

Proceedings of a Meeting of Local Executive Members of ISA and Conveners and Co-conveners of various sub-committees of the Fourth International Agronomy Congress held on April 13, 2016 at 2:00 PM, in the Board Room, ASRB, KAB-I, Pusa Campus, New Delhi 110 012

The followings members were present:

- 1) Dr Gurbachan Singh, President, ISA and Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi
- 2) Dr A.K. Vyas, Vice-President, ISA and Convener of Finance Committee of Fourth IAC
- 3) Dr Y.S. Shivay, Secretary, ISA, Professor (Agronomy) and Convener of Government Liaison Committee of Fourth IAC
- 4) Dr G. Ravindra Chary, Joint Secretary, ISA and Convener of National Steering Committee of Fourth IAC
- 5) Dr I.P.S. Ahlawat, Ex-Head (Agronomy) and Convener of Food and Hospitality Committee of Fourth IAC
- 6) Dr R.L. Yadav, Ex-Director (IISR), and Convener of Publication Committee of Fourth IAC
- 7) Dr R.C. Gautam, Ex-Head (Agronomy) and Convener of Cultural Programme Committee of Fourth IAC
- 8) Dr V.K. Singh, Head (Agronomy) and Co-convener of Reception Committee of Fourth IAC
- 9) Dr K.S. Rana, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) and Convener of Poster Session Committee of Fourth IAC
- 10) Dr T.K. Das, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) and Co-convener of Transport Committee of Fourth IAC
- 11) Dr Dinesh Kumar, Principal Scientist (Agronomy), Convener of Transport Committee of Fourth IAC
- 12) Dr B. Kandpal, Principal Scientist (NRM), and Co-convener of Excursion and Tours Committee of Fourth IAC
- 13) Dr J.P.S. Dabas, Principal Scientist (CATAT), and Convener of Exhibition Committee of Fourth IAC
- 14) Dr B.S. Dwivedi, Head, Soil Science and Convener of Stage and Hall Management Committee of Fourth IAC
- 15) Dr J.P. Sharma, Joint Director (Extn.) and Convener of Press Media Committee of Fourth IAC
- 16) Dr Y.V. Singh, Principal Scientist, CCU BGA, and Convener of Facilitation Centre Committee of Fourth IAC
- 17) Dr C.M. Parihar, Scientist and Co-convener of Poster Session Committee of Fourth IAC

At the outset, The President of ISA and Chairman, ASRB extended a warm welcome to all the local Executive Council Members of ISA and Conveners and Co-conveners of various sub-committees of the Fourth International Agronomy Congress and then the following agenda items were discussed:

1. **Confirmation of the minutes of the last EC meeting:** Minutes of the last EC meeting held on 15 February 2016 were confirmed.
2. **Second Circular for the Fourth International Agronomy Congress 2016:** The Secretary of Indian Society of Agronomy presented and apprised about the progress of Second Circular of Fourth International Agronomy Congress. It was approved for its publication and wider circulation among the ISA members and other stake holders. It was also suggested that ISA secretariat office should send the second circular to all the Vice

Chancellors of State Agricultural Universities, Central Agricultural Universities, Deemed Universities, All Directors of ICAR Institutes and Heads of the Regional Research Stations etc.

