

INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGROPHYSICS (ISAP)

Proceedings of the General Body Meeting held on August 31, 2013 IARI, New Delhi

The General Body (GB) Meeting of The Indian Society of Agrophysics (ISAP) was held on 31-Aug-2013 at 15:30 hrs in the NRL Auditorium, IARI, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by 45 members. At the outset, Secretary Dr V.K. Sehgal welcomed all the members for taking time to participate in the meeting. Since Dr A.K. Singh, President could not attend due to his preoccupation with official duties, Secretary requested Dr D.K. Das, a senior founder member to preside over the meeting. On the dais were Vice presidents, Dr Ravender Singh and Dr U.K. Chopra, Joint Secretary Dr S.S. Ray, Treasurer Dr Ananta Vashisth and Assistant Secretary Dr Sanatan Pradhan.

- Dr. D.K. Das, being a founder member of the Society, recalled the genesis of the Society, hurdles faced in its initial years of inception and institution of the Dr. B.P. Ghildyal - ISAP Foundation Lecture. He appreciated the growth of the Society in recent times and the improved standing of the Journal of Agricultural Physics. Vice-Presidents Dr Ravender Singh and Dr U.K. Chopra also joined in welcoming the members to the meeting. Dr. Chopra informed that appreciations have been received for the ISRS Symposium conducted by IARI in association with ISAP and thanked ISAP for overwhelming the support.
- Dr V.K. Sehgal presented Secretary's report. The salient points were:
 - The office-bearers of the current EC took office-bearers charge in November 2010. During the tenure, EC met five times to discharge the business of the society (19-Nov-2010, 18-May-2012, 12-Nov-2012, 21-Mar-2013 and 5-Aug-2013).
 - With the support of the existing members, a membership drive was carried out and the membership increased three folds from 45 life-members and 17 annual-members to 132 life-members and 40 annual-members during 2012-13. Most of our last year's annual members did not renew their memberships. They have been reminded and requested to do the needful.
 - The society organized popular lectures for the benefit of our members: Prof Kuwan Tun Lee (Taiwan) on 8-Feb-2011; Dr. Prakash Chauhan on 2-March-2012; Ajit Govind (INRA, France) on 31-July-2012; Dr Amor VM Ines (Columbia University, USA) on 4-Mar-2013.
 - The ISAP supported the National Symposium organized by the Indian Society of Remote Sensing and hosted by IARI during Dec 5-7, 2012, held at New Delhi. During the symposium, the ISAP organized two technical sessions. In the first session, 6 invited lectures by eminent persons were organized in different sub-disciplines of Agricultural Physics. In second session, 11 eleven contributed papers were presented. A majority of ISAP members and Office bearers participated in the symposium.

- The EC made very concerted efforts in improving the look, quality of papers and reach of the society's official publication - the Journal of Agricultural Physics.
 - The backlog of the Journal for years 2008 and 2009 was cleared. The 2010 & 2011 issues were brought out in time.
 - The cover page of the Journal was redesigned and paper quality was improved. In 2012, two separate issues were brought out.
 - The editorial process of review was improved. The E-mail based process of submitting manuscript, sending comments, checking galley proof was implemented with the creating of a Managing Editor post.
 - The "Guidelines for Authors" was revised and a charge of color printing was introduced.
 - The Journal was rated by NAAS for 2012 and we have submitted a revised proforma for the revised rating in 2014.
 - The Journal is currently indexed in Google Scholar, Go Bookee. Many of its articles are getting cited in internationally reputed journals.
 - Efforts were made to get the Journal hosted by IndianJournals.com website.

- Use of IT technology for society activities was promoted to bring transparency in the functioning of the society
 - Made a vibrant web-site of the society <http://ww.agrophysics.in> which is regularly updated. The constitution of the society, details of EC, Minutes of EC meetings, Audit Reports (Since 2005), Membership guidelines and forms, notice of meetings and softcopy of Journals have been made online.
 - All the previous issues of the Journal since 2001 and many other publications were digitized courtesy E-Granth project.
 - The Society presence was created on the social media by creating a dedicated page on Facebook.
 - A regular contact was made by most of the members via E-mail to keep updating the members about society activities.
 - Database of members was created in DBMS s/w and their regular updating was undertaken.

