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Proceedings of the Executive Council Meeting held on 14 October 2024 at 03:30 PM 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 (joined virtually)
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)

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
- 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 conduction of the Election of the new EC for 2025 and 2026. 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 during 23–24 January 2025 and the topic decided was **Technological Innovations for Transforming Agriculture: The Role of Agrophysics**. The event will be organized in the Association for Coastal Agricultural Research, Goa. Dr Parveen Kumar, Director, ICAR-CCARI, Goa has been identified as the Local Organizing Convenor and Dr Gopal Ramdas Mahajan has been identified as the Local Organizing Secretary. Considering the venue of the seminar it was unanimously decided that the registration fee would be Rs. 6,000/- for all members and non-member participants and Rs. 3,000/- for Students, RA, and SRF. Dr A. K. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi has been identified as the Speaker of the 11th Dr. B. P. Ghildyal Memorial Lecture and Dr S. K. Chaudhari, DDG (NRM), ICAR, New Delhi will preside the prestigious lecture. It has been decided that in the Month of December, Dr S. K. Chaudhari, Dr. Y. S. Shivay, Dr. N. Subash Pillai and Dr. Pragati Pramanik Maity will visit ICAR-CCARI, Goa to review the preparation of the National Seminar on Technological Innovations for Transforming Agriculture: The Role of Agrophysics. It was also decided that a virtual meeting will be

arranged with Dr Parveen Kumar, Director, ICAR-CCARI, Goa for a detailed discussion on the preparation for the National Seminar.

- 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"**. The Secretary informed the house that out of ten units, authors have submitted materials for five units. After discussion, it was decided that one last reminder for submission of the chapter material will be sent, and after that whatever materials have been received, the book will be published.
- 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 informed the house that a total of 19 articles have been received for the special issue on Agricultural Sustainability and Ecosystem Services and the review and editing process are ongoing. However, the special issue will be ready for release at the inaugural event of the Global Soils Conference 2024.
- The Secretary informed the house that a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs has been made in a fixed deposit (444 days Canara Bank Scheme) in the society's name. **It is expected that** another 2.5 lakhs are expected to be credited to the account of ISAP from NABARD as UC and SOE to NABARD have already been submitted. Another 0.5 lakh from INSA and 2.0 lakhs from DST are expected to be credited to the account of ISAP after the submission of AUC, UC, and SOE. As the treasurer was absent from the meeting, all the members requested Dr N. Pillai (HoD) to instruct Dr Rajeev Ranjan to expedite the process of finalization of the audit report (2023–2024) and SOE, so that it could be submitted to the funding agency for the release of fund. The Secretary informed the house that at present around 3.5 lakhs are in the ISAP savings account. It was decided unanimously in the meeting that an FD of 2.5 lakhs will be made for 90 days and in the ISAP account not more than 1.5 lakhs will be available. The excess amount will remain as FD always.
- 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)