

Proceedings of the meeting of the Continuing committee of International Agronomy Congress held on 25 November, 2016 at 3 PM in the VIP Lounge of Exhibition Ground, ICAR-IARI, Pusa Campus, New Delhi, India for holding the International Agronomy Congress 2020

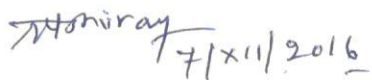
The following members were presents:

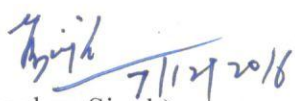
1. Dr Gurbachan Singh, President, ISA and Chairman, ASRB ICAR, New Delhi
2. Dr David Bergvinson, DG, ICRISAT, Hyderabad
3. Dr Paul Fixen, President, American Society of Agronomy, USA
4. Dr John Dixon, ACIAR, Canberra, Australia
5. Dr Maria Beatriz, Ministry of Agro Industry of Argentina
6. Dr Patrick C. Wall, CIMMYT, Mexico
7. Dr R.B. Singh, Formerly NAAS President, New Delhi
8. Dr Amir Kassam, FAO, Rome, Italy
9. Dr P.K. Joshi, IFPRI, New Delhi
10. Dr M.C. Saxena, Formerly ICARDA, Syria
11. Dr M.L. Jat, CIMMYT, New Delhi
12. Dr Y.S. Shivay, Organizing Secretary, Fourth IAC 2016

At the outset, Dr Gurbachan Singh, President, Indian Society of Agronomy and Chairman, ASRB, ICAR extended a warm welcome to all the members of the continuing committee. Thereafter, the following agenda items were discussed.

1. At the outset, Dr Gurbachan Singh shared the efforts made by the Indian Society of Agronomy to organize Four International Agronomy Congresses in the past. He expressed the opinion that the next congress should be held somewhere outside India to make it a global event. The probable venue may be in South East Asia (preferably Bangkok, Thailand) considering the logistic support and comparatively easy access for most of the International participants.
2. It was also suggested by the members that Presidents of most of the other recognised and well established Professional Societies of Agronomy such as American Society of Agronomy, European Society of Agronomy, Canadian Society of Agronomy, Chinese Society of Agronomy and Brazilian Society of Agronomy may be approached with the concept of working together and to finalize the venue of the Fifth International Agronomy Congress 2020.
3. One of the members of the continuing committee suggested to explore the possibilities with Chinese Scientists/Agronomists to hold the next International Agronomy Congress in China considering the possibility of getting the logistic support and facilities.
4. Dr P.K. Joshi suggested to explore the possibility of liaisoning with well established professional bodies like world Association of Agronomists, which can help in organization of the next International Agronomy Congress 2020.
5. Dr Maria Beatriz from Argentina was requested to provide a small group slot in the world conservation agriculture congress 2017 to discuss the next IAC venue and programme. She agreed to the proposal.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the members.


(Y.S. Shivay)
Organizing Secretary, Fourth IAC


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President, ISA and Chairman ASRB, ICAR