory committee to decide upon the selection and suggest further proceedings.

EC referred the matter to be decided in EC Agenda 42. 6.

PC Agenda No 10.6 : Any other matter with the permission of Chair

No. 10.6.1 : Printing of the Annual Report and Newsletter

Recommendations to the EC: The annual report for the last two years and KCHR Newsletter may be printed. An editorial committee for the Annual Report and News Letter with Director as Chairperson, Publication Assistant as Convener and Research Officer, Academic Coordinator, Research Assistant and a staff from Administration as members may be constituted. Committee suggested Ms. Hitha V (Research Assistant) and Sri. Dineesh Krishnan (Administration) to the committee.

Approved by the EC

PC Agenda No 10.6.2 : Creation of KCHR Souvenir

Recommendations to the EC: A committee may be constituted for the selection/creation of a KCHR insignia. Committee authorized Director to constitute a committee for the same.

Approved. The EC authorized the Director to conduct a competition among the students in creating an insignia for KCHR as per PC Agenda 10.6.2. approved by the EC



Chairperson



Director

Annexure II of the Minutes of the 42nd EC
The Minutes of the IV Archaeological Advisory Committee held on 26-10-2018 at 10.00 am

The members present were 1. Professor P M Rajan Gurukkal, Chairperson, AAC;
2. Professor Michael Tharakan, Chairperson, KCHR;
3. Professor Shereen Ratnagar and
4. Smt. Haritha V Kumar IAS, Director, KCHR

The members absent were 1. Professor K.N. Ganesh and 2. Professor K Rajan

AAC Agenda 4.1: The Chairperson, KCHR welcomed the members.

AAC Agenda 4.2: In his introductory remarks, the Chairperson, AAC, felt that if the KCHR Archaeological Advisory Committee can make a self appraisal of its role in its contribution in solving issues at hand of the KCHR archaeology related affairs, that would be more ideal and fruitful. He also added that the current issue to be sorted out is the preparation of the comprehensive report of the Pattanam Excavations carried out by the KCHR.

AAC Agenda 4.3: The Minutes of the III AAC held on 21-06-2018 was considered and passed.

Approved by the EC

AAC Agenda 4.4: The Director's Report was read and approved with follow ups to be carried out in point No.4.

1. As per AAC Agenda 3.3 regarding reports on Pattanam Excavation and Consultancy by Dr. P J Cherian, since more discussions are needed, it is kept as a separate Agenda No. 4.8 of this current AAC meeting.
2. As per AAC Agenda 3.6.1 regarding KCHR PG Diploma Course in Archaeology and Epigraphy Course, the matter is to be discussed as a separate Agenda No. 4.9 of this current AAC meeting.
3. As per AAC Agenda 3.6.2 regarding the KCHR role in Spice Route Initiative, the developments are kept as a separate Agenda No. 4.5 of this current AAC meeting.
4. Regarding the collaboration between KCHR and the Palace Museum, China, for the setting up of an archaeological laboratory at Pattanam, as per AAC Agenda 2.3.10, the Committee had felt that a laboratory thus set up can be made use of by other institutions especially those of which are engaged in archaeological research in Kerala and nearby states. Upon correspondence with the Palace Museum, they have intimated us that a team of researchers from the Palace Museum would be visiting KCHR in early December 2018.

Recommendations to the 42nd EC on point No.4 is as follows:

- i. On Chinese Collaboration there was discussion. The committee members (Professor Rajan Gurukkal and Professor Shereen Ratnagar) expressed

concerns over the exact nature of the agreement and the feasibility of instituting a lab.

- ii. Further clarity will be obtained at the time of visit of the delegation from China in December. For this visit, a committee of experts should be constituted. The names suggested include, apart from the AAC members, Dr. K. Krishnan, Dr. Velayudhan Nair and Dr. Benny Kuriakose, who can be invited sometime in the first two weeks of December during the proposed Chinese delegation visit.
- iii. In discussions on the location and funds for instituting a lab, the Finance Officer's opinion was sought. FO is of the opinion that this can be done from the 2019-20 budget. The possibility of having an additional grant or of using unutilized funds in 2018-19 is to be found out. If a new head is made for the purpose it should be for Laboratory *cum* Museum *cum* Library.
- iv. The Finance Officer is directed to resuscitate the FCRA number and to keep the FCRA alive.

It was decided to recommend to the EC to authorize the Director to welcome the delegation from China and invite experts as well as the AAC members to meet with the delegation and have negotiations on the type of laboratory and instruments to be installed, to find out about the recurring expenditure for the maintenance of the Laboratory etc.

Approved by the EC

AAC Agenda 4.5: Spice Route Initiative

As part of the Conference on Spice Route Initiative held on 15th and 16th of June 2018 at Kochi and Alappuzha co-ordinated by the Muziris Heritage Project Limited, The Government of Kerala has asked KCHR, Institute for the Study of Coastal Heritage Kerala (ISCHK) and Centre for Heritage Studies (CHS) to conduct an International conference on the theme. In this regard, a meeting was conducted on 14-08-2018 at KCHR, with Chairperson KCHR, Prof. Kesavan Veluthat, ISCHK, Prof. M.R. Raghava Varier, Shri. P M Noushad, MD MHP and Shri. Benny Kuriakose, Consultant Architect along with KCHR staff. A committee was formed to co-ordinate. The participation of these three institutes was requested to play a role in the construction of 50 Museums. They are to provide the necessary academic justification, historical contexts and to help to locate artefacts. One Research Associate may be appointed for this project.

It was discussed and recommended to the EC for approval.

Appointment of one Research Associate for the initiative was also recommended to the EC for approval. The existing vacancy for Research Assistant can be suitably modified to fit in the qualifications required.

Approved by the EC

AAC Agenda 4.6: International Conference on Spice Route Initiative

An International Conference will be organized on March 2019 at Kochi as part of Spice Route Initiative collaborating with Institute for the Study of Coastal Heritage

Kerala (ISCHK) and Centre for Heritage Studies (CHS). The preliminary discussion was held on 04/10/2018 at ISCHK office with Prof. Kesavan Veluthat, Shri. P. M Noushad, MD MHP and Chairperson, KCHR along with staff members of KCHR and ISCHK regarding the resource persons to be invited for the conference.

As per the suggestion of the Chairperson that the matter has to be discussed rather than ratified, it was discussed and recommended to the EC for approval.

Approved by the EC

AAC Agenda 4.7: Pattanam Master Plan modifications

A meeting was conducted at Pattanam site office on 03-10-2018 with Chairperson KCHR, RO (i/c), FO, and Pattanam staff regarding the modifications on Master Plan. The modifications decided were as follows:

- i. Once the Interpretation and Reception Centre buildings being constructed by the Muziris Heritage Project are completed, the KCHR Pattanam Office and Children's Museum can be shifted to those buildings. In this regard, the thus vacant spaces of the Pattanam Office and Children's Museum may be used as Faculty room and Library respectively.
- ii. The present Food Court near the Pattanam Camp Office will be used as a cafeteria.
- iii. KCHR may also construct a Guest House in the KCHR owned plot lying next to the Government proposed Maritime Museum at Pattanam.

