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Proceedings of the Executive Council Meeting held on 5 June 2024 at 10.30 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. Y.S. Shivay, President, ISAP
3. Dr. Subash N Pillai, Head, Division of Agricultural Physics, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi 110012
4. Dr. V.K. Sehgal, Vice-President, ISAP
5. Dr. T.K. Das, Vice-President, ISAP
6. Dr. Pragati Pramanik Maity, Secretary, ISAP
7. Dr. Karun Choudhary, Joint Secretary, ISAP (joined virtually)
8. Dr. Debashish Chakraborty, Assistant Secretary, ISAP (joined virtually)
9. Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, Treasurer, ISAP

The following agenda items were discussed in the meeting:

- Discussion on the National Seminar to be held during January, 2025 at Goa
- Review of the status of the special issue to be published by ISAP and book on Fundamentals of Agricultural Physics
- Election for the next EC (2025–2026)
- To discuss the financial status of the ISAP
- 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 and congratulated all the members of the EC and ISAP members for the successful organization of the National Seminar on **Smart Technologies for Sustainable Agriculture and Environment** at ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad from 22–23 February 2024. 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 next National Seminar of ISAP will be held at ICAR-CCARI, Goa tentatively during 23–24 January 2025 and the topic decided was **Technological Innovations for Transforming Agriculture: The Role of Agrophysics**. Dr Parveen Kumar, Director, ICAR-CCARI, Goa has been identified as Local Organizing Convenor. Considering the venue of the seminar it was unanimously decided that the registration fee will be Rs. 6,000/- for all members and non-member participants and Rs. 3,000/- for Students, RA and SRF.
- The EC expressed the importance of publishing a book by the Indian Society of Agrophysics on Fundamentals of Agricultural Physics, covering all the units of the recently approved ARS Syllabus of Agricultural Physics. Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, Editor-in-Chief, ISAP 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 second week of June, 2024. Further, it was decided that if required, then one meeting will be called under the Chairmanship of Dr S.K Chaudhari, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Agricultural Physics.

- The Indian Society of Soil Science (ISSS) is organizing a Global Soils Conference 2024 under the aegis of the International Union of Soil Sciences in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) on the topic “Caring Soils Beyond Food Security” during 19–22 November 2024 at National Agricultural Science Complex, New Delhi. It was decided in the previous EC meeting that a special issue of The Journal of Agricultural Physics will be released at the inaugural event of the Global Soils Conference 2024. Dr. S.N. Pillai, HoD, Division of Agricultural Physics, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi identified the potential contributors names, topics and theme of the special issue (Assessment of Agricultural Sustainability and Ecosystem Services). After thorough discussion with the Editor-in-Chief, Dr S.K. Chaudhari; President, Dr. Y.S. Shivay; Dr. S.N. Pillai, HoD, Division of Agricultural Physics, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi and Secretary, ISAP, the theme of the special issue was finalized. The invitation letters for contributing an article for the special issue have been sent to all the contributors and deadline of submission is kept 31.07.2024.
- There was thorough discussion on Election for the next EC (2025–2026). The election will be for the following positions of the Indian Society of Agrophysics (ISAP), Executive Council for the term 2025–2026:
 - President - One
 - Vice-Presidents - Two
 - Secretary - One
 - Jt. Secretary - One
 - Asstt. Secretary - One
 - Treasurer – One
- After deliberations, Dr. Niveta Jain, Principal Scientist, Division of Environment Science, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi was identified as Returning officer for the elections due. All members registered as on 30/06/2024 shall only be eligible for nomination, proposer and voting rights.
- Further, after due consideration and deliberations the election schedule was finalized as given below:

○ Announcement of the election process	01-07-2024
○ Last date for Filing of nomination in enclosed Performa	21-07-2024
○ Scrutiny of valid nominations & finalization of list of contestants	31-07-2024
○ Last date for Withdrawal of nomination by candidates	07-08-2024
○ Notice of contest (if any) for Online Election:	16-08-2024
○ Last date of Online Voting	26-08-2024
○ Counting of Votes & Declaration of results	28-08-2024
- The Secretary informed the house that a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs have been made in a fixed deposit (444 days Canara Bank Scheme) in the society’s name. **It is expected that** another 4.5 lakhs are expected to be credited to the account after submission of UC and Audit report to NABARD (Rs. 2.5 lakhs), and DST (Rs. 2.0 lakh). All the members present requested Dr Rajeev Ranjan to expedite the process of finalization of audit report (2023–2024) and SOE, so that it could be submitted to the funding agency for the release of fund. Dr. Rajeev Ranjan assured the house that balance sheet and draft audit report (2023–2024) will be ready within one week.

- Announcement of Dr. S.S. Ray Best Doctoral Thesis will be done in the Month of July and last date of submission of application will be kept as 31.10.2024.
- Announcement of Fellow, ISAP, 2024 will be done in the Month of July and last date of submission of application will be kept as 30.11.2024.
- The Secretary of ISAP expressed the need for a membership drive to increase the number of members of ISAP. All the EC members felt 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)