

Proceedings of the Meeting of International Advisory Committee of Fourth International Agronomy Congress held on October 14, 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 A.K. Vyas, ADG (HRM), ICAR-KAB II, New Delhi
- 4) Dr P.K. Joshi, Director-South Asia, IFPRI, NASC Complex, New Delhi
- 5) Dr Javed Rizvi, Regional Director, ICRAF, NASC Complex, New Delhi
- 6) Dr M.L. Jat, Senior Cropping Systems Agronomist & CIMMYT-CCAFS South Asia
- 7) Dr A.K. Singh, Treasurer, ISA and Principal Scientist, IIMR, New Delhi
- 8) Dr Y.S. Shivay, Secretary, ISA and Professor (Agronomy), IARI, New Delhi

At the outset, the President, Indian Society of Agronomy extended a warm welcome to all the members of International Advisory Committee present in the meeting. Thereafter, he requested the Chairman of the International Advisory Committee of Fourth IAC 2016 and Chairman, TAAS to conduct the proceedings.

The proceedings of the last meeting were confirmed as no comments were received from the members.

Review of technical programme: The Technical Programme was thoroughly discussed and following modifications/ corrections were suggested.

1. Considering the positions of the present Chairs and Co-Chairs of the evening and plenary lectures, both Chairs and Co-Chairs may be designated as Co-chairs only.
2. It was also suggested by the Chairman of the Committee that time limit of lectures/presentations must be strictly adhered in order to properly manage the sessions. Further it was also emphasized that evening lectures should not be more than 40 minutes duration, and in no case the total duration should exceed an hour.
3. Instead of rapid fire speakers it may be renamed as rapid fire presentations.
4. In symposium on "Organic farming" it was suggested to explore the possibility of inviting an additional keynote speaker, especially from foreign country to strengthen this subject of the congress.
5. Considering the contributions of Dr Ramesh Kanwar of Lovely Professional University, Punjab in the field of education, it was suggested to shift him from symposium on

“Efficient soil, water and energy management” to “Emerging challenges for agronomic education”, and Dr M.C. Saxena, Former ADG (At large), ICARDA to the symposium on “Efficient soil, water and energy management” from the symposium on “Emerging challenges for agronomic education”


6. In symposium on “Livelihood security and farmer’s prosperity”, it was suggested that the listed keynote speaker i.e., Jitendra Srivastava, Ex-Consultant, World Bank is contributing a keynote lecture jointly with Dr Suresh Babu from IFPRI, Washington DC, hence both the names should be listed in the final technical programme.
7. It was also suggested that the title of symposium “Emerging Challenges for Agronomic Education and Research” should be rephrased as “Emerging challenges for Agronomic Education”.


Review of financial position for the Fourth IAC 2016: The present financial position of Fourth IAC was briefly reviewed. The President, ISA assured the house to generate adequate funds by mobilizing the support through exhibitions, advertisements and sponsors.


Besides above, the following suggestions were also made.

1. It was suggested to invite some progressive farmers to the panel discussion on doubling farmer’s income by 2020.
2. Chairman, International Advisory Committee of Fourth IAC suggested to be very cautious while bringing out the final print of the Scientific Programme i.e., to write the correct addresses and speaker’s name etc.
3. Chairman suggested that Dr Vijay Vyas from Jaipur may be invited in the symposium on “Livelihood security and farmer’s prosperity”. Further, Ms. Maria Beatriz from Argentina may be invited for a keynote presentation in the special session “Scaling agronomic innovations in cereal based systems of South Asia”

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


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