The following points were discussed:

- i. The interpretation centre needs computer based facilities, display facilities and research knowledge input. An estimate of cost for the purpose needs to be prepared. The interpretation centre will need technical staff. This could possibly come under the head "Park, Museums, Interpretation centers related expenses and caring of KCHR plots at Pattanam".
- ii. One of the Research Associate posts vacant can be made use of for the co-ordination of the plan proposal.
- iii. In the discussion on the proposed interpretation centre, it was also suggested that Dr. Venugopal, Director of the Heritage Program at Sanskrit University be contacted as an expert.
- iv. The Interpretation Centre prepared by the Periyar Tiger Reserve should be referred to for inputs regarding the planned Interpretation Centre at Pattanam.
- v. Other suggestions: Professor Shereen Ratnagar has agreed to facilitate acquisition of back volumes of the Bulletin of the Deccan College for the Library.

All the above suggestions are recommended to the EC for approval.

The EC approved and authorized the Director to go ahead with the recommendations of the AAC.

AAC Agenda 4.8: Final order appointing Dr. P.J Cherian as Consultant -discussion regarding

Regarding the appointment of Dr. P. J. Cherian as Consultant for the preparation of a Wheeler kind of Report and Comprehensive Report, more discussions are needed. It was decided to recommend to the EC for writing to the Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education for approval from the Government before offering the Consultancy to Dr. P.J. Cherian. In this regard, another option was also suggested by Professor Rajan Gurukkal and Professor Shereen Ratnagar that the already existing consolidated report can be whetted and made into a Wheeler type of report by the Research Officer and Research Assistants of KCHR without much difficulty.

- i. The EC decided not to proceed further with the Consultancy of Dr. P J Cherian for the preparation of Wheeler type/ Comprehensive Report of Report of the Pattanam Excavations straight away.
- ii. Also authorised the Director, KCHR to prepare the Wheeler type and Comprehensive Reports with the possible assistance of scholars who have participated in the Pattanam excavations from among the KCHR staff and outside and other archaeological experts.

AAC Agenda 4.9: Indian Institute of Archaeology (India)

An Epigraphy course is to be organised by KCHR at Pattanam in association with the organisations like ISCHK, Kodungallur; CHS, Thripunithura; Institute for Intangible Heritage (Sanskrit University, Kalady), Malayalam University; Archaeology Department, University of Kerala, State Archaeology Dept., State Archives Dept. Initially, the course will be in Epigraphy but after a couple of years, it could be advanced into a multi-subject Diploma Course with subjects such as Archaeology and Intangible Heritage as well. A Committee may be formed for preparing a curriculum and suggestions for appointing faculties.

1. The above mentioned certificate course in Epigraphy can be commenced in 2019. The committee members approved the suggestion. The course can even be part-time. Professor Shereen Ratnagar suggested the name of Dr. Nirmala Kulkarni of Pune University as an expert to consult in matters of curriculum alongside other experts. She pointed out that the curriculum should be balanced in terms of regional/script representation.
2. Kalady University seems to be planning a Master's program in Intangible Heritage. The KCHR can collaborate with this program. In the model of the Masters program at School of Social Sciences, MGU, the Masters can have three optional specializations- Archaeology, Epigraphy and Heritage.

It was approved and recommended to the EC to authorize the Director, KCHR to form a Committee for preparing the curriculum and collect suggestions on the part time certificate course in Epigraphy.

- i. The EC approved the AAC recommendation of a part time epigraphy certificate course at Pattanam.
- ii. The syllabus of the proposed epigraphy course is to be prepared by Professor Kesavan Veluthatt and Professor Raghava Varier.

- iii. Another suggestion to be considered during the commencement of the course is that the mandatory training required for staff of the State Archaeology Department and Archives Departments in Epigraphy may be provided by the new course; in consultation with the respective department heads.

AAC Agenda 4.10: Appointment of Research Associates and Museum Assistant

The Research Associate of Pattanam Camp Office, Shri. Saravanan R, has resigned from KCHR on 2nd October 2018 as he has got appointment as Assistant Professor at Pocker Sahib Memorial Orphanage College, Thirurangadi.

The vacant posts at Pattanam camp office at present are as follows:

Research Associates - 2, Resident Architect - 1 and Museum Assistant - 1

The absence of the above personnel at Pattanam, affects KCHR programmes.

The qualification and the remuneration fixed for these posts are as follows:

Research Associate (2 Posts) Qualifications for each:

Research Associate (Post 1)

Candidates with Ph.D or equivalent or above qualifications in Archaeology/ History/ Anthropology only need appear.

Remuneration: Rs.40,000/- consolidated per month

Research Associate (Post 2)

Candidates with Ph.D or equivalent or above qualifications in Archaeology / Ancient History only need appear.

Remuneration: Rs.40,000/- consolidated per month

Resident Architect:

Qualification: B.Arch. or equivalent or above; M.Arch/Research background in conservation management of heritage buildings.

Remuneration: Rs.30,000/- consolidated per month

Museum Assistant:

Qualification: Post Graduate degree in History/Museology/ Archaeology with 55% marks. Experience in Museology desirable.

Remuneration: Rs. 16,500/-consolidated per month

The sentence "The absence of the above personnel at Pattanam affects KCHR programmes" need to be expanded. The possible expansion could be "The absence of the above personnel at Pattanam affects the maintenance and planned works at the Pattanam Site and the institution of the proposed epigraphy course".

On the three proposed posts, the following suggestions were made:

Research Associates (2): The necessary qualification should be changed to MA (History/Archaeology/Anthropology) with desirable qualifications as PhD/ MPhil and Experience.

Resident Architect: The selection can be postponed for the time being as the architectural work might come under the responsibility of the MHP Ltd.

Museum Assistant: No changes were suggested.

To recommend to the EC for approval

- i. The EC approved the above posts.

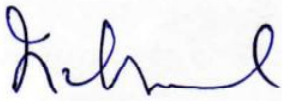
- ii. The EC suggested that since the Museum Volunteer's post is of paid status, the post may be renamed as Museum Assistant Grade II and also decided for a revision of salary. Authorised the Director to fix the remuneration taking into consideration the -pay equal to that of the pay of the Museum Assistants working with the State Archaeology Department.