3. **Booking of Vigyan Bhawan:** The local EC members and invited conveners and co-conveners of the different sub-committees of Fourth International Agronomy Congress were of the opinion that we should send immediately duly filled application form for the booking of Vigyan Bhawan for the Inaugural Session of the Fourth International Agronomy Congress. In case Prime Minister or President of India are not available to inaugurate the Congress, we should have also option for the inaugural function of the Congress in the Krishi Vigyan Mela ground of IARI. In this regard a letter for the booking of the Krishi Vigyan Mela Ground of IARI can be submitted to the Director, IARI for this purpose. It was also decided that we should also send the request letter for NRL and Virology Auditorium for the purpose of Parallel Sessions of the Fourth International Agronomy Congress.
4. **Approval of uploading of Announcement of ISA Awards 2013 and 2014:** The Secretary, ISA informed about the guidelines of ISA Awards for 2013 and 2014 and it was decided that these guidelines may be uploaded on ISA website and instead of hard copy we may circulate by E-mail to reduce the burden of work.
5. **Information about newly constructed ISA website:** The Secretary, ISA informed the members about the newly developed website of Indian Society of Agronomy and requested for its wider publicity among different stake holders. President of ISA suggested that we should send emails and messages to all the ISA members whose emails and mobile numbers are available with ISA secretariat for wider and faster publicity of the newly developed ISA website and Fourth International Agronomy Congress.
6. **A new email ID for fourth IAC i.e. iac_2016@hotmail.com:** The Secretary, ISA informed the members about the additional email ID created for handling the mails related with Fourth International Agronomy Congress 2016 and it was approved by the house.
7. **Consideration or publication of a book on pulses instead of special issue of Indian Journal of Agronomy (IJA):** The Secretary, ISA informed the members about the suggestions received from Prof. Rajendra Prasad regarding publication of a book on pulses instead of special issue of IJA. It was agreed unanimously. However, it was suggested that we should also brought out a special issue of IJA on Management of Natural Resources, which was also agreed.
8. **Progress review of publications of special issues of Indian Journal of Agronomy, Indian Journal of Fertiliser and Indian Farming etc.:** Dr R.L. Yadav, Convener of Publication Committee apprised about the progress of the publication work related to Special Issue of Indian Journal of Agronomy, Special Issue of Indian Journal of Fertilizer

and Indian Farming. He informed the house that publication work is on the right track and assured that he will take care of timely and quality publications related to Fourth International Agronomy Congress. It was also decided to publish **KHETI** special issue for the benefit of participants.

9. **Review of booking status of guest houses of IARI, IASRI, NBPGR, and NPL etc.:** The Secretary, ISA informed the members regarding the need of the advance booking of all guest's houses in the periphery of Pusa Campus. The President of ISA asked the Secretary of ISA to send a letter through him to the competent authorities for booking guest houses of IARI, IASRI, NBPGR and NPL etc.
10. **Progress review of various committees of the Fourth IAC 2016:** The Secretary, ISA informed the members regarding the newly constituted committees for the smooth conduct of the Congress. The President of ISA suggested that we should conduct one meeting of International Advisory Committee of Fourth IAC before 10th of May 2016. He also suggested that an exact date of meeting can be finalized after consultation with Dr R.S. Paroda, who is the Chairman of this committee. It was also decided that after the International Advisory Committee meeting we can also call a meeting of National Steering Committee for which Co-chairman and Convener will take the lead to organize the meeting.
11. **Review of progress of each sub-committee:**
 - a. **Technical Session Programme Committee:** President of ISA asked the co-convener Dr I.P.S. Ahlawat to take necessary action after consultation with Dr A.R. Sharma for finalization of the different topics of the various symposia and their speakers.
 - b. **Registration committee:** President of ISA asked the Convener and Co-convener of this committee to submit the requirement for the registration of the participants.
 - c. **Accommodation:** President of ISA asked the convener and co-convener of the Accommodation committee to call a meeting and take all necessary steps to book affordable hotels around the Pusa institute for the participants. Also ensure booking of all the guest houses of ICAR institutes within Pusa Campus and also NPL and CSIR Guest Houses. Possibility may also be explored to book other guest houses available in Delhi.
 - d. **Finance Committee:** The Convener of this committee apprised the progress made so far for generation of the funds and assured the house to take all necessary steps in future for mobilization of resources.
 - e. **Transport Committee:** Convener and Co-convener of this committee were requested to take all necessary steps needed for smooth facilitation of transport for the participants.
 - f. **Excursion/Tours Committee:** Convener and Co-convener of this committee were advised to make all necessary arrangements for organization of Excursion Tours for the

participants. Modipuram–Haridwar–Dehradun; Karnal–Chandigarh tours can be arranged to the benefit of participants, in addition to the paid tours mentioned in the second circular.

