

Proceedings of the meeting of the Technical Sessions Programme Committee of the 4th International Agronomy Congress 2016

The meeting was held on 24.5.2016 at 9.30 AM at the Indian Society of Agronomy Office, Division of Agronomy, IARI, New Delhi

The following were present:

1. Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Chairman ASRB and President, ISA (Special invitee)
2. Dr. A.R. Sharma, Convener
3. Dr. I.P.S. Ahlawat, Co-Convener
4. Dr. M.L. Jat, Member
5. Dr. K. Majumdar, Member
6. Dr. Y.S. Shivay, Secretary, ISA

Other members could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupations.

After a formal welcome, the following issues were discussed and decision taken:

1. In each of 11 Symposia of the Congress, there will be 3 kinds of presentations: (i) Keynote lecture (one of 30 minutes), lead lectures (3-4 of 20 minutes each), rapid fire/young scientists presentations (4-5 of 10 minutes each). (Action: All Conveners)
2. Symposium no. vii on “Conservation agriculture and smart mechanization” will be organized with Dr. J.K. Ladha as Chair; Dr. A.R. Sharma, Co-chair; and Dr. Y.S. Sahrawat as Convener. (Action: All concerned)
3. Conveners of different symposia should identify and seek consent of the speakers for keynote lecture, lead lectures and young scientists’ presentations. This may be done by 15 June positively. (Action: All conveners)
4. Special sessions will be organized on ‘Evidence-based agronomy’, agroforestry, good agronomic practices, drought resilient agriculture, and others. (Action: Dr. Y.S. Shivay)
5. It may not be possible for the organizers to provide funding support to any of the speakers. Local hospitality/free registration can be considered to a few select participants. (Action: Dr. Y.S. Shivay)
6. In each Plenary session, two renowned scientists can make presentation of 30-40 minutes each. One evening lecture of one hour duration will be organized on each day. (Action: Dr. A.R. Sharma)
7. Speakers for the Plenary sessions and evening lectures should be identified and contacted immediately. Some names suggested were: Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Dr. R.S. Paroda, Dr. G.S. Khush, Dr. Y.K. Alagh, Dr. Ramesh Chand, Dr. Ashok Gulati, representatives of World Bank, IFAD, SAARC, DGs of CGIAR Institutes, DG, ICAR, and others. (Action: Dr. Y.S. Shivay)
8. A tentative programme of the Congress may be prepared and uploaded on the website. (Action: Dr. A.R. Sharma)
9. The website of the Congress should be complete with all details in the next 15 days. (Action: Dr. Y.S. Shivay)

10. A document (25-30 pages) containing the recommendations of the major recommendations and action taken of the first 3 International Agronomy Congresses should be prepared. (Action: Publication Committee)
11. A press conference should be organized before the Congress. Briefing to the press should be done daily. (Action: Dr. Y.S. Shivay)
12. Symposia no. v should be renamed as "Abiotic and biotic (weeds) stresses management. (Action: Dr. Y.S. Shivay – to communicate the change to the Chair / Co-Chair)

The meeting ended with a vote thanks to convener and co-convener of Technical session programme committee.

Y.S. Shivay
(Secretary, ISA) *27/5/16*