AAC Agenda 4.11: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

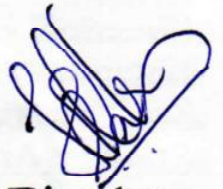
Agenda 4.11. 1 : Request for putting up of a pavilion of the Pattanam Archaeological artefacts at St. Mary's School, Thamarachal on Nov 11th 2018

The matter of transporting artefacts from Pattanam and LED panels to the exhibition venue of the St. Mary's school was discussed. The Committee unanimously felt that no artifacts excavated should be transported to the venue of the exhibition taking into consideration the archaeological value of the artifact. However, an exhibition cum sales counter of the KCHR publications can be offered at the exhibition venue.

Approved by the AC



Chairman



Director

Annexure III of the Minutes of the 42nd EC

**Minutes of the XII Finance & Administration Committee Meeting held
on 29th October 2018 at 10 am**

The members present were

- 1. Professor P. K. Michael Tharakan, Chairperson, KCHR**
- 2. Smt. Haritha V Kumar IAS, Director, KCHR**
- 3. Dr. M.T.Narayanan, Dept. of History, SSS University, Regional Centre, Payyannur**
- 4. Dr. Muhammed Maheen A., Dept. of History, Calicut University, Thenjipalam**

The members absent were

- 1. Principal Secretary to Govt, Higher Education Dept., Govt. of Kerala.**
- 2. Principal Secretary to Govt, Finance Dept., Govt. of Kerala.**

F&AC Agenda 12.1: The Chairperson welcomed the members of the Committee.

F&AC Agenda 12.2: The Director's Report

- 1. The Minutes of the XI F & AC Meeting held on 26-04-2018 has been confirmed in the 41st EC held on 04-05-2018.**
- 2. As per EC Agenda 41:3, and F&AC Agenda 11.4 regarding the vacancy of the posts of Research Officer and Academic Co-ordinator, Dr. Rachel A Varghese as Research Officer reported for duty on the FN of 24 -10-2018 and Dr. Suneesh K.K as Academic Co-ordinator on the FN of 22 -10-2018.**
- 3. As per F&AC Agenda 11.5 regarding the hiring of Cleaning personnel for KCHR Library, it was decided to hire the services of a full time cleaning staff for cleaning and maintain the KCHR library and collections and also for interaction with library users in the absence of the Librarian, on daily wage basis (as per EC Agenda 40.7). It was also decided to post a person from the existing rank list of full time sweepers which was published against the vacancy of Full Time Sweeper cum Sanitation Worker for KCHR Annexe, Kesavadasapuram. It was approved by the ECA: 41:3. The 2nd rank holder in the list of Full time sanitation worker, KCHR, Smt. Bindumole S, was appointed as Full time Sweeper Cum Sanitation worker on daily wages and she has reported for duty on the F N of 2nd July 2018.**
- 4. As per F & AC Agenda 11.6 regarding the Technical Committee for assessing the work done by M/s Exeevents, a Committee was constituted by the Director consisting of Assistant Engineer, Electronics, PWD, Ernakulam, Research Officer, KCHR and Finance Officer, KCHR.**
- 5. As per F & AC Agenda 11.7 & EC Agenda 41.8, regarding Pattanam Master Plan, it was decided to move further on the basis of discussion with MHP Public Ltd. Co.**

6. **As per F&AC Agenda 11.8:** Appointment of Library Assistant at KCHR against the vacancy of Library Assistant which arose at KCHR due to the deputation of Shri. Mathew George to Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies [KUFOS] for a period of one year, Shri. Mathew George was relieved on the AN of 20-01-2018 to KUFOS Kochi. **[Kept as a separate Agenda No.12.4 in the current F & AC Meeting].**
7. **As per F&AC Agenda 11.9** regarding the revamping of Chairperson's and Director's Cabins, work order was given to SIDCO for an amount of Rs.4,23, 845 (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and forty five only) for the revamping of Director's cabin and personal room.
8. **As per F&AC Agenda 11.10** regarding Chairperson's entitlement of Use of Car, arranged Toyota Innova car from M/s Cherrys Tours and Travels on monthly rent basis for 3000 KMs at Rs.54,600 (Rupees Fifty Four Thousand Six Hundred only) and in excess of 3000 KMs at the Rate of Rs.15 per KM per month including all charges.
9. **As per F&AC Agenda 11.11** regarding the Constitution of Advisory Council as per KCHR MOA, a Committee is to be formed for the preparation of a panel from the different categories mentioned in the MoA by the Chairman.
The EC authorised the Director to form the Advisory Council as per the regulations given in the MoU regarding this.
10. **As per F&AC Agenda 11.12:** Pay Revision of KCHR Staff, it was decided to recommend to the EC to implement the 10th Pay Revision to KCHR staff, pending the rectification of the reduction in salary scales of 9th pay revision. It was approved by the EC 41:3.
The file is pending for discussion with the Director KCHR.
11. **As per F&AC Agenda 11.13,** Admissibility of DA, incidental expenses etc. for official tours to Drivers on daily wages eligible for Departmental Drivers appointed on daily wages, to KCHR Drivers also appointed on contract/daily basis was approved by the EC and implemented.
12. **As per F&AC Agenda 11.14,** For widening of the pathway to Children's Museum, Pattanam, it was decided to recommend to the EC to purchase the 00.81 ares (around 2 cents of land) for widening the path from Main Road to Children's Museum as it is highly essential for the further development of the Pattanam site was approved by the EC. The file is pending for discussion with the Director.
13. **As per F&AC Agenda 11.15** regarding an official phone connection for KCHR Chairperson, a post paid BSNL mobile connection was arranged for him.
14. **As per F&AC Agenda 11.16** regarding the renovation of Children's Museum Pattanam, it can be incorporated along with the implementation of Pattanam Master Plan.
15. **As per RAC Agenda 3.15,** in appointing a Research Assistant in the existing vacancy for DKP project, which arose on the resignation of Smt. Jincy Joseph on 31-07-2017, Shri. Abey Thomas has been appointed and he has reported for duty on the FN of 24th September 2018. **[Kept as a separate Agenda No.12.4 in the current F & AC Meeting].**
16. **As per EC agenda 41.7** regarding the installation of Aluminium composite panel,

LED Panel Name Boards at KCHR Kesavadasapuram Annex, a Purchase Committee meeting is to be convened. Meanwhile a letter has been forwarded to SIDCO enquiring about the possibility of SIDCO carrying out the works according to our requirements.

17. As per EC Agenda 41.9.1 regarding Life Membership in the KCHR Friends Forum, no more Life Memberships are being offered at KCHR. The Membership Committee consisting of Chairperson, KCHR and Director, KCHR as ex officio members, Dr. Suresh Jnaneswaran and Dr. Muhammed Maheen as members for looking into the memberships of the KCHR Friends Forum will be convened as soon as possible depending on the convenience of the members.

'No more Life Memberships are being offered at KCHR' has to be changed to 'New Life Membership at KCHR is suspended for the time being'.

Recommended to the EC for discussion.

