

INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGROPHYSICS

Minutes of the ISAP National Executive Council Meeting held on May 18, 2012, IARI, New Delhi

The meeting of the Executive Council (EC) of Indian Society of Agrophysics (ISAP) was held on 18-May-2012 at 14:30 hrs in the Division of Agricultural Physics, IARI, New Delhi and following attended:

Executive Council:

1. Dr A.K. Singh, President
2. Dr R. Singh, Vice President
3. Dr (Mrs) U.K. Chopra, Vice President
4. Dr V.K. Sehgal, Secretary
5. Dr S.S. Ray, Joint Secretary
6. Dr (Mrs) Ananta Vashisth, Treasurer
7. Dr A.V. Moharir, Editor-in-Chief

Dr Sanatan Pradhan, Assistant Secretary, Dr D.K. Das, Ex-officio Member and Dr A.K. Jain, Special Invitee could not attend.

Agenda Item 1: Welcome remarks by the President

- Dr. A.K. Singh, President, ISRS chaired the meeting and welcomed all ISAP EC members and invitee. He thanked the Head, Division of Agricultural Physics, IARI for providing necessary facility to host the EC meeting. In his welcome remarks, President acknowledged the progress made by the society in past two years, appreciated the efforts put in by EC in revival of the society though he recognized that some of the actions are still pending which should be taken up on priority.

Agenda Item 2: Report of the Secretary

- Dr V.K. Sehgal, Secretary apprised the EC about the progress made by the society in last two years. The membership of society increased from 49 LM and 23 AM to 108 LM and 15 AM in (2012-13). About 13 AM of last year have not renewed their membership. The society has a fully functional website on which all the documents, announcements and other matters are regularly posted. Till date the society website had 2415 hits from 1-May-2011. All the previous issues of the Journal of Agril. Physics have been made online. Most of the previous publications of the society has been digitized and will soon be hosted on the website. A Facebook group of society has also been launched which is having 43 registered members. Four popular lectures were conducted by the society in last two years.

Agenda Item 3: Report of the Treasurer

- Dr Ananta Vashisth, Treasurer gave brief account of the finances of the society. She placed before the committee the Audit report and the Income & Expenditure report of last two years of the society. The society received Rs 38600/- as membership fee from 18 life member and 12 annual member in 2010-11 and Rs 74, 950/- in 2011-12 from 34 life member and 11 annual members. Total expenditure Rs.37, 294 was done during 2010-11. This include Rs.

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34600 for Journal printing 2006, 2007 and 2008, Web site development Rs. 1880 and Rs 814 miscellaneous (speed post and expenditure for one EC meeting and two lecture). Total expenditure during 2011-12 was Rs.37991. This include Rs. 28912 for Journal printing 2009, and 2010, Rs. 2829 for couriers (sending journals), Rs. 5750 for stationary(stamp, envelope, receipt book) and Rs 500 miscellaneous (speed post and pan number form fee). The balance in saving bank on date is Rs 53,990/- and society has about Rs 7, 94,344.00 in bank fixed deposit. She informed that the last five years audit of Dr B.P. Ghidiyal Memorial Lecture fund has also been completed and its current account having zero balance has been closed. The society has received PAN number from Income tax authority. Based on the deliberations about finances, following decisions were taken:

- The Life membership fee received shall be put in fixed deposit every six months or so and the recurring expenditure of the society shall be met from the interest earned from the fixed deposits. Matter shall be taken up with the bank to prevent deduction of Income Tax at source on fixed deposits. (*Action: Dr Ananta Vashisth*)
- The auditing of accounts for the year 2011-12 shall be taken-up on priority. (*Action: Dr Ananta Vashisth*)
- The fee charged by current auditor of about Rs 5000/- is higher than the prevailing market rate. It was decided that a new auditor, having office in nearby locality to IARI Pusa, may be empanelled for the job. (*Action: Dr Ananta Vashisth*)

