

INDIAN SOCIETY OF GENETICS AND PLANT BREEDING

Proceedings of the 4th Executive Council (2023-2024) Meeting (Online) on October 27, 2023 at 11.00 am

The following EC members were present:

1. Dr Sanjay Kumar, President
2. Dr TE Nagaraja, Vice president
3. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Secretary
4. Dr Akshay Talukdar, Editor
5. Dr Amit K Singh, Treasurer
6. Dr Kiran Gaikwad, Councilor, North Zone
7. Dr RS Shukla, Councilor, Central zone
8. Dr Umakanth AV, Councilor, South zone

Dr. Nagendra S Barua, Councilor, East Zone, Dr Ashutosh K Mall, Councilor, Mid-Eastern Zone and Dr DA Gadekar Councilor, Western Zone could not attend the meeting.

Secretary, ISGPB welcomed all the members attending the 4th EC meeting followed by a brief address by the President, Dr Sanjay Kumar, Director, IISS, Mau, UP. In the beginning of the meeting, the EC paid tribute to Late Prof. MS Swaminathan and Late Dr Balram Sharma and remembered their significant contributions to the academic fraternity of the Genetics & Plant Breeding. Afterwards, the formal EC meeting was continued as per the agenda items and following decisions and discussions were made:

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 3rd EC meeting held on April 24, 2023:

The executive committee approved the proceedings of the 3rd EC meeting.

2. Discussion of organizing the 2nd National Genetics Congress:

It was informed to the house that a letter and draft brochure regarding organization of 2nd NGC was sent to the Chairman, organizing committee for approval of dates and Advisory committee which is awaited.

3. ISGPB Awards committee proceedings:

The recommendations of the Award committee regarding eligibility criteria, score card and detailed application format was presented before the house for discussion and approval. The EC adopted the recommendations with minor changes to eligibility criteria for ISGPB- Fellow & Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Memorial Women Award and score card for different awards.

4. Announcement of ISGPB awards and Fellowships for 2023:

The EC approved the proposal of announcement of following ISGPB awards and fellowship during 2023. The Award is to be announced by Nov. 1, 2023 with last date of December 15, 2023.

- a. ISGPB- Fellowship, 2023
- b. ISGPB- BP Pal Memorial Award (Biennial for 2022-23)
- c. ISGPB- MS Swaminathan Memorial Award for Women (Biennial for 2022-23)
- d. ISGPB- RN Sawhney Memorial Award (New Award, Biennial)
- e. ISGPB- Joginder Singh Memorial Award (Biennial for 2022-23)

5. Approval of revising Award Money:

The EC approved the revised award money as mentioned below

- a. ISGPB- BP Pal Memorial Award : Rs. 30000/-
- b. ISGPB- MS Swaminathan Memorial Award for Women & ISGPB - RN Sawhney Memorial Award: Rs 25000/-Each
- c. All other ISGPB Awards: Rs 20000/- each

6. Events at Ranchi and Jorhat

The EC approved the support as requested by the organizers for National Seminar at BAU, Ranchi on November 8-9, 2023 and International Conference at AAU, Jorhat during November 22-24, 2023.

7. Update on Constitutional amendment procedure:

The EC was being updated about the procedure and status of the ISGPB Constitutional amendment in present time frame. The suggestions from the members was invited by November 15, 2023 which will be taken up by the committee constituted by the EC for the same purpose.

8. Update on ISGPB Chapters :

The EC was informed about requirement of revisiting the linkages of ISGPB chapters with main body and it was informed that the chapters were asked to submit report of progress for last 5 years by November 5, 2023 for further discussion in the EC and necessary decisions.

9. Update on membership drive:

The initiation of group discount and student discount for life membership was proposed and the EC decided to give a group discount of 5%, 10% and 20% to the group of 5, 10 or 20-persons seeking life membership together. EC also decided to give 10% discount to Post graduate or doctoral students for life membership on producing valid ID card.

10. E-Abstract of GPB students:

The Secretary proposed to initiate E- abstract services for students of Genetics & Plant Breeding so that abstract of their thesis can be published in soft copy mode and linked to the website of the society. The EC approved this proposal and asked to prepare the modalities for the same.

11. Publication status of the Indian Journal of Genetics and Plant Breeding:

Editor, Dr. Akshay Talukdar informed the house that the soft copy of Vol. 83 (3) 2023 is ready for circulation to the members of the society.

12. Financial status of the society at present:

The Treasurer of the society circulated and explained the financial position of the society as on October 25, 2023 to all the EC members.

13. Maintenance of ISGPB web site and IJGPB online editorial process:

EC emphasized to upgrade the website and editorial process with current service providers and/or inviting new tenders for these services. The talk with Springer to link their platform with IJGPB was also suggested by the President.

14. Any other item:

Dr RS Shukla, Councilor Central Zone asked to provide acceptance letter to the contributors for which EC directed to issue the Acceptance letter mandatorily to the Corresponding author as and when the paper is accepted for publication. It was also emphasized to give responsibility to Associate editors regarding communication process with the reviewers.

The meeting ended with formal vote of thanks proposed by the Secretary, ISGPB.


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Secretary


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President