18. Research Associate of Pattanam Camp Office Shri. Saravanan R has resigned from KCHR on 2nd October 2018 as he has got appointment as Assistant Professor at Pocker Sahib Memorial Orphanage College, Thirurangadi (Please see Agenda No.12:5).

The Director's Report was read, discussed and passed with the modification in 12.2.17.

All of the above were read, discussed and passed by the EC

F&AC Agenda 12.3 : Appointment of one Research Assistant at KCHR in DKP Project.

A Research Assistant was found required for the DKP project in the existing vacancy which arose on the resignation of Smt. Jincy Joseph on 31-07-2017. Qualifications for the post are as follows. 1. Post Graduation in Social Sciences; 2. Desirable MPhil/PhD; 3. exposure or experience in the tasks of documenting the resources and sources related to the documentation project ; 4. Desirable: Proficiency in using computers, camera scanners etc.

As per RAC Agenda 3.15: it was decided to recommend to the EC to appoint a Research Assistant in the existing vacancy for the DKP project with the changes to the essential qualifications. Instead of 'PG in the Social Sciences', the essential qualification should be 'PG in History and Allied Subjects'. The EC approved the same vide agenda 41:3.

Remuneration: Rs. 25,000/- consolidated salary pm month.

The interview was conducted on 18-09-2018.

The posting of the Research Assistant became very essential, as KCHR has to submit to Govt. a report on the Documentation of Historical Data on how the people of Kerala faced the earlier natural disasters and how the then Government and authorities faced them. A meeting on the same was proposed on 24th September 2018 at KCHR. Smt. Haritha V Kumar IAS Director of KCHR was on leave from 17th September 2018 to 1st October 2018 and it was known from the Directorate of Collegiate Education that the orders of transfer of charge had not been issued till then. In the above circumstances,

the Chairperson had ordered to publish the rank list of the candidates as submitted by the interview Board and the posting orders to be given to the 1st rank holder. The list was published in the KCHR website and notice board on 19th September 2018. Appointment letter was given to the 1st rank holder Shri. Abey Thomas and he has reported for duty on the FN of 24th September 2018.

Approved and ratified. Recommended to the EC.

Approved by the EC.

F&AC Agenda 12.4 : Appointment of Library Assistant at KCHR

Against the vacancy of Library Assistant which arose at KCHR due to the deputation of Shri. Mathew George to Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies [KUFOS] for a period of one year, Shri. Mathew George was relieved on the AN of 20-01-2018 to KUFOS, Kochi. Two applications were received for appointment in KCHR on deputation basis.

- i. Shri. Ratheesh A.G, Library Assistant, School of Tourism Studies, MG University, PD Hills P O., Kottayam.
- ii. Smt. Kavitha G Nair, Librarian Grade III, College of Engineering, Attingal, (managed by IHRD).

The EC 41:3 authorised the Director to conduct an interview for the applicants for the post of Library Assistant at KCHR on deputation. An interview was conducted on 10-07-2018 in the chamber of the Director of Collegiate Education. Out of the two who applied for the post on deputation basis, only Smt. Kavitha G Nair appeared for the interview. The Director KCHR, Smt. Haritha V Kumar IAS and Dr. Suresh Kumar, Assistant Librarian. Kerala University conducted the interview. Smt. Kavitha G.Nair however expressed her disinterest orally later. Anyhow, a letter of appointment is being forwarded to her.

The present status: Deputation period of Shri. Mathew George is up to 21st January 2019.

It was decided to recommend to the EC to advertise for deputation posting after 10th November 2018, if Smt. Kavitha G. Nair has not reported for duty by then.

Approved by the EC.

F & AC Agenda 12.5 : Posting of staff at Regional Office, Pattanam KCHR

The vacant posts at Pattanam camp office at present are as follows:

Research Associates - 2, Resident Architect - 1 and Museum Assistant - 1

The qualification and the remuneration fixed for these posts are as follows:

Research Associate (2 Posts) Qualifications for each:

Research Associate (Post 1)

Candidates with Ph.D or equivalent or above qualifications in Archaeology/History/Anthropology only need appear.

Remuneration: Rs.40,000/- consolidated per month

Research Associate (Post 2)

Candidates with Ph.D or equivalent or above qualifications in Archaeology / Ancient History only need appear.

Remuneration: Rs.40,000/- consolidated per month

Resident Architect:

Qualification: B.Arch. or equivalent or above; M.Arch/Research background in conservation management of heritage buildings.

Remuneration: Rs.30,000/- consolidated per month

Museum Assistant:

Qualification: Post Graduate degree in History/Museology/ Archaeology with 55% marks. Experience in Museology desirable.

Remuneration: Rs. 16,500/-consolidated per month

On the three proposed posts, the following suggestions were made as suggested in the IV RAC held on 26-10-2018.

1. **Research Associates (2):** The necessary qualification should be changed to MA (History/Archaeology/Anthropology) with desirable qualifications as PhD/ MPhil and Experience.
2. **Resident Architect:** The selection can be postponed for the time being as the architectural work might come under the responsibility of the MHP Ltd.
3. **Museum Assistant:** No changes were suggested.

To recommend to the EC for approval.

i. The EC approved the above posts.

F & AC Agenda 12.6 : Annual Budget for the year 2019-20

KCHR submitted its budget proposal for the year 2019-20 for Rs.10 Crore to the Government of Kerala with the approval of Director and Chairperson. The budget proposal for the year 2019-20 is submitting herewith for approval.

Approved. To be recommended to the EC.

Approved by the EC

F&AC Agenda 12.7 : Cash crops sale- Pattanam Regional Office KCHR

The collection and sale of the cash crops from 7.22 acres of KCHR owned land at Pattanam leased to Shri. M. A. Pradeesh for a period of one year from 1st December 2017 to 30th November 2018, obtained a total amount of Rs.32,000/-.

Action may be taken to renew the contract or to call fresh quotations for the collection of cash crops like coconut, arecanut, nutmeg etc. for the next one year from 1st December 2018 to 30th November 2019.

It was decided to recommend to the EC to call for fresh quotation for the next one year.

Approved by the EC

F&AC Agenda 12.7: DA enhancement

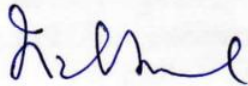
The Government of Kerala has enhanced DA vide GO(P) No.84/2018/Fin dated 07.06.2018. It may be implemented to KCHR Staff.

Recommended to the EC for approval.

Approved by the EC

F&AC Agenda 12.8: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

Nil



Chairperson



Director

Annexure IV of the Minutes of the 42nd EC

Minutes of the IV Research Advisory Committee held on 30-10-2018
at 10 am

The members present were

1. Professor P. K. Michael Tharakan, Chairperson, KCHR
2. Smt. Haritha V Kumar IAS, Director, KCHR
3. Professor Kesavan Veluthat, Consultant, ISCHK, Kodungallur
4. Dr. M.T. Narayanan, Dept. of History, SSS University, Regional Centre, Payyannur

The member absent was

1. The Director, State Archaeology Department

RAC Agenda 4.1: The Chairperson welcomed the members. He emphasised the importance of the work of the RAC and suggested for speedy decision making. The RAC may meet more often.