Agenda Item 4: Holding of Elections for the term 2012-14

- The EC decided to hold elections for the National Executive Council for the term 2012-14. Dr A.K. Jain, Life member, has been nominated unanimously as the returning officer. The tentative timeline decided for the election is:
 - Sending of notice of election, seeking nomination & Ballot paper: 28-May-2012
 - Last date for receiving nominations: 15-June-2012
 - Last date of withdrawal of nomination: 20-June-2012
 - Notice of contest (if any): 25-June-2012
 - Last date of receiving ballot paper: 15-July-2012
 - Declaration of results: 16-July-2012
 - The Notice of election shall be put on society website.

(Action: Dr A.K. Jain, Dr V.K. Sehgal, Dr A. Vashisht)

Agenda Item 5: Revision of Membership fee

- The EC deliberated on the revenue received from the membership fee and need for its revision in the light of rising expenditure. The EC proposed to revise the membership as follows and recommended that further revision of membership may be effected every three years:

Membership category	Existing		Revised		Revised Total
	Subscription	Adm fee	Subscription	Adm fee	
Ordinary Member (Annual)	300/-	50.00	400/-	50/-	Rs 450/-
Life Member (Once)	2000/-	50.00	3000/-	50/-	Rs 3050/-
Student/Research Scholar (Annual)	100/-	50.00	250/-	50/-	Rs 300/-
Institutional / Library	500/-	---	Rs 2000/-	---	Rs 2000/-

(Annual)					
Foreign Member (Life)	---	---	US\$ 500/-	US\$ 10/-	US\$ 510/-
Foreign Member (Annual)	---	---	US \$ 100/-	US\$ 10/-	US\$ 110/-
Foreign Institutional / Library (Annual)	---	---	US \$300/-	---	US\$ 300/-

Agenda Item 6: Streamlining the Journal of Agril Physics

- The EC discussed the status of Journal of Agricultural Physics and appreciated the efforts of Chief-editor Dr Moharir that all backlogs have been cleared and that it has got a NAAS rating of 3.7. Secretary informed that the Journal is receiving good number of papers for consideration and we may able to publish two issues of it in 2012. The following decisions were taken in regard to Journal of Agril. Physics:
 - Constitute an editorial board of eminent scientist from different disciplinary background and following names were suggested:
 Dr S.K. Chaudhari, CSSRI, Karnal (Soil Physics)
 Dr Pradip Dey, IIS, Bhopal (Soil Chemistry)
 Dr S.K. Saha, IIRS, Dehradun (Remote Sensing)
 Dr P.S. Datta, IARI, New Delhi (Hydrology)
 Dr Debpriya Dutta, DST, New Delhi (Geoinformatics)
 Dr Ajit Govind, INRA, France (agrometeorology)
 - Some more names of may be suggested from outside country for including in the editorial board. (*Action: Dr S.S. Ray*)
 - It was decided that for smooth running of the journal, a managing editor shall be designated. For the time being Secretary, ISAP will act as Managing Editor JAP (*Action: Dr V.K. Sehgal*)
 - It was decided that all manuscripts shall be submitted to Managing Editor, only in softcopy (hardcopy submission will be discontinued), who after maintaining a proper record will check their suitability to the scope of journal. If found suitable, the manuscript in consultation with the Chief-Editor, will be sent to editorial board member for getting manuscript peer-reviewed by two referees. In case of conflicting recommendation, final decision will be taken by Chief-Editor. The Managing editor will communicate referee's comments to authors.
 - EC decide to amend the mandatory condition of "At least one of the authors shall be member of the Society for consideration of the paper for publication" to "First author shall be member of the Society for consideration of the paper for publication".
 - With immediate effect Rs 1000/- per page will be charged for color printing.
 - Non members shall be allowed to publish paper in the journal by paying charge of Rs 100/- per printed page.
 - Applications should be sent for seeking financial grant from the ICAR for publication of the journal. (*Action: Dr V.K. Sehgal, Dr A.V. Moharir*)

