

**Proceedings of the meeting of the National Steering Committee of Fourth International Agronomy Congress 2016 from 22–26 November 2016 at New Delhi held on July 15, 2016 at 3:00 PM, in the Board Room of Chairman, ASRB, KAB I, Pusa Campus, New Delhi 110 012**

**The following members were present:**

1. Dr Panjab Singh, Chairman National Steering Committee of 4<sup>th</sup> IAC and President, FAARD Foundation, Varanasi, U.P.
2. Dr Gurbachan Singh, Chairman, ASRB, ICAR and President, ISA, New Delhi
3. Dr A.K. Vyas, ADG (HRM), ICAR and Vice President, ISA, New Delhi
4. Dr G. Ravindra Chary, Project Coordinator and Joint Secretary, ISA, Hyderabad, Telangana
5. Dr Y.S. Shivay, Professor (Agronomy) and Secretary, ISA, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
6. Dr S. Bhaskar, ADG (AAF&CC), ICAR, New Delhi
7. Dr N.P. Singh, Director, ICAR Research Complex, Goa
8. Dr R.K. Tewatia, Addl. Director, The Fertiliser Association of India, New Delhi
9. Dr R.L. Yadav, Ex-Director, (IISR), Dwarka, New Delhi
10. Dr K. Avil Kumar, Professor, WTC, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, Telangana
11. Dr Jaibir Tomar, Head, (Agronomy), JVC, Baraut, U.P.
12. Dr D.K. Sharma, Ex-Director & Principal Scientist, CSSRI, Karnal, Haryana
13. Dr Mahua Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Sriniketan, West Bengal
14. Dr Prabhat Kumar, Scientist, Division of Floriculture, IARI, New Delhi
15. Dr Subhash Babu, Scientist, ICAR NEH Region, Sikkim

Other members could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, The President of ISA and Chairman, ASRB extended a warm welcome to all the **National Steering Committee** Members of Fourth International Agronomy Congress 2016 and then the following agenda items were discussed:

**Funding: National/International/Private:** Dr Panjab Singh, Chairman of the National Steering Committee of 4<sup>th</sup> IAC empathetically advised to the President and Secretary, ISA that aggressive approach is needed to raise the fund from different funding agencies through direct contacting i.e. telephonically or personals meeting with them. Further, he also advised that organizers need at least more than one crore rupees to organize this Congress and we expect 40 lakhs rupees from the registration fee. Hence, we need to raise the money by funding agencies at least minimum 60–70 lakhs rupees for the successful organization of the Congress. Dr N.P. Singh, Director, ICAR Research Complex for Goa advised to approach Indian Seed Association, Tractor/power tiller manufacturing companies like BST, Banks, Fertilizers etc for funding.

**Exhibition/Sponsorship:** The Chairman of the committee advised that we should invite all the ICAR institutes for exhibition participation especially, he categorically asked to the secretary to send and pursue from natural resource management based institutes of ICAR for their participation to the exhibition during the Fourth IAC. Further, he advised that we should have exhibition stalls from Pvt. Companies also.

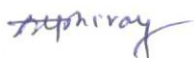
**Evening lectures/Plenary/Keynote and Lead Speakers:** The Chairman shown his displeasure concerning the progress made by different conveners of the symposia of Fourth International Agronomy Congress. Further, he emphatically advised all the conveners to identify 3-4 best speakers including keynote and lead speakers from the foreign countries. He also suggested that National Speakers should be identified based on their contributions and merits for different symposia. The Chairman advised to all the conveners that they should contact immediately to their respective Chair and Co-chair for identification of the best speakers and should submit the suggested names within 10-15 days to the Secretary, ISA for sending formal invitation to the identified speakers.

**Publications: Souvenir, Special Issues (Indian Journal of Agronomy on Pulses, Indian Journal of Fertilisers, Indian Farming, Kheti), Extended Summaries:** The Secretary, ISA apprised about the publication status of different special issues planned for the Fourth IAC and all the members shown their satisfaction.

**Any other items with the permission of the chair:**

- (i) Monitoring of the catering: It was unanimously suggested and advised to the organizers that proper management and monitoring of catering is required based on previous experiences. The concerned committee should take utmost care for this decision.
- (ii) It was unanimously decided that the organizers can consider to provide local hospitality to the needy participants from the SAARC countries based on funds availability.
- (iii) It was also suggested that we should arrange at least minimum 40 foreign speakers in the Fourth International Agronomy Congress. For this purpose CGIAR Scientists located in NASC Complex may be contacted and pursued.
- (iv) It was also suggested and unanimously decided that we should try to take International Agronomy Congress to some other parts of the Globe and some serious efforts should be made well in advance before the Organization of Fourth International Agronomy Congress 2016.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
(Y.S. Shivay)

  
(Gurbachan Singh)