

INDIAN SOCIETY OF GENETICS AND PLANT BREEDING
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Proceedings of the Fifth Executive Council held on 29th May 2021 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 R K Sharma, Secretary
4. Dr. Akshay Talukdar, Editor
5. Dr. Amit Kumar Singh, Treasurer
6. Dr. Anjani Kumar Singh, Councilor, Northern Zone
7. Dr. Sharad Tiwari, Councilor, Central Zone
8. Dr. S C Misra, Councilor, Western Zone
9. Dr. Narender Kumar Singh Councilor, Mid Eastern Zone
10. Dr. Mayank Rai, Councilor, Eastern Zone

Dr S K Pradhan, Vice President and Dr. S Ganga Prasad, Councilors, Southern Zone could not attend the meeting and were given leave of absence. Dr. R K Sharma, Secretary heartily welcomed the President and all other members and appreciated the initiative taken by the President to hold the meeting through Video Conferencing. President also welcomed all the Members 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 4th Executive Council meeting held on Jan 2, 2021

The proceedings of the 4th Executive Council meeting held on Jan 2, 2021 were circulated among the members. As no comments/objections were received from any members, the EC approved the proceedings.

Item No. 2 The progress of the works on the decision taken in the 4th EC meeting was also reviewed during the meeting. Following points emerged.

- I. Dr S K Singh, Vice President informed the house that he could find most of the old missing issues of the Indian Journal of Genetics and Plant Breeding in the library of the Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi except the issues pertaining to the year 1944. He informed the house that he will send the photocopy of those issues of the Journal latest by 10th June. The Executive Council (EC) appreciated the effort of Dr. Singh in collecting most of the missing issues of the Journal from the BHU library. The EC also urged the Secretary and members to look out for the remaining missing issues.
- II. Regarding organization of two webinar viz, "*Wild Relatives in Crop Improvement*" and "*Renascence of Hill Agriculture through Advanced Genetics and Crop Breeding*"

Interventions for Food and Nutrition Security”, the Secretary informed the EC that despite repeated persuasion, no response could be received from the proposing institutions. The EC therefore decided to close the issue for time being.

- III. Considering the ongoing COVID pandemic situation prevailing in the country, the EC decided to postpone the *National Seminar* proposed to be held at BHU, Varanasi during Dec 10-12, 2021. It will be organized some time in 2022.
- IV. As per recommendation of a special committee constituted by the Society, the EC agreed to continue the contract with the IndianJournal.com for the year 2021 as per previously agreed term and conditions. The Secretary in consultation with the President will ensure follow up action on it.
- V. On the issue to making the society's website more attractive and user friendly, and publishing the journal in an internationally compatible format, the special committee formed for this purpose collected quotations from firms working on this line. With approval of the President, a publishing firm was asked to make a presentation before the EC and clarify the points raised by the members. The EC in principle agreed to the proposal and asked Dr A. Talukdar, Editor and Dr Amit K. Singh, Treasurer to finalize the proposal in consultation with the President and the Secretary of the Society.
- VI. In regard of holding next election of the Society online, the Secretary informed that updating of contact information of the members is in progress. A large number of the members have updated the information while still many be left. The EC decided to give one more call to the members to update the contact information so that no members left out of the online election process.
- VII. The Secretary informed that the evaluation of the applications received by the Society for five ISGPB awards could not be completed by the respective committee due to COVID pandemic issues. He further informed that the job will be completed once the situation is normalized.
- VIII. EC considered the proposal submitted by Dr. Balram Marathi for opening a New Chapter of the ISGPB in Hyderabad and approved it subject to fulfillment of the terms and conditions as laid down in the constitution of the Society.
- IX. In regard of revising the ISGPB Fellowship guidelines, the EC decided that it should be in the line of NAAS Fellowship guidelines. The committee constituted for this purpose will revise it accordingly and share the copy with the members of the EC for their comments and suggestions. Subsequently, the EC will take a final call on it.
- X. Due to Covid pandemic, the EC decided to hold the Annual General Meeting of the Society sometime in the month of Oct, 2021. The Secretary in consultation with the President of the Society will finalize the programme for it.

Item No.2: Presentation by Editor, Treasurer and Secretary

- I. Dr. A. Talukdar, Editor, Dr. Amit K. Singh, Treasurer and Dr R K Sharma, Secretary presented the updated progress of works regarding the status of Journal, financial position and general issues, respectively. The EC expressed satisfaction on the progress the society in various front and lauded the efforts made by them.

Item No. 3: Any other item with the approval of Chair

- I. Secretary informed the EC that during COVID pandemic period society has lost several members due to COVID. EC members observe one minute silence in the meeting to pay the tributes to those members
- II. No other matter was raised by the members for discussion. However, the President urged all the members to continue work proactively for achieving the goals of the Society and serving the humanity.

The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks to the Chair

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