- Society should write to different ICAR institutes / Universities requesting for institutional/library subscription of the Journal of Agril. Physics (*Action: Dr A.K. Singh, Dr V.K. Sehgal*)
- Printer shall be directed to print the journal name, volume, issue and year on the seam of the printed copies. (*Action: Dr V.K. Sehgal*)
- EC recognized that there is an urgent need for redesigning the cover page of Journal. Students of IARI and Society members may be requested to suggest an attractive design for the cover page of the journal. (*Action: Dr U.K. Chopra*)
- Secretary informed the EC that two organizations, indianjournals.com and Universe Digital Library Sdh Bhd, Malaysia have shown interest in hosting the Journal of Agril. Physics on their respective sites. EC decided that we may initiate talks with Indianjournal.com to start with about hosting online version of Journal. (*Action: Dr V.K. Sehgal*)

Agenda Item 7: Admission of New members of Society

- EC approved the admission of 59 life and 15 annual members to the Society. With these inductions, the membership of Society rose to 108 life and 28 annual members.

Agenda Item 8: Dr B.P. Ghildyal Memorial Lecture

- EC regretted the undue delay in hosting the fourth Dr B.P. Ghildyal Memorial Lecture. It was decided that the memorial lecture will now be held in Mid July along with AGM of the society. EC suggested the names of eminent persons Dr R.B. Singh and Dr Anwar Alam as possible speakers to deliver the fourth Dr B.P. Ghildyal Memorial Lecture. President, ISAP was requested to consult the speakers and Shri Udit Ghildyal for their availability and willingness. (*Action: Dr A.K. Singh*)

Agenda Item 9: Supporting ISRS national symposium

- The ISRS national symposium will be held from 5-7 Dec 2012 at IARI and EC decided that ISAP will be supporting partner in the symposium. The ISAP members will pay same registration fee as paid by ISRS/ISG members. Besides, a special session will be convened by ISAP on Golden Jubilee Anniversary of Division of Agril. Physics. ISAP will mobilize its members to participate in the symposium and its office bearers will be part of LOC of symposium. (*Action: Dr U.K. Chopra, Dr Ravender Singh*)

Agenda Item 10: Future activities

- Under future activities, EC decided that the society shall start a quarterly news-letter and Dr S.S. Ray volunteered to be its Editor. The news letter will be good medium to update members on society activities, its member's achievements and developments in the discipline of Agril. Physics. (*Action: Dr S.S. Ray*)

Joint Secretary ISAP thanked all EC members and invitees for attending the meeting and providing valuable inputs for future organization of the activities of the ISAP.

Approved by



(President, ISAP)

President

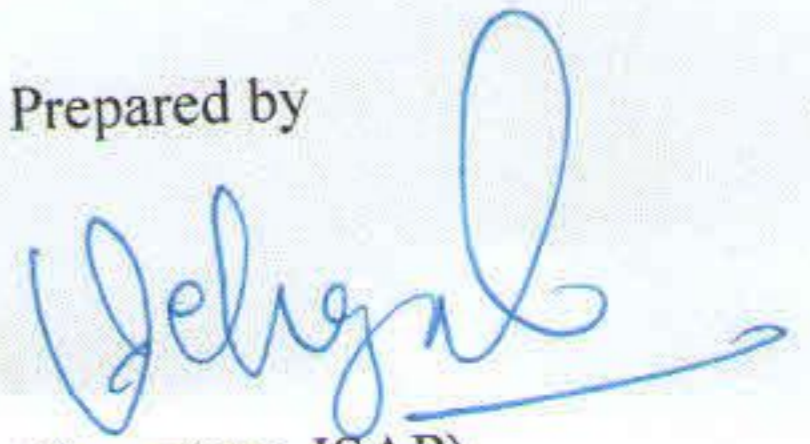
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To,

All members of EC
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