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Proceedings of the Executive Council Meeting held on 14th December 2023 at 10 AM in Room No. 104, KAB-II, ICAR, New Delhi 110 012

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, Immediate Past President and Editor-in-Chief of ISAP
2. Dr. Rajbir Singh, ADG (AF& CC), ICAR
3. Dr. N. Subash, Head, Division of Agricultural Physics, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi 110012
4. Dr. Y.S. Shivay, President, ISAP
5. Dr. T.K. Das, Vice-President, ISAP
6. Dr. Pragati Pramanik Maity, Secretary, ISAP
7. Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, Treasurer, ISAP

The following agenda items were discussed in the meeting:

- Progress of the National Seminar to be held on 22–23 February 2024 at CRIDA, Hyderabad
- Status of publication of the book on the Fundamentals of Agricultural Physics
- Initiation of an award/memorial lecture in the name of the Late Dr. D.K. Das, Former Head, Agril. Physics
- Financial status of the Society
- Any other item with the permission of the Chair

At the outset, Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, Immediate Past President, and Editor-in-Chief of ISAP welcomed the members of the EC meeting. Dr. Y.S. Shivay, President, ISAP, and Dr. S.N. Pillai welcomed all the members and Dr. Pragati Pramanik Maity, Secretary, ISAP presented the action report on the decisions taken in the previous EC meeting. The following deliberations were taken place and the decisions were approved by the Executive Council members.

- The secretary of ISAP apprised the EC members that as per the decision taken in the previous EC meetings, the next National event will be held at ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad from 22–23 February 2024 on the topic of **Smart Technologies for Sustainable Agriculture and Environment**. After proper consultation and thorough discussion amongst the EC members and the local organizing secretary's advice, all the committee chairs, co-chairs and members' names were finalized for the smooth conduct of the national seminar. Further, the National organizing committee members and Local Organizing committee members' names were also finalized.
- It was suggested that invitation letters to all the National Organizing Committee members need to be sent by the President of the Society as early as possible for their consent, active participation, and involvement.
- It was decided that Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, DDG (NRM), ICAR will be the Chief Guest in the inaugural session of the Seminar, Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, VC, TNAU Coimbatore and Dr. Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director, NAARM will be the Guest of honours during the inaugural session of the Seminar. Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, DDG (NRM), ICAR will chair the 10th Dr. B.P. Ghildyal Memorial Lecture which will be delivered by Dr. V. Geethalakshmi.

- As per the advice from Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, DDG (NRM), ICAR, Dr Rajbir Singh (AD, AF&CC), Dr. Y.S. Shivay, Dr. N. Subash and Dr. Pragati Pramanik Maity will visit ICAR-CRIDA in the first week of January, 2024 for a review meeting with Dr. V.K. Singh and Dr. Shantanu Bal and chairmen of other committee members. Dr. Rajbir Singh will discuss the probable date with Dr. V.K. Singh and will inform the others of their participation in the review meeting of the progress of the National Seminar at CRIDA, Hyderabad.
- Dr. S.K. Chaudhari expressed his serious concern about the slow progress of the proposed society's book entitled "**A Textbook on Agricultural Physics: Fundamentals and Applications**". After discussion, it was decided that the last date of submission of the chapter material by the respective contributors could be extended to 31st December 2023. Further, it was decided that an immediate reminder mail needs to be sent to all the lead authors within a day or two for their prompt action on the pending book chapters submission to the society office.
- Secretary, ISAP informed the house that sufficient articles are available with the society office for the December 2023 issue of the Journal of Agricultural Physics. The December issue will be released during the inaugural session of the Seminar at CRIDA, Hyderabad.
- There was discussion on the request received from the family of the late Dr. D.K. Das, Former Head, of the Division of Agricultural Physics, for initiation of an award or memorial lecture in his name. The EC members believed that the Indian Society of Agrophysics could initiate a memorial lecture in his name provided the family members of Dr. D.K. Das contributed a corpus fund of Rs. 5 lakhs for the memorial lecture. Accordingly, his family members can be informed in this regard. Further, it was also decided that a 2-minute silence will be observed in the AGM of the Society for the peace of departed noble soul (i.e., 22.02.2023).
- After discussion in the meeting Dr. Shibendu Shankar Ray's Best Doctoral Thesis Award Committee was constituted. The following members of the committee were identified as:
 - 1) Dr. A.K. Singh, Former DDG (NRM), ICAR- Chairman
 - 2) Dr. A. Velmurugan, ADG (Soil and Water Management), ICAR- Member
 - 3) Dr. N. Subash, Head, Division of Agricultural Physics, ICAR-IARI- Member
 - 4) Dr. G. Jayashree, Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural State University- member
 - 5) Dr. Pragati Pramanik Maity, Secretary, ISAP and Member Secretary
- It was also decided that the last date for submission of the applications for Dr. Shibendu Shankar Ray's Best Doctoral Thesis Award can be extended from 31.12.2023 to 15.01.2024.
- Letters to all the potential sponsors need to be sent on an urgent basis. The finance management committee should contact the potential stakeholders for sponsorship.
- The Secretary of ISAP expressed the need for a membership drive to increase the number of members of ISAP. All the EC members feel that students' membership should be increased from different divisions of ICAR-IARI and other Institutes.

The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks to the chair and members.



Pragati Pramanik Maity
(Secretary)



Y S Shivay
(President)