The EC felt that the frequency of RAC meetings may be increased from once in four months to once in three months.

RAC Agenda 4.2: The Director's Report was read, discussed and approved.

1. The Minutes of the III RAC Meeting held on 03-05-2018 has been confirmed in the 41st EC held on 04-05-2018.
2. **As per RAC Agenda 3.3**, regarding the KCHR Fellowships and other Programmes of 2017-'18, applications were called for fellowships taking into account the changes in the criteria, terms and conditions of KCHR Fellowships suggested by the 41st EC. **[Kept as separate Agenda No 4.3 of the current RAC meeting].**
3. **As per the RAC Agenda 3.4**, regarding the request for financial assistance for 'the Study of Social History of Broadcast News Television in Kerala' by Shri. Rajagopal K, detailed review reports from two experts have been received. **[Kept as separate Agenda No 4.4 of the current RAC meeting].**
4. **As per RAC Agenda 3.5**, regarding the request for financial assistance for History seminar from Govt. Sanskrit College, Pattambi on "*Kavithayude Karnival - Keraleeya Rashtreeya Samoohya Prathirodhacharitravum Kavithayile Vazhiadayalangalum*", the proposal was sent to two experts for review and the reports were received. **[Kept as separate Agenda No 4.5 of the current RAC meeting].**
5. **As per RAC Agenda 3.6**, regarding KCHR guides for supervising research works, it would be taken up as decided by the previous EC, in the event of new rules issued by the UGC/ Universities.
6. **As per RAC Agenda 3.7**, regarding the request for financial assistance to Kodungaloor Municipality for conducting History Congress, it was decided to nominate Dr. M.T. Narayanan from the EC as a member to the Committee consisting of Prof. Kesavan Veluthat from the RAC and Prof. T.R. Venugopalan

as the subject expert for monitoring the works regarding this proposal. [Kept as separate Agenda No. 4.6 of the current RAC meeting for finalising the amount to be given].

7. **As per RAC Agenda 3.8**, regarding the request for increase in the PhD fellowship for the recipients of KCHR PhD fellowship for the year 2016-17 from Rs. 10000/- per month to Rs. 15,000/- per month, it was approved by the 41st EC and hence started implementation from the date of the approval of the same EC.
8. **As per RAC Agenda 3.9**, regarding the proposal for conducting study on Economic History of Kerala, titled "A Short Economic History of Kerala" by Shri. M.A. Oommen, Honorary Fellow, CDS, together with Shri. T.P. Kunhikannan, Malayalam University, the pending review report was also received. [Kept as separate Agenda No 4.7 of the current RAC meeting].
9. **As per RAC Agenda 3.10**, regarding the proposal submitted by Kerala History Congress for conducting four-day workshop on Research Methodology, "Building Blocs of Past: The Art and Craft", the applicant was informed about the modifications suggested by the referees and a reply letter from the History Congress was also received. [Kept as separate Agenda No 4.8 of the current RAC meeting].
10. **As per RAC Agenda 3.11**, regarding the proposal received from Mr. Sukesh P.D., an independent researcher for the study titled "A study on the History and Heritage of Kumaranalloor Devi Temple in Kottayam District of Kerala", the applicant was intimated to re submit the application with proper references through a recognised research or academic institute/organisation or University/ college for consideration. Reply is awaited.
11. **As per RAC Agenda 3.12**, regarding the proposal received from Dr. Sanal Kumar, Higher Secondary School Teacher for the project Digital Documentation of Cultural Heritage Archaeological sites and Monuments of Ernakulam District, the applicant was intimated to re submit the application with proper references through a recognised research or academic institute/organisation or University/ college for consideration. Reply is awaited.
12. **As per RAC Agenda 3.13**, regarding the proposal requesting financial assistance received from Mr. G. Azhicode, Writer and Mural Artist for the project "*Keraleeya Chitrakala Charitram*" for conducting the study and publishing the work, Professor Kesavan Veluthat's remarks on this was called for. According to Professor Veluthat, Mr. Azhicode has already published another book along the same lines and as such there is no scope for the publication of this project by the KCHR having more or less the same contents.
13. **As per RAC Agenda 3.14**, regarding the selection of Research Officer and Academic Coordinator, out of the received applications, 72 were qualified for the post of Research Officer and 43 for Academic Co-ordinator. This was placed before the F&AC Agenda No.11:4dt 26 -04 -2018 and before the RAC held on 03-05-2018 vide Agenda No.3:14 and confirmed by the 41st EC. Accordingly a written test was conducted on 29-09-2018 at the New Auditorium of Govt. Women's College, Thiruvananthapuram from 10 to 12 am for the post

of Research Officer and from 2- 4pm in the AN for the post of Academic Coordinator. 46 and 30 number of candidates participated in the written test for the posts of Research Officer and Academic Coordinator respectively. For Research Officer post, 13 candidates and for Academic Co-ordinator 8 were selected to the short list. The interview for the short listed candidates was conducted on 06-10-2018 at KCHR office from 9.30 am to 1 pm for Research Officer and from 2 to 4 pm for Academic Co-ordinator. Besides the Chairperson and Director KCHR, members of the interview Board were Professor Rajan Gurukkal, Vice-Chairman, KSCHE and member of AAC, KCHR, Doctor. Usha Titus IAS, Principal Secretary to Govt. of Kerala H Edn., Professor. Kesavan Veluthat, EC member, KCHR and Director Designate ISCHK, Professor. K.N.Ganesh, Subject Expert and AAC member, KCHR, Professor. P. Sanal Mohan, EC member, KCHR and Associate Professor, MGU Kottayam, Dr. D.K. Sathish, Dy. Director Collegiate Education who represented the Director KCHR were present. All the 13 candidates of the short list appeared for the interview for Research Officer and out of 8, only 7 turned up for Academic Co-ordinator.

From the score sheet submitted by the Interview Board, the top 5 each were ranked for considering appointment for each post in KCHR.

The rank list as follows was published in the KCHR website and notice board on 09-10-2018.

Letter for appointment for the first rank holders were forwarded on 11-10-2018. Dr. Rachel A. Varghese as Research Officer and Dr. Suneesh K.K as Academic Co-ordinator have accepted their appointment letters and joined on duty with effect from 24-10-2018 and 22-10-2018 respectively.

