

The followings were present:

1. Dr A.K. Vyas, President and ADG (HRM), ICAR-KAB II, IARI, New Delhi - **In Chair**
2. Dr T.C. Jain, Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Ex-Senior Agriculturist, World Bank, Gurugram, Haryana
3. Dr Ashok Kumar, Treasurer and Principal Scientist, ICAR-KAB I, Pusa Campus, IARI, New Delhi
4. Dr Rajendra Lakpale, Councillor - Chhattisgarh and Professor/Principal Scientist (Agronomy), IGKV, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
5. Dr V.S. Khawale, Councillor - Maharashtra and Professor (Agronomy), COA, Nagpur, MS
6. Dr Y.S. Shivay, Secretary and Professor & Principal Scientist, (Agronomy). ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

Special Invitees

7. Dr Shiva Dhar, Principal Scientist, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
8. Dr Rajiv Kumar Singh, Principal Scientist, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

Dr V.K. Singh, Vice President and Dr Prashant S. Bodake, Joint Secretary; Dr D.S. Rana, special invitee could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, Secretary and President, Indian Society of Agronomy extended warm welcome to the Executive Council members as well as special invitees in the scheduled meeting of ISA. Then the agenda items prior circulated to the EC members of the meeting were taken up and appropriate decisions were taken after thorough discussion.

1. Confirmation of proceedings of last EC meeting held on 25-09-2017: Since ISA headquarters did not receive any comments on the Minutes of the last meeting proceedings, hence the minutes were confirmed after seeking the approval from the Executive Council Members of Indian Society of Agronomy.

2. Detailed Action Taken Report on the decision taken in the last EC meetings held on 17-05-2017 and 25-09-2017 by Secretary, ISA/Chairman or Convener of the various Committees

i. Filing of pending Income Tax Returns (FY 2009-15): The Secretary and Treasurer, ISA apprised the House about the status of the filing of pending income tax returns for the Financial Year 2009-10 of Rs. 4,17,780/- which has been deposited in the Bank dated on 20-12-2017 and confirmation from the Income Tax Deptt. shall be obtained **before 30th December, 2017**. It was decided that the rest of the IT tax dues for FY 2010-2015 will be paid by **15th January, 2018**. It was also suggested by the members of EC, ISA that remaining years pending dues of the Income Tax should also be taken on priority for filing of Income Tax Returns to get the clearance from the IT Department.

(Action: Secretary/Treasurer/CA, ISA)

ii. Registration of the Society under Section 80G and 35AB: It was decided that the Secretary and Treasurer, ISA will make sincere efforts to get the 80G and 35AB certificates simultaneously from the Income Tax Department without loss of time after getting the confirmation from the Income Tax Returns filed for FY 2009-10.

(Action: Secretary/Treasurer/CA, ISA)

iii. Activation of Local Chapters and Financial support to active Local Chapters @ Rs. 10,000/- p. a. for Chapter activities: After lot of deliberations to provide financial support to active ISA Chapters, it was decided to release Rs. 5,000/- by January, 2018 to Hyderabad, Udaipur and Ranchi Chapters for the first half of 2018 who have completed all the basic requirements. The proper Utilisation Certificate has to be

submitted by the Local Chapters at the end of the year. The Other potential Chapters like - Jobner, Indore, Hisar, Dharwad, Rahuri, Coimbtore, Jorhat, Bhubneswer, Navsari, Anand, Jabalpur, Raipur, Varanasi, Palampur, Jammu, Srinagar, Parbhani, Akola, Ludhiana, Bengaluru, Thrisur, Meerut, Pantnagar, Kalyani shall be facilitated to initiate the Chapter and undertake activities.

(Action: Secretary/Treasurer, ISA)

iv. **Publication of IJA and developing fully functional online submission and tracking system of research papers:** Dr V.K. Singh, Vice-President, ISA and Convener of the Committee for online submission and tracking of the research papers for publication in Indian Journal of Agronomy could not attend the meeting due to his pre engagement in the RAC of the IARI, New Delhi. After assessing the progress of Publication of IJA and developing fully functional online submission and tracking system of research papers, it was decided to expedite the matter and appropriate decision shall be taken by **31 January, 2018**. It was also decided to defer the implementation of decision taken in May, 2017 to publish IJA Bi-monthly till 2019.

(Action: Dr T C Jain/Dr V K Singh)

v. **Publication of Agronomy Text Books for UG students:** Convener of the Committee Dr Shiva Dhar informed that one book each has been assigned to one of the top 9 SAUs based on their expertise and interest. Besides, one Nodal Officer, who is either Committee Member or Councillor or HOD, in each SAU has been identified to coordinate the work. The Text Books have been assigned as per details given below. It was decided to complete the task by **31 May, 2018**.

