

Proceedings of the Meeting of International Advisory Committee of Fourth International Agronomy Congress held on May 9, 2016 at 11:00 AM, in the Board Room of Chairman, ASRB, KAB-I, Pusa Campus, New Delhi 110 012

The followings members were present:

- 1) Dr R.S. Paroda, President, TAAS, NASC Complex New Delhi and Chairman, International Advisory Committee of Fourth IAC
- 2) Dr Gurbachan Singh, President, ISA and Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi and Co-Chairman, International Advisory Committee
- 3) Dr P.K. Joshi, Director-South Asia, IFPRI, NASC Complex, New Delhi
- 4) Dr I.P. Abrol, Ex-DDG (NRM), Director CASA, NASC Complex, New Delhi
- 5) Dr J.C. Katyal, Ex-DDG (Education), Gurgaon, Haryana
- 6) Dr S.K. Malhotra, Agric. Commissioner, DAC, New Delhi
- 7) Dr Javed Rizvi, Regional Director, ICRAF, NASC Complex, New Delhi
- 8) Dr A.K. Singh, DDG, Agric. Extn., ICAR, New Delhi
- 9) Dr Ravinder Kaur, Director IARI, New Delhi
- 10) Dr U.S. Singh, Senior Scientist, South Asia Regional Project, IIRI-India and Nepal
- 11) Dr Sudhanshu Singh, Rainfed Lowland Agronomist, IRRI, New Delhi
- 12) Dr R.L. Yadav, Ex-Director, (IISR), Dwarka, New Delhi
- 13) Dr Kaushik Majumdar, Director, IPNI, Gurgaon, Haryana
- 14) Dr M.L. Jat, Senior Cropping Systems Agronomist & CIMMYT-CCAFS South Asia
- 15) Dr D.S. Rana, Principal Scientist, Agronomy, IARI, New Delhi
- 16) Dr Y.S. Shivay, Secretary, ISA and Professor (Agronomy), IARI, New Delhi

At the outset, The President, Indian Society of Agronomy and Chairman, ASRB extended his warm welcome to all the members of International Advisory Committee. He then requested the Chairman of the International Advisory Committee of Fourth IAC 2016 and President, TAAS to conduct the proceedings of the meeting.

The agenda items included:

1. **Modification and improvement in the Second Circular of the Symposia:** Chairman of the International Advisory Committee suggested some minor improvements in the titles of the different symposia of the Congress as under:

Old: Integrated Farming Systems for Under Privileged Farmers

New: Integrated Farming Systems for Smallholder Farmers

Old: Conservation Agriculture and Smart Mechanization to Protect Natural Resources

New: Conservation Agriculture and Smart Mechanization

Old: Innovation Systems and Last Mile Delivery of Agronomic Management Practices

New: Innovation Systems and Last Mile Delivery

Old: Emerging Challenges for Agronomy Education, Youth and Gender

New: Emerging Challenges for Agronomic Research and Education

All committee members endorsed these changes and desired the same to be carried forward on IAC website.

2. **Penal Discussions:** It was decided that a few Penal Discussion on some themes having current concern be included in the program.
3. **Plenary/Evening lectures:** It was discussed and unanimously decided that some internationally renowned scientists **be invited** for the Plenary/Evening lectures such eminent persons be supported for travel and local hospitality, if they so desired. All those may be contacted soon by the President.
4. **Engagement of Event Manager:** Chairman of the International Advisory Committee suggested that for smooth functioning and desired efficiency for the organization of the Fourth International Agronomy Congress 2016, a suitable Event Manager be hired at the earliest possible.
5. **Constitution of a Continuing Committee for IAC:** It was discussed that the present organizing executive of the Congress should take lead to constitute a **Continuing Committee** of the International Agronomy Congress by involving Presidents of other International Societies such as Australian Society of Agronomy; European Society of Agronomy; Canadian Society of Agronomy and American Society of Agronomy, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences etc. It was also suggested that efforts be made to invite Presidents of all the internationally recognized societies of Agronomy to explore the probability of establishing continuing committee for future International Agronomy Congresses.
6. **Venue for Inaugural Session:** It was agreed that we should approach the President of India for the inaugural function, for which bookings be made at the Vigyan Bhawan. As an alternative, we should plan to have inaugural and plenary sessions at the site of Krishi Vigyan Mela Ground of IARI, New Delhi.
7. **Publications for IAC:** The President of the Society informed that a Souvenir, Special Issue of IJA on Pulses, Special Issue of *Kheti*, Indian Farming and Indian Journal of Fertilizer has already been planned. These will be printed well in time for release and distribution to the delegates.
8. **Text books for release during the Congress:** The President further informed the members about possible release of following text books:
 - i. Modern Concepts in Agronomy
 - ii. Climate Resilient Agronomy
 - iii. Weed Management
9. **Ensuring participation of youth:** It was proposed that we should encourage young and budding agronomists (including women) through oral presentations and penal discussions in the special sessions during the Agronomy Congress.

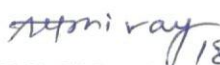
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10. Any other item:

- i. Dr J.C. Katyal suggested that there should be a formal presentation on the role of Agronomy in the service of Society.
- ii. Dr P.K. Joshi suggested that we should invite some internationally recognized scientists for sharing their valuable experiences in relation to efficiency, sustainability, resilience and science led innovations for livelihood security. Further, he suggested that Dr Shegan Fan, DG, IFFRI could be invited to speak in the congress.
- iii. Dr Javed Rizvi from ICRAF suggested that there is a need to have one session on Agroforestry. It was agreed that presentations on Agroforestry could be included in the session on Integrated Farming Systems for Smallholder Farmers. Further, it was suggested that Dr Rizvi could keep in fitting 2-3 resource persons' participation in the Congress.
- iv. Dr S.K. Malhotra suggested that there should be some presentation on infrastructural requirements through Government support for making agriculture globally competitive.
- v. Dr A.K. Singh, DDG Extn. suggested that there is need to have some presentations on extension modules developed by government agencies, NGO's and the Private players like IFFCO, KRIBHCO, TATA, Reliance, Extension Modules etc. Further, he suggested that some progressive farmers' from abroad should also be invited to share their valuable experiences. Participatory or adaptive research can be covered in the session on Innovation Systems and Last Mile Delivery.
- vi. Dr Ravinder Kaur, Director, IARI suggested to have a relook at the sequence of different symposia in the Congress. Need for one session on 'Role of Woman in Agronomic Research, Education and Extension' was also highlighted by her.
- vii. Dr Kaushik Majumdar, IPNI suggested the need for evidence based Agronomy for sustainable development. He also agreed to organize a symposium on behalf of IPNI provided organizers of the Congress are able to provide needed space for the event.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Chair.

Issued with the approval of Co-chair and Chairman of the International Advisory Committee.


(Y.S. Shivay) 18/5/2016
Secretary, ISA