

INDIAN SOCIETY OF GENETICS AND PLANT BREEDING

Proceedings of the 1st Meeting of the Executive Council (2018-2019) held on 25th January, 2018 in the ISGPB Office, NASC Complex, New Delhi-110012

At the outset, Dr. Sanjay Singh Secretary, ISGPB apprised the house that Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE & DG ICAR and President, ISGPB was not available to attend the meeting due to certain unavoidable personal reasons and authorized Dr. H.K. Chaudhary, Vice President, ISGPB to chair the first meeting of the ISGPB.

The following members were present:

1. Dr. H.K. Chaudhary, Vice President
2. Dr. Sanjay Singh, Secretary
3. Dr. S.M.S. Tomar, Editor
4. Dr. R. K. Sharma, Treasurer
5. Dr. T.E. Nagaraja, Councillor, Southern Zone
6. Dr. M.P. Deshmukh, Councillor, Western Zone
7. Dr. Sharad Tiwari, Councillor, Central zone
8. Dr. S.K. Singh, Councillor, Northern Zone

Dr. (Mrs.) C.Tara Satyavathi, Vice President, ISGPB couldn't participate due to her busy schedule in other time bound assignments.

Firstly, the Vice President, Dr. H.K.Chaudhary welcomed and felicitated all the elected esteemed members of the Executive Council and afterwards discussed the agenda placed before the council by the Secretary, ISGPB. After thorough discussion on each item of the agenda, following decisions were taken and reported as here under:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on January 08, 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on Jan 8, 2018 were confirmed by the members.

2. Brain storming sessions/ workshops to be conducted quarterly- first meeting can be organized on "Speed Breeding" followed by emerging biotic threats –insects pests, invasive species etc, to enhance the scientific activity to bring out policy briefs from time to time.

It was pointed out by Dr. SMS Tomar that this activity would involve a lot of financial resources and presently financial position of the society does not permit the same. It also emerged during the discussion that such sessions/workshops can be organized if the necessary funds are arranged separately. Till then, it is better to link this activity with the national seminar being organised by the society. Although, a list of resource persons/experts in various spheres was conveyed by Dr. Tara Satyavathi yet, prior to that there is a need to consult them by the

Secretary so as to obtain their consent for participation in the proposed brain storming session/seminar/conference.

3. Organization of the National Genetics Congress in 2018

The E C decided to organise The National Genetics Congress during the first fortnight of November, 2018 in New Delhi/ Bengaluru. This activity should start as soon as possible. The President ISGPB is requested to constitute a committee to initiate early action in this matter. The resource persons in plant and animal genetics from various distinguished institutes of the country must be contacted for this congress.

4. Organization of the International Genetics Congress in 2019

It was decided to

- Organize the International Genetics Congress tentatively during the first fortnight of November, 2019 in New Delhi.
- Invite titles from all the members of the ISGPB in respect of the theme and focussed areas of different sessions of the Int. Congress.
- Consult the scientistsq groups experienced in organizing Int. conferences/symposia so as to frame future strategy.

5. Improving the financial status of the Society

Following strategic decisions were taken to improve the financial condition of the Society:

- Efforts have to be made to enhance the membership collectively by the existing councillors, ex- councillors of all the zones and elected Fellows of the Society. The respective councillors must co-ordinate this activity in their respective zones under the umbrella of ISGPB. An appeal in this context has to be floated by each councillor of the respective zone.
- Keeping in view the cost escalation in the execution of various activities of the Society, nominal hike in the membership fee w.e.f. April 1, 2018 was proposed as here under:
 - ✓ Annual membership raised from Rs.700 to Rs.1000
 - ✓ Life membership for soft copy of Journal raised from Rs.5200 to Rs.6000
 - ✓ Life membership for hard copy of Journal from Rs.7200 to Rs.8000
 - ✓ Subscription charges (annual) for Journal from Rs.5000 to Rs.8000
- The EC opined to open gates for corporate sectors for becoming active members of the Society and support generously.

6. Number of issues of Journal (4/6) to be published in a year

Keeping in view the present status of the number of research articles received and frequency of the quality research papers, it was decided not

to change the number of issues per annum. Besides, decision was taken to release a Special Issue on Oilseed Crops to commemorate Golden Jubilee celebration of Brassica Co-ordination in the country.

7. Linking of the Journal with the ICAR/Private portal

- The journal was presently linked with the Indian Journal.com which is not providing the facilities of cross referencing. It was decided to go ahead for agreement with the private portal being run by MS MIR Lucknow/Bengaluru who will be providing the facilities of cross referencing needed for further improving rating of the Indian Journal of Genetics and Plant Breeding.

8. Nomination of Councillors for Mid-Eastern and Eastern Zone

- As Single nomination from the mid-eastern and eastern Zones were received for three and two candidates, respectively hence could not be considered for contesting the election. The EC has nominated two councillors out of these single nominations viz, Dr D N Singh from BAU Kanke, Ranchi representing mid-Eastern Zone and Dr R N Sharma AAU, Jorhat Assam representing Eastern Zone considering their past services to the Society for a longer period.

9. Organization of activities at regional level by the respective councillors of different zones to increase public awareness

The Councillors of the respective zones in association with the former councillors and the Fellows of the Society of that zone must organize debates, quiz, seminars emphasizing the current issues with their own resources under the umbrella of the ISGPB.

10. Encouraging the veterans of the society to share their experiences by writing reviews/ interaction for the benefit of the younger generation

- EC has decided that the councillors of the society should interact with the veteran members of the society to encourage them to write review articles.
- It was also decided to publish a monograph having 1-2 pages information in respect of the significant contribution made by the renowned Plant Breeders of the country so as to create awareness amongst the younger generation about the earlier significant mile stones achieved.

11. Changing/improving the face of the Journal

Keeping in view the appropriate attraction of the face of the Journal, no need was felt to make any alteration.

12. Creation of a platform to reach all the members and get their feedback

The society's website has already provided the facility to get the feedback from the members. All the members must be requested to send their feedback using this website.

13. Constitute different committees involving expert members of the society (Excluding EC Members) for taking forward various activities.

It was agreed upon that this matter would be discussed in the presence of the President ISGPB.

14. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

- Detailed list of the members must be provided to the councillors of all the zones to initiate the action for updating of CV of members at zonal level.
- Zonewise detailed list of the ISGPB members, former councillors and Fellows of the Society will be provided to all the Councillors by the Secretary, ISGPB.
- It has been decided to felicitate the referees/reviewers of the Journal by issuing a certificate of appreciation.
- The EC has felt the need to change the existing CA in view of the rates being charged and distant location of his office. The Secretary ISGPB reported that he has already contacted the CA nearby the office of the society who has consented to render his services at lower rate. Accordingly, the EC has approved the same.
- The EC has granted the approval for the proposal to increase the charges for proof reading of the article of the Journal from existing Rs 10 per page to Rs 20 per page.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks of the Chair and lastly vote of thanks was proposed by Dr S M S Tomar



(H.K. Chaudhary)
Vice- President



(Sanjay Singh)
Secretary