Sl. No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Coordinator	SAU
1	Fundamental of Agronomy	4(3+1)	Dr L M Garnayak	OUAT, Bhubaneswar
2	Introductory Agro-meteorology & Climate Change	2(1+1)	Dr B C Sharma	SKUAST, Jammu
3	Crop Production Technology – I (<i>Kharif</i> crops)	2(1+1)	Dr Satish Kumar	HAU, Hisar
4	Crop Production Technology – II (<i>Rabi</i> crops)	2(1+1)	Dr Thakar Singh	PAU, Ludhiana
5	Farming System & Sustainable Agriculture	1(1+0)	Dr Jayanthi Chinnusamy	TNAU, Coimbatore
6	Practical Crop Production (<i>Rabi</i> and <i>Kharif</i> crops)	2(0+2) + 2(0+2)	Dr D S Pandey	GBPUAT, Pantnagar
7	Principles of Organic Farming	2(1+1)	Dr V Prayeen Rao	PJTSAU, Hyderabad
8	Geoinformatics and Nanotechnology and Precision Farming	2(1+1)	Dr Rajendra Lakpale	IGKV, Raipur
9	Rainfed Agriculture & Watershed Management	2(1+1)	Dr M A Shankar	UAS, Bangalore

(Action: Dr T C Jain/Dr Shiva Dhar)

vi. **Developing Agronomic Success Stories:** Convener of the Committee Dr D S Rana could not attend the meeting due to his pre engagement in other assignment but it was decided to accomplish this very important job by **31 March, 2018**.

(Action: Dr Panjab Singh/Dr D S Rana)

vii. **Effective revision of list of life members of the Society and obtaining RNI No. for ISA Newsletter:** The Convener of the Committee, Dr Rajiv Kumar Singh apprised the House about the progress made so far. Further, he informed the House that the Committee has updated the details of about 777 Life members. In view of facing problem in some of the States, it was decided that Dr Y S Shivay will help in revision

of List for Kerala; Dr Shiva Dhar for North East; Dr Ashok Kumar for Western UP and Dr V S Khawale and Dr P S Bodake for Maharashtra. It was decided to complete the task by **31 March, 2018**.

Dr Rajiv Kumar Singh informed that good progress has been made to obtain the RNI No. for the ISA Newsletter and would get the no. by **31 January, 2018**.

The EC members appreciated the efforts made by Dr Rajiv Kumar Singh for effective revision of list of life members of the Society and obtaining RNI No. for ISA Newsletter.

(Action: Dr Rajvir Kumar Singh/ Dr Y S Shivay/ Dr Shiva Dhar/ Dr Ashok Kumar/ Dr V S Khawale/ Dr P S Bodake)

- viii. **Enhancing employment opportunities for Agronomy Discipline:** Since, Dr Kalyan Singh, Convener of the Committee did not attend the meeting, therefore, President, ISA informed the House that Dr Ambika Singh, Chairman and Dr Kalyan Singh have submitted a note on "The Employment Opportunities for Agronomists- Past, Present and Future". The copy was provided to all the members and it was decided that Dr T C Jain shall develop an Action Plan based on the note of Dr Ambika Singh Ji for further course of action by **31 January, 2018**.

The EC members extended hearty gratitude to Dr Ambika Singh Ji and Dr Kalyan Singh for developing a note to decide future course of action for enhancing the Employment Opportunities for Agronomists.

(Action: Dr T C Jain/President, ISA)

- ix. **Enhancing the Cadre strength of Agronomists in ICAR:** The President, ISA informed that a request letter has been sent by him to DG, ICAR to review Cadre Strength of Agronomy discipline in ICAR with 30% enhancement in posts vide letter No. ISA/2017/210 dated 6.10.2017. Dr Panjab Singh Ji has also been requested to kindly pursue the matter with DG, ICAR.

- x. **Redesigning, development and maintenance of ISA Website:** Secretary, ISA apprised the House and requested that we need to hire the ISA website designer, developer and annual maintenance on priority basis to run the day to day activities on ISA website. Further, he emphasized that the routine work is suffering due to lack of annual maintenance of the ISA Website. The House agreed to complete the formalities for hiring of the designer, developer and annual maintenance of the ISA Website immediately. It was decided that the Web Designer shall be finalised by **15 January 2018** as this has to be done urgently.

(Action: Dr V K Singh/Secretary, ISA)

- xi. **Adoption of Cover page of IJA from 2018:** In absence of Dr V.K. Singh, Convener of the Committee, Secretary, ISA apprised the House about the progress made by the Committee for the adoption of New Cover page of IJA. Dr Y S Shivay presented 6 selected newly