14. **As per RAC Agenda 3.15**, regarding the appointment of a Research Assistant in the existing vacancy for DKP project, as approved by the 41st EC, applications were called for with the essential qualification as 'PG in History or Allied Subjects' and Desirable qualification as M Phil/PhD; Exposure or experience in the tasks of documenting the resources and sources related to documentation projects; proficiency in using computers, camera scanners etc. Remuneration. The consolidated salary pm month is Rs.25000/-. A press release for a walk-in-interview on 18-09-2018 was given. 35 candidates turned up for the interview. Professor P. K. Michael Tharakan Chairperson KCHR, Dr. P. Sanal Mohan Executive Council Member, KCHR & Associate Professor, School of Social Sciences, MGU Kottayam and Shri. Ramesh T, Senior Administrative Officer, Directorate of Collegiate Education who represented the Director KCHR conducted the interview. Out of the rank list of 10 persons, first rank holder Shri. Abey Thomas was appointed. He has reported for duty on the FN of 24th September 2018.

15. **As per RAC Agenda 3.16**, regarding the project on Aarattupuzha Velayudha Panikkar, to take over his birth place 'Mangalam' in Aarattupuzha in Karthikapally Taluk for developing and establishing a Memorial there, since it would be difficult for KCHR for taking this up at present, preference for financial assistance can be given to any appropriate projects related to a study

on 'Arattupuzha Velayudha Panicker, as and when it comes up; and if it is found good enough for assistance.

16. **As per RAC Agenda 3.17**, regarding the publication of *Vocabulam Malabaricum* by Arnos Pathiri, it was decided to study the original copy of *Vocabulam Malabaricum* and publish it with introduction with the help of scholars such as Raghava Varier, Scaria Zacharia, K. S. Mathew, Pius Malekandathil, C. J. Davis, et al. And in the second stage, an elaborate project on Arnos Pathiri and 17th and 18th century Kerala may be commissioned. The Chairperson and Director would select experts for the conduct of the project after consultation with scholars/experts individually. This would be initiated shortly.
17. **As per RAC Agenda 3.18**, regarding financial assistance for the Publication of selected Social Science Researches/Studies, as recommended by the 41st EC, the KCHR Publication Grant subject to a maximum of Rs. 1 lakh to **the scholars/researchers to publish selected social science studies and researches**. Applications for proposals were called for via KCHR website.
18. **As per RAC Agenda 3.19**, regarding the conduct of book review seminars at Thiruvananthapuram and other districts of Kerala, since the author Shri Manu S Pillai of the first book to be reviewed 'The Ivory Throne Chronicles of the House of Travancore' is out of station and hence could not be contacted. In its place, we have organised a book review on *Kadalaruvukalum Neraravukalum* by Shri. Robert Panipillai on 22-10-2018 at the KCHR Annex at Kesadasapuram, Thiruvananthapuram. Shri. A.J. Vijayan was the respondent.
It was suggested that Dr. C. S. Meenakshi should be invited for conducting the next book review seminar as approved in the III RAC and 41st EC.

KCHR Activities : Panditha Adaravu 2018

The function *Panditha Adaravu 2018* was organized to pay respects to three of the very eminent historians of Kerala, Professors T K Ravindran, M G S Narayanan and K N Panikkar on 12th July 2018 at the Symphony Hall of the Hotel Mascot, Thiruvananthapuram. The Chief Patron of KCHR, the Honourable Governor of Kerala Shri. Justice P. Sathasivam bestowed the signs of honour onto them by adorning them with 'Ponnada' and a souvenir. Three scholars, Professors Suresh Jnaneswaran, Kesavan Veluthat and K N Ganesh, all former students of the eminent historians read and presented citations to the honoured guests. The meeting was presided over by the Honourable Minister of Education, Professor C Raveendranath. The function was felicitated by Shri. K Muraleedharan, Member of the State Legislature. Professor P. K. Michael Tharakan, Chairperson of KCHR made formal request for the presentation of the citations. Dr. Usha Titus, IAS, Principal Secretary, Government of Kerala and Ms. Haritha V Kumar IAS, Director, KCHR offered the welcome and vote of thanks respectively. In connection with the Panditha Adaravu 2018, KCHR also organised a half day seminar in the morning of 12th July 2018 to discuss the contributions of the three distinguished historians. Professors Suresh Jnaneswaran, Kesavan Veluthat and K N Ganesh made presentations on the academic contributions of the Professors T K Ravindran, M G S Narayanan and

K N Panikkar followed by discussions. Professors T P Sankarankutty Nair, V Karthikeyan Nair and Jaiprakash Raghaviah chaired the sessions.

It was approved by the EC with slight modifications given in bold.

RAC Agenda 4.3: KCHR Fellowships and Financial Assistance called for

Regarding the KCHR Fellowships and other Programmes of 2017-'18, applications were called for fellowships and financial assistances taking into account the changes in the criteria, terms and conditions of KCHR Fellowships suggested by the III RAC and approved by the 41st EC. The last date for the receipt of applications relating to PhD Fellowship, Fellowship for Post Doctoral Research, Fellowship to revise PhD, Fellowship for Independent Research- Women was 31st July 2018. We have received 41 applications for PhD Fellowship, 10 applications for Post Doctoral Research, 16 applications for Fellowship for Revising P hD thesis, 14 applications for Fellowship for Independent Research- Women. Up till now, we are in receipt of 3 applications for Scholar in Residence Fellowship, 45 applications for financial assistance for conducting seminars/conferences, collection of library books, publications etc, and 10 applications for travel assistance.

The applications were discussed and the following decisions were recommended to the EC for approval.

- i. For the PhD proposals, (Annexure I.a of RAC report), a review committee is to be constituted with the Chairperson, RO, AC and one EC member. The committee shall shortlist the proposals and the shortlisted candidates are to appear for an interview before an interview board consisting of the Chairperson, Director, one external expert, one EC member and RO. The Director is authorized to constitute this committee.
- ii. All the proposals received for Fellowships for Post doctoral research, for Revising Phd theses, Fellowship for independent researchers (women), are to be sent to two reviewers. The names of the reviewers were suggested by the RAC. **A master list of reviewers with their area of specialising needs to be prepared.** Once the review reports are received, the RAC will **make recommendation to the EC** on the applications. The review process has to be double-blind. (Applicants listed in Annexure I.b., I.c., and I.d, of RAC report).
- iii. Reviewers were suggested for the three applications (Annexure I.e. Nos. 1 to 3) listed under the Scholar in Residence program. The review process has to be double blind. The fourth application (Annexure I.e. No.4) of Mr. G. Azhicode is rejected as the author already has book published along the same lines as is indicated in the proposal.
- iv. The applications for Fellowships for libraries- Of the applications listed in Annexure I.f., No. 4 and 5 are rejected as the applicants are colleges. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7 are accepted for the grant, subject to conditions of the libraries being registered with the Library Council.
- v. Among the applications for Seminars and Conferences listed under Annexure 1.f. of the RAC report, No.8 is rejected. Nos. 9- 29 are to be sent to two reviewers. The RAC has suggested names of reviewers. Taking the review reports into

consideration and subject to conditions of the announcement, the RAC will make its recommendation on the applications.

