Proceedings of the Second Executive Council held on 27th May 2020 through video conferencing

The following members participated through video conferencing:

1. Dr. G P Singh, President
2. Dr. S K Singh, Vice President.
3. Dr. S K Pradhan, Vice President
4. Dr. R K Sharma, Secretary
5. Dr. Akshay Talukdar, Editor
6. Dr. Amit Kumar Singh, Treasurer
7. Dr. Anjani Kumar Singh, Councilor, Northern Zone
8. Dr. Sharad Tiwari, Councilor, Central Zone
9. Dr. S C Misra, Councilor, Western Zone
10. Dr. S Ganaga Prasad, Councilor, Southern Zone
11. Dr. Narender Kumar Singh Councilor, Mid Eastern Zone
12. Dr. Mayank Rai, Councilor, Eastern Zone

Dr. R K Sharma, Secretary heartily welcomed the President and all other members who joined the meeting and appreciated the initiative taken by the President to hold the meeting through Video Conferencing. He requested the President to Chair the meeting and conduct the proceedings.

Dr. G P Singh, President, also welcomed all the Members of the ISGPB and initiated the proceedings of the meeting. The agenda items as circulated by the Secretary were raised one by one and discussed thoroughly. Item wise, the decision taken were as follows:

**Item No. 1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 1st Executive Council meeting held on Feb 13, 2020**

The proceedings of the 1st Executive Council meeting held on Feb 13, 2020 were circulated among the members. As no comments/objections were received from any members, the EC approved the proceedings.

**Item No 2. Finalization of the Editorial Board (EB) of the Indian Journal of Genetics and Plant Breeding (IJGPB) for 2020-21**

Dr. A. Talukdar, Editor, proposed the new Editorial Board (EB) of the Indian J Genet for the session 2020-21. The President sought the opinion of other members to consider the proposed EB and suggest modifications, if any. After thorough discussion and suggestion from the members, it was decided to constitute the EB with 4 Associate Editors and 20 Members as listed in the Appendix-I. The EC asked the Editor to obtain consent from the members of the Editorial Board at the shortest possible time and to print it in the 1st issue of Vol. 80 of the Journal.

**Item No 3. Approval for announcement to invite the application for ISGPB Fellows**

The EC has given consent to call for application for awarding the ISGPB Fellowship. The Secretary, ISGPB has been asked to initiate the action accordingly.

**Item No 4. Status of Journal**

Dr A. Talukdar, Editor presented the status of the Journal including the number of the manuscripts received, reviewed and decided. He informed the EC that there was delay in bringing out the 1st issue of
the Vol 80 due to the delay in transition of the charges and the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic situations. The 1st issue was finally made available online in the month of April, 2020 and hard copies will be made available shortly. The Printing Press took longer time to complete the printing works due to prevailing lockdown conditions. Dr. Talukdar assured the EC that the 2nd issue of the Vol 80 of the Journal will come by June 2020 and rest issues will be published in scheduled time.

**Item No 5 Financial status of the Society**

The up-to-date financial status of the society was circulated among the members and EC approved the same.

**Item No 6. Status of new membership enrolment**

The information about enrolment of new members to the Society and membership fee collected was circulated among the members. In the current calendar year, 71 life members and 18 annual members were enrolled. It was also decided that the Councillors will make special effort to enrol more members from their respective zones. Dr. RK Sharma, Secretary will provide the zone-wise list of the members to the Councillors so that they can identify the non-members and take initiative to enrol them in the Society.

**Item No. 7 Approval for dumping off the old, unserviceable articles including computers**

The Secretary informed the EC that there are certain articles in the Society’s office which are not in use and not repairable/serviceable. He requested the EC for permission to arrange for auction of such items. The EC advised the Secretary to constitute a local committee involving the Editor and Treasurer and to initiate the action needed for such purpose.

**Item No.8 Approval for ad hoc appointment in ISGBP**

The last EC initiated the process of appointment of contractual staff in the ISGBP office, however it could not be completed within the period. The EC discussed the issue in detail and decided to defer it as there is no need of any ad hoc appointment at present. Should there be any need in future, appropriate action can be taken accordingly.

**Item No. 9 Any other item with the approval of Chair**

It was decided that the EC will meet at least once in a month through video conferencing only, till situation normalizes. Secretary, with the help of Treasurer and Editor will organize the next virtual meeting in the month of June 2020.

The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks to the Chair and other members of the EC.

(G P Singh)

*President*

(R K Sharma)

*Secretary*
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