g. Publication Committee: The President of ISA asked the Convener and Co-convenor to take all the necessary steps desired for timely and quality publication of all books / periodicals / extended summaries / souvenir, special issues etc. Further, he also advised to take advice and inputs from Dr Rajendra Prasad, Advisor of publication committee for quality publication. The Convener and Co-convenor of this committee assured the house to take all necessary measures for timely publication. President of ISA also suggested to coin some new terms on the occasion of fourth International Agronomy Congress like, Agronomy reduces hunger and poverty. Dr I.P.S. Ahlawat can take lead to finalization of new term in consultation with President of ISA and Prof Rajendra Prasad.

h. Exhibition Committee: The President of ISA asked the Convener and Co-convenor were requested to take all necessary action for excellent Exhibition at the time of Congress and in this regard letters can be sent to all ICAR Institutes, State Agricultural Universities, KVK's, Fertilizers, Seeds, Insecticides, Pesticides, and Machineries Industries etc.

i. Cultural Programme Committee: The Convener and Co-convenor were advised to take all the necessary steps to organize memorable Cultural Programme for the Participants by inviting students and artists from Schools, Colleges and Universities instead of depending entirely on professional artists. Convener of this committee assured the house to take all suggested necessary steps to organize excellent and memorable cultural programme.

j. Press and Media: Convener and Co-convenor were requested to take all necessary steps for publicity of the congress through press and electronic media including television, radio and writing good press notes. The Convener of this committee assured the house to take all steps for wider publicity of the fourth International Agronomy Congress. He also suggested that Dr Prabhat Kumar name may be included in the Press and Media Committee, which was agreed.

k. Stage and Hall management committee: The Convener of this committee, Dr B.S. Dwivedi suggested that considering the Concurrent Sessions of the Congress, the existing committee may be extended by inclusion of some New Members and the house immediately agreed for the same.

l. Poster Session Committee: Convener and Co-convenor of the Poster Session Committee were advised to inform about necessary items required for poster presentation. The convener of the committee assured the house for smooth conduct of the poster sessions by taking all measures.

j. Food and Hospitality Committee: The President of ISA expressed his concern for good and memorable hospitality for the participants of the Fourth International Agronomy

Congress and advised the Convener and Co-convener of this committee to take utmost care for arrangement of the food and hospitality.


k. Facilitation Centre Committee: Convener and Co-convener of the Facilitation Centre Committee were advised for providing all necessary logistics support to the participants during the congress.

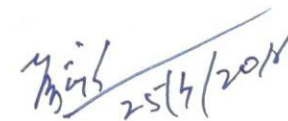
12. Event organizer for secretariat assistance: The Secretary, ISA informed the Local EC members of ISA, Conveners and Co-conveners of different sub-committees of Fourth International Agronomy Congress regarding the need for out-sourcing of some of the facilities for the smooth conduct of the Fourth International Agronomy Congress. The President of ISA constituted a local committee including Dr I.P.S. Ahlawat, Dr A.K. Vyas, Dr D.S. Rana and Dr A.K. Singh to work out modalities. The committee will submit its report in the next meeting for approval.

13. Any other item with the permission of Chair:

- i) It was discussed and decided that all conveners and co-conveners of the sub-committees of the Fourth International Agronomy Congress should organize their respective meetings by involving all members for identification of the items needed by them along with tentative expenditure required for the purpose. This requirement can be submitted to the Secretariat.
- ii) It was also discussed and decided that registration committee should identify the items needed for the registration of the participants.
- iii) It was also decided that option may be taken from the participants about the supply of Extended Summaries, Souvenir and other publications as hard copy or soft copy. This instruction may be indicated in the registration form itself.

Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Chair.


(Y.S. Shivay)
Secretary, ISA


(Gurbachan Singh)
President, ISA