

INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGROPHYSICS
Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting
held on September 25, 2013, IARI, New Delhi

The meeting of the Executive Council (EC) of The Indian Society of Agrophysics (ISAP) was held on 25-September-2013 at 15:00 hrs in the Division of Agricultural Physics, IARI, New Delhi. This was the first meeting of the new EC which took over charge in September, 2013. The following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr Ravender Singh, President
2. Dr S.S. Ray, Vice-President
3. Dr S.K. Chaudhari, Vice-President
4. Dr Debashish Chakraborty, Secretary
5. Dr Deb K Das, Asstt. Secretary
6. Dr (Mrs) Ananta Vashisth, Treasurer

At the outset, Dr. Ravender Singh, President, ISAP welcomed the members of the EC (2013-15). The following deliberations were taken place and the decisions were approved by the Committee.

The 4th Dr. B.P. Ghildyal-ISAP Foundation Lecture is decided to be held sometime during last week of November (25-30th) 2013. Either of the following three as the Distinguished Speaker was decided: (1) Dr. R.S. Paroda (former Secretary to DARE, GOI and DG (ICAR); currently Head, Haryana Farmers' Commission and Chairman of TAAS); (2) Dr. L.S. Rathore (DG, India Meteorological Department) or (3) Dr. R.R. Navalgund (former Director, Space Application Centre, ISRO). The President, ISAP will explore their availability, and accordingly, the necessary follow up will be taken up by the Secretary. It was decided to present a shawl and a memento to the Speaker. The venue for the Lecture will be CESCRA (previously NRL) Auditorium.

A One-day Workshop is also proposed to be held in the 1st week of March with the theme 'Agro-physical Environment for Optimizing Food Production' at IARI. It was decided that nominal Registration Fees (1000 INR for Scientists and 500 INR for students & SRF/RAs) will be asked from the Delegates. There will be a total of 4 sessions (Soil physics, Agrometeorology, Remote Sensing and Biophysics) and a plenary session with 1 invited speaker and 4 others. Concurrent poster session will also be organized. Director, IARI will be requested to inaugurate the workshop as the Chief Guest with Dr. Krishnan K. Katoch, VC, CSK Himachla Pradesh University as the Guest of Honour.

Secretary, ISAP informed that a total of 16 articles have been received for December 2013 issue of the Journal of Agricultural Physics, which need to be sent for review at the earliest. Accordingly he requested the EC to form/nominate the Editor-In-Chief and the Members of the Editorial Board of the Journal. The EC unanimously nominated Dr. D.K. Das, former Head of the Division of Agricultural Physics and Emeritus Scientist as the Editor-In-Chief of the Journal along with the following members of the Editorial Board covering the whole gamut of Agricultural Physics:

1. Dr. B.S. Das, Associate Professor, IIT, Kharagpur
2. Dr. K.K. Bandyopadhyay, Principal Scientist, IARI
3. Dr. V. Uma Maheswara Rao. Project Coordinator (Agric. Meteor.), CRIDA
4. Dr. Bimal Bhattacharya, Scientist, Space Applications Centre (ISRO), Ahmedabad

5. Dr. V.K. Sehgal, Senior Scientist, IARI
6. Dr. S. K. Saha, Dean (Academics), Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Dehradun.
7. Dr P. Prabhu Prasadini, PI-UGC project, College of Agri., ANGRAU, Rajendranagar
8. Dr. Mrs. P. Krishnan, Principal Scientist, IARI.

Secretary will send request letters to all above and seek their consent for the same.

Dr. Ray, Vice President of the Society informed that two scientists from abroad were contacted earlier and have kindly agreed to be Members of the Editorial Board. The details may be obtained from Dr. V.K. Sehgal, Immediate-past Secretary, ISAP.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Secretary.

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