INDIAN SOCIETY OF GENETICS AND PLANT BREEDING  
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Proceedings of the Sixth Executive Council (EC) held on 24th July 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, Councillor, Northern Zone
7. Dr. Sharad Tiwari, Councillor, Central Zone
8. Dr. S C Misra, Councillor, Western Zone
9. Dr. Narender Kumar Singh Councillor, Mid Eastern Zone
10. Dr. Mayank Rai, Councillor, Eastern Zone

Dr. S K Pradhan, Vice President, ISGPB and Dr. Ganga Rao, Councillor – Southern Zone ISGPB, could not join the meeting due to some personal reasons and were granted leave.

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 the Members of the EC and initiated the proceedings of the meeting. The agenda items were presented by the Secretary and discussed thoroughly one by one. Item wise, the decision taken were as follows:

Item No. 1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 5th Executive Council meeting held on May 29, 2021

The proceedings of the 5th Executive Council meeting held on May 29, 2021 were circulated among the members. As no comments/objections were received from any members, the EC approved the proceedings.

Item No. 2. Review of the progress on the decisions taken in the 5th EC meeting.

Following points emerged during the review

1. Restoration and uploading of the old missing issues of the Ind. J. Gent.
   Dr. R K Sharma, Secretary informed all the missing issues (except for 1944 year) were collected from BHU, Varanasi were scanned and uploaded on the society website. He thanked and acknowledged the valuable help received from Dr. S K Singh, Vice President
of the Society, in collecting the photocopies of the missing issues of Journal. Efforts are on to get the missing issue of 1944 through personal contact.

II. Continuation of the contract with the IndianJournal.com for the year 2021

The Secretary informed that as per the decision taken, contract with IndianJournal.com has been extended for year 2021. Further, issues published of the Journal so far were supplied to concerned firm. A total of 11 subscribers were enrolled by the firm for year 2021.

III. Issue related to upgradation of society’s website

The Editor has briefed the EC about the progress made in the issue so far so far in changing the society’s webpage including the journal handling platform. He also shared with the members a sample copy of an article of the Journal with proposed changes in the format and design, and requested all the members to suggest improvements. The EC members appreciated the proposed format and advised him and team to complete the work as soon as possible.

IV. Updating the information of the members for online election

V. Dr. R K Sharma informed that the basic information about majority of the ISGPB members were updated. The process is still going on to complete at the shortest possible time. He informed the members that updated information from 211 members were received after the 5th EC meeting.

VI. Evaluation of the applications received by the Society for five ISGPB awards

The Secretary informed that the evaluation of the applications received for the five ISGPB awards were completed by the Award Committee constituted for the purpose. He expressed gratitude to the Chairman and Members of the Award Committee for time, efforts and services to the Society. The Secretary, placed the recommendations of the Award Committee for consideration of the EC.

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The recommendations of committee were approved by the EC.
VI. Revising the ISGPB Fellowship guidelines in view of NAAS Fellowship guidelines

Dr R K Sharma informed the house that revision of the ISGPB Fellowship guidelines and the application format has revised the ISGPB Fellowship guidelines and the proforma of application in the line of the NAAS Fellowship by the Committee. On behalf of the EC, he thanked all the members of the Committee for their service to the Society.

The final copy of the same, which includes opinion and inputs from the EC members, was placed before the EC for approval. After thorough discussion, the EC approved the revised ISGPB Fellowship guidelines and asked the Secretary to invite application for the ISGPB Fellowship for the year 2021 as per revised guidelines in the new application format. The EC also emphasized on the admission of Honorary Fellow of the Society and asked the Secretary to initiate work on this aspect.

VII. Announcement of three ISGPB awards for biennium 2020-21

As per the decision taken earlier by the EC, that announcement of three awards of ISGPB, viz., Dr B P Pal Life Time Achievement Award, Dr M S Swaminathan Woman Scientist Award and Dr Joginder Singh Memorial Award is due now. The EC agreed to the proposal. It was also decided that the application format will be as per NAAS awards and evaluation will be done accordingly. EC asked Secretary to invite the applications for these awards from the members in revised format.

VIII. Issue of the duplicate certificate to ISGPB Fellows

Secretary informed the EC that 34 members of the Society has requested to reissue their ISGPB Fellowship Certificate owing to loss or damage of their certificate issued earlier. The EC decided to reissue the Fellowship certificate only after verification with the office record. Further, the newly issued certificate will be marked as ‘Duplicate copy’ of the certificate.

IX. Issue related to Publication of the Journal

While discussing various issues pertaining to timely publication and improvement of the Society’s Journal, the following decisions were taken:

- Each issue of the Journal should be restricted to 120-130 pages only.
- Reviewing of the manuscripts and taking decision should be completed within six months after submission of article by author.
- Manuscripts lying pending for several months time (more than six months) with the reviewers should be completed in the next two months and priority should be given for publication to those article accepted for publication in order to overcome the backlog.

X. Holding of online Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) the in Oct, 2021

The EC decided to hold the online AGM of the society in the month of Oct, 2021. The Secretary in consultation with the President of the society will decide the exact date and programme of the meeting. In the AGM, the President of the Society will also deliver the Presidential Lecture as done earlier.
The President expressed happing in progress of the Society and urged the entire members of EC to work proactively for betterment of the ISGPB.

The meeting came to an end with vote of thanks to the Chair and other members of the Executive Council by the Secretary.

GYANENDRA PRATAP SINGH (G P Singh)
President

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