- Financial accounting of the society was improved. The backlog of Audits was completed. A new auditor was empanelled for the society. We have audit of the society completed up-to-date till 2012-13. Application for PAN number of the society was submitted. Revision of membership fee was also implemented.

- The EC conducted free and fair elections for the next EC. The EC is thankful to Dr. A.K. Jain and Dr. R.K. Rattan, the two returning officers who discharged this duty.

- Dr Ananta, Treasurer, placed the ISAP audit report for financial year 2012-13 before the house. She informed that during 2012-13 total expenditure was Rs. 62,350. Major expenditure of Rs 46356/- was made on printing and stationary charges. The income of the society mainly comprised of membership fee (Rs 87550/-) and interest on FDs and saving account (Rs 79975.33/-). During 2012-13 one new FD of Rs 75,000 was done. The excess of income over expenditure was Rs 105175.33/-.

- The Secretary's report and audit report were ratified by the GB through voice vote.
- The Secretary announced the results of the Elections held for National Executive Council for the term 2013-15. The salient points were:
 - Dr. Ritesh Saha (LM 105) for Joint Secretary, Dr. Deb Kumar Das (LM 53) for Assistant Secretary and Dr Ananta Vashisth (LM 40) for treasurer stand elected unopposed.
 - Dr. Ravender Singh (LM-21) was the winner for the post of President.
 - Among the candidates for Vice-president's post, Dr. S.S. Ray (LM -34) was the winner for first vice-president's post. Dr. Pradip Dey (LM-83) and Dr. S.K. Chaudhari (LM-52) were tied with equal votes for the second vice-president's post.
 - The EC decided that the issue of tie for second VP post shall be settled by draw-of-lots. The looser (not favoured) will become VP for one year i.e. 2013-14 while winner (favoured) will become VP for two years term i.e. 2014-15 and 2015-16.
 - The draw of lots was held. Dr Pradip Dey was winner and hence will be VP for 2014-15 and 2015-16 terms. Dr. S.K. Chaudhari was looser and hence will be VP for 2013-14 term. Dr. S.S. Ray will be VP for two years i.e. 2013-14 and 2014-15.
- The election results were ratified by the GB through voice vote.
- As no election could be held for the post of Secretary due to invalid nominations, it was decided that suitable nomination of a member may be sought from the house for the post of Secretary. Name of Dr. Debashis Chakraborty (LM 61) was proposed by Dr R.N. Garg (AM/13-14/78) and seconded by Dr. K.K. Bandhopadaya (LM 54) for the post of Secretary and was ratified by the house.
- The new Executive Council comprising of following took charge.

President (2013-15)	:	Dr Ravender Singh (LM 21)
First Vice President (2013-15)	:	Dr S.S. Ray (LM 34)
Second Vice-President (2013-14)	:	Dr S.K. Chaudhari (LM 52)
Second Vice President (2014-16)	:	Dr Pradip Dey (LM 83)
Secretary (2013-15)	:	Dr Debashis Chakraborty (LM 61)
Joint Secretary (2013-15)	:	Dr Ritesh Saha (LM 105)
Treasurer (2013-15)	:	Dr Ananta Vasisht (LM 40)
Assistant Secretary (2013-15)	:	Dr Deb Kumar Das (LM 53)
- The house put on record appreciation for the services provided for the Society by the outgoing President Dr. A.K. Singh, Vice President Dr. U.K. Chopra and Secretary Dr. V.K. Sehgal. Dr. D.K. Das requested the new President to consider organizing Annual Symposium on priority.
- Dr. S.S. Ray, Joint Secretary, proposed vote of thanks.

Prepared by
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(Secretary, ISAP)

To,
All members of the ISAP
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