- vi. For applications for grants for publications, listed in Annexure i.f. of the RAC report, No.30 and 33 are rejected. One reviewer each was suggested for nos. 31, 32 and 34. Two additional proposals were submitted for consideration. One reviewer each was suggested for these proposals. Taking the review reports into consideration, the RAC will make its recommendation on the applications.
- vii. In the applications for grants for conducting workshops listed in Annexure I.f. of the RAC report, Nos, 36 and 39 does not have adequate details and cannot be considered for assistance in the present form. The applicants are asked to resubmit their applications with the required details. No. 35, 37 and 38 are to be sent to one reviewer each. The RAC has suggested names of reviewers. Taking the review reports into consideration, the RAC make its recommendation the applications.
- viii. In the applications for grants for conducting Lectures, Listed in Annexure 1.f. of the RAC report (2 applications), the RAC recommends that the applicants be given 75 % of the amount requested.
- ix. On Combined applications listed in Annexure 1.f. of the RAC report, 3 applications (42, 44 and 45) cannot be considered for financial assistance. For no. 43., the request for assistance for purchase of book cannot be considered. The application for assistance conducting seminar is to be sent to two reviewers. The RAC has suggested names of reviewers. Taking the review reports into consideration, the RAC will make its recommendation on this application.
- x. In the applications for Travel assistance listed under Annexure I g of the RAC report, Nos. 3 and 4- Proposals do not have adequate details. The applicants may submit detailed proposals. No 6 and 8- cannot be considered for assistance. No.9- cannot be considered for assistance as the topic has no relevance to Kerala History. No.1, 2, 5 and 7 - the proposals are to be sent to one reviewer each. The RAC has suggested names of reviewers. Taking the review reports into consideration, the RAC will make its recommendation the applications.

To be recommended to the EC for approval

It was approved by the EC with slight modifications given in bold.

RAC Agenda 4.4: Request for financial assistance for the Study of Social History of Broadcast news television in Kerala by Rajagopal K.

The proposal forwarded by the Secretary Kerala Chalachithra Academy for the study of Social History of Broadcast News Television in Kerala - Book, Documentation and Documentary by Shri. Rajagopal K was sent for refereeing as decided by the 41st EC. The budget estimate comes to Rs. 15,20,000/- for the completion of the above work. The detailed review reports from two experts have been received. Meanwhile Dr. Rajagopal has also forwarded some changes.

It was decided to recommend to the EC to approve Rs. 5 lakhs as Grant for the study.

Approved by the EC.

RAC Agenda 4.5: Request for financial assistance for History seminar from Govt. Sanskrit College, Pattambi

The proposal received by the KCHR for financial assistance for conducting History seminar on "*Kavithayude Karnival - Keraleeya Rashtreeya Samoohya Prathirodhacharithravum Kavithayile Vazhiadayalangalum*" from the Malayalam department of Neelakanda Government Sanskrit College, Pattambi was forwarded to two experts for refereeing as decided by the 41st EC. The College's request was for Rs. 3 lakhs as financial assistance for conducting the seminar. The detailed review reports from two experts have been received.

RAC does not recommend financial assistance to *Kavithayude Karnival* by Govt. College Pattambi as the application does not have relevance to Kerala History. Recommended to the EC for approval.

Approved by the EC.

RAC Agenda 4.6: Request for financial assistance of Kodungaloor Municipality for conducting History Congress

The proposal submitted for financial assistance for conducting History Congress as part of the programme of Municipality Kodungaloor municipality by the KCHR. They have requested an amount of Rs. 2.16 lakhs. It was decided to nominate Dr. M.T. Narayanan from the EC as a member to the Committee consisting of Prof. Kesavan Veluthat from the RAC and Prof. T.R.Venugopalan as the subject expert for monitoring the works of this proposal.

On the proposal of Kodungaloor Municipality for financial assistance for conducting History Congress, the applicants are to be informed of the decision made by the committee constituted for looking into the application. It was also decided to enquire with the Kodungaloor Municipality whether the History Congress was conducted as proposed and if not whether they are considering rescheduling it.

To be recommended for EC for approval

Approved by the EC.

RAC Agenda 4.7: Review report of Economic History of Kerala

The proposal submitted by Shri. M.A. Oommen, Honorary Fellow, CDS for conducting study on Economic History of Kerala, titled "A Short Economic History of Kerala" together with Shri. T.P. Kunhikannan, Malayalam University was refereed by two experts, as decided by the 41st EC, one of which was received earlier. Now the pending report has also been received.

It was decided to recommend to the EC for approval to grant Rs. 1.35 lakhs through the Centre for Development Studies for the proposal given by Shri. M A Oommen, Honorary Fellow, CDS.

Approved by the EC.

RAC Agenda 4.8: Review report of Kerala History Congress Workshop

The proposal submitted by Kerala History Congress for conducting four-day workshop on Research Methodology, "Building Blocs of Past: The Art and Craft" was sent to two experts for refereeing. The modifications suggested by the referees were intimated to the applicant and a reply letter from the Kerala History Congress regarding the modifications was received.

It was decided to recommend to the EC for approval to release Rupees 1.5 Lakh to Kerala History Congress.

Approved by the EC subject to the Kerala History Congress producing their registration details under Societies Act as well as audited statement

RAC Agenda 4.9: Request for financial assistance for the Study of Buddha Tradition: Festivals of Temples in Kerala and Asian countries by Dr B Premlet

We have received a proposal requesting financial assistance for the study of 'Buddha Tradition: Festivals of Temples in Kerala and Asian Countries' from Dr. B Premlet. The estimated expenditure in the budget comes to Rs. 3,30,000/- and duration of the project would be 1 year.

It was recommended to send the proposal for refereeing.

Approved the recommendation

RAC Agenda 4.10: Request for financial assistance for the Study and Publication of Keralathinde Madhyakaala Charithram by Shri. Somasekharan M M

We have received a proposal requesting financial assistance for the Study and Publication of *Keralathinde Madhyakaala Charithram* from Shri. Somasekharan M M. He has specifically enquired whether his education qualifications would entitle him to apply for this and whether KCHR would be able to organise a workshop of Historians for discussion for getting his ideas channelled from an historian's angle.

It was decided to recommend the EC for approval to send the proposal by Sri Somasekharan to one reviewer and the decision for financial assistance be made taking in consideration the report of the reviewer.

Approved by the EC

RAC Agenda 4.11: Request for collaboration between the KCHR and Department of History, Malayalam University

We have received communication from the Department of History, Malayalam University seeking academic collaboration with the KCHR since they deal with more research in the areas of Kerala History, culture and heritage.

