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Proceedings of the Extended Executive Council Meeting held on 17 December 2024 at 10:00 AM in Room No. 105, 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. Parveen Kumar, Director, ICAR-CCARI, Goa (joined virtually)
4. Dr. V.K. Sehgal, Vice-President, ISAP
5. Dr. Debashis Chakraborty, Vice-President, ISAP (Elect) (joined virtually)
6. Dr. Pragati Pramanik Maity, Secretary, ISAP
7. Dr. Debashish Chakraborty, Assistant Secretary, ISAP (joined virtually)
8. Dr. Rajkumar Dharkar, Treasurer, ISAP (Elect)
9. Dr. Gopal Ramdas Mahajan, Senior Scientist, ICAR-CCARI, Goa (joined virtually)
10. Dr. Bappa Das, Scientist, ICAR-CCARI, Goa (joined virtually)
11. Dr. Sujeet Desai, Scientist, ICAR-CCARI, Goa (joined virtually)

The following agenda items were discussed in the meeting:

- Discussion on the National Seminar to be held during January 2025 at Goa
- 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 the Director, ICAR-CCARI, Goa, and the other scientists from ICAR-CCARI, Goa who joined virtually. Dr. Y.S. Shivay, President, ISAP briefed the importance of this extended EC meeting. 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 National Seminar will be organized in Association for Coastal Agricultural Research, Goa. Dr Parveen Kumar, Director, ICAR-CCARI, Goa is the Local Organizing Convenor and Dr Gopal Ramdas Mahajan is the Local Organizing Secretary. 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 was decided in the meeting that the inauguration program will be held in Swaminathan Hall, ICAR-CCARI, Goa. Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy of India, GoI will be the **Chief Guest**. Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, DDG (NRM), ICAR, and Dr. A.K. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Rani Lakshmi Bai Central

Agricultural University, Jhansi will be the **Guest of Honor**. During the inaugural function, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik (**Chief Guest**), Dr. S.K. Chaudhari (**Guest of Honor**), Dr. A.K. Singh (**Guest of Honor**), Dr. Parveen Kumar (**Director**), Dr. Y.S. Shivay (**President, ISAP**) and Dr. Pragati Pramanik Maity (**Secretary, ISAP**) will be on the dais.

- During the inauguration, the Souvenir and Abstract Book of the Seminar, the December issue of the Journal of Agricultural Physics, and one or two publications of ICAR-CCARI, Goa, will be released.
- The Secretary, ISAP informed the house that applications for financial assistance have been sent to different agencies. It was decided in the meeting that all the EC members and the Local Organizing Committee would approach different organizations for financial assistance.
- For the exhibition, around 8-10 stalls will be arranged. Regarding accommodation in Goa, by the next week, details on Guest houses and hotels will be available for uploading on the ISAP website.
- Regarding the cultural program on 23.01.2025, different options will be explored and quotations will be taken by the Local Organizing Committee and the best possible option will be selected after discussion with the ISAP, Head Quarter.
- In the registration kit, there will be a bag, coffee mug, notepad, and also a pen. During the event, a total of 2 lunches, 1 Gala dinner, 2 high teas, and 2 session teas will be arranged for the participants. All the printing will be arranged from ISAP, Head Quarter.
- It was also decided in the meeting that all should sensitize their students and colleagues for maximum abstract submission and participation.
- After thorough discussion, the following evaluation committee was constituted for Dr. S.S. Ray Best Doctoral Thesis Award.
 - Dr. Rajbir Singh, ADG (AAF&CC), ICAR-Chairman
 - Dr. S.K. Bal, PC, AICRPAM, Hyderabad- Member
 - Dr. D.K. Das, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi- Member
 - Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy, Head, ICAR-NBSS& LUP, Nagpur- Member
 - Dr. Pragati Pramanik Maity- Member Secretary
- The new EC will take charge during the AGM of the Society on 23.01.2025
- 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)