It was decided to recommend the EC for approval to welcome the communication from Malayalam University seeking academic collaboration. They are to be invited to the KCHR for further discussions.

Approved by the EC

RAC Agenda 4.12: Request for financial assistance for the III International Workshop by the Dept. of History, Brennen College, Thalassery

As per RAC Agenda 2.17.2, the proposal with detailed expenditure statement the Dept. of History of Brennen College, Thalassery for conducting the International workshop was sent to the two experts for refereeing and the review reports have been received. Brennen College has requested for a grant of Rs. 2,30,000/. It was decided to recommend to the EC for approval to release a Grant of Rs. 2,30,000/- as financial assistance.

Approved by the EC

RAC Agenda 4.13: Request for financial assistance for the International Conference by the Dept. of Archaeology, University of Kerala

As per RAC Agenda 2.7, regarding the financial assistance for the International Conference conducted by the Archaeology Department, University of Kerala, the proposal received from them was sent to two experts for refereeing and the review reports received were intimated to the Archaeology Department. As per the review report, they have forwarded us the detailed programme report, the audited expenditure statement and original bills.

The II RAC had decided to consider it under the financial assistance programme (2) Financial Assistance for conducting/hosting Academic Conferences/Workshops/ Panel discussions/Public lectures and to sanction Rs. 3 lakh to the Dept. of Archaeology, University of Kerala.

It was decided to recommend to the EC for approval to release a Grant of Rs. 3,00,000/- as financial assistance.

Approved by the EC

RAC Agenda 4.14: Documentation of Historical Data on how People Of Keralam Faced Natural Disasters : With an Appendix on Experiences of Fisher Persons as Rescuers of Flood Victims of 2018 August.

KCHR plans to document the flood occurred during August 2018 in Kerala along with the other previous natural disasters and how the people of Kerala faced them in the project titled 'Documentation of Historical Data on how the people of Kerala faced the Earlier disasters and how the then government and authorities faced them'. In addition to that, the documentation will include various reports regarding steps taken by the government authorities and officials to overcome the difficulties faced during the time of these disasters. KCHR plans to do unstructured interviews and use semi-structured questionnaire to collect data from rescuers, relief workers (as a case study rescuers and relief workers will include the team from Trivandrum) and the victims (data to be collected from various regions in Kerala). The role of young professionals, IT peoples, Armed forces, polices, Collectors, local governments in the rescue and relief work is to be included as a special case study in the documentation. Multiple interviews should be done on the same people to

collect valid information. The archival work can be done by collecting details from the newspapers, periodicals and journals etc. and can also use the State Archives to understand about how the people of Kerala faced natural disasters in the past. In addition to the documentation of different experiences, memories and after memories of the flood by the victims, the report will include a special appendix on the role of fisherman in the rescue team (experiences, problems faced during rescue, support from authorities, damage to their boats etc.) during the flood. KCHR conducted two meetings (6th and 24th September, 2018) with the volunteers of the organisation 'Friends of Marine Life' (FML) to discuss about their participation and support in conducting interviews with the fisher persons about their participation in the rescue work. The archival work (collecting data's from the newspapers) has been started. The chairperson prepared a draft proposal and entrusted the Research Assistants (Abey Thomas, Sarathchandrababu and Hitha V) to study the draft and to prepare a detailed proposal.

Approved by the RAC and recommended to the EC for approval. RAC also approves the proposal to conduct a 2 to 3 day seminar and experience sharing on the topic.

The EC decided to constitute a committee for directions towards the conduct of the 2- 3 day seminar on flood memories. The Committee shall include Professor Gopinath Ravindran, Dr. Sanal Mohan and the Director of the Archives department, Govt. of Kerala.

RAC Agenda 4.15: Spice Route Initiative

- i. As part of the Conference on Spice Route Initiative held on 15th and 16th of June 2018 at Kochi and Alappuzha co-ordinated by the Muziris Heritage Project Limited, the Government of Kerala has asked KCHR, Institute for the Study of Coastal Heritage Kerala (ISCK) and Centre for Heritage Studies (CHS) to conduct an International conference. In this regard, KCHR is collaborating with Institute for the Study of Coastal Heritage Kerala (ISCK) and Centre for Heritage Studies (CHS) for the International Conference will be held on March 2019 at Kochi. The preliminary discussion regarding the conference of the resource persons was held on 04/10/2018 at ISCHK office with Prof. Kesavan Veluthat, Shri. N.M. Nourshad, MD MHP and Chairperson, KCHR along with staff members of KCHR and ISCHK.
- ii. These institutes have also been asked by the Government of Kerala to play a role in the construction of 50 Museums. KCHR may provide the necessary academic justifications, prepare historical contexts and help to locate artefacts.
- iii. In this regard, one Research Assistant to help in this project may be appointed at KCHR.

Approved by the RAC and recommended to the EC for approval. Any change in the plan may be reported to the EC via the RAC.

Approved by the EC

RAC Agenda 4.16: Conduct of International Conferences

KCHR may organise International Conferences once in three years. It has already initiated the organisation of the conduct of the first International Conference in collaboration with Institute for the Study of Coastal Heritage Kerala (ISCK) and Centre for Heritage Studies (CHS) under the Muziris Heritage Project in March 2019 as asked by the Government of Kerala.

The organisation of the second of the International Conferences needs to be discussed and a proposal to be made regarding its topic, date, budget etc. A Committee may be formed for this purpose.

Approved by the RAC and recommended to the EC for approval.

Approved by the EC.

The EC also felt that financial assistance to delegates of the international conference may be provided by the KCHR from the head allocated for 'International Conferences', if the need arises.

RAC Agenda 4.17: Conduct of Research Oriented Workshops

KCHR may organise research oriented Two week long Workshop once a year. It will be for College Teachers, College and Plus Two students of History, Archaeology and Sociology with specific Historic aspect.

The proposal to conduct one weeklong research workshop for teachers and one for students is approved. In the following years, the number of workshops for students may be increased to three. The student workshop, this year may be conducted in Ernakulam. The RAC recommends a committee with Professor Kesavan Veluthat and Professor Gopinath Ravindran be formed. The RO and AC may assist the committee.

Approved by the RAC and recommended to the EC for approval.

Approved by the EC with the modification that the workshop would be organized for students starting with Master's degree and above.

RAC Agenda 4.18: Local History Documentation on Local; Self Governments

Kila expresses its interest to cooperate with KCHR to commence the Local History Documentation by Local Self Governments. The letter from the KILA Director is appended.

Approved by the RAC and recommended to the EC for approval.

Approved by the EC

RAC Agenda 4.19: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

4.19.1 : Working paper series

Institution of a working paper series is approved by the RAC.

Recommended to the EC for approval.

Approved by the EC. The Director was authorised to constitute a Committee to look into the matter.

4.19.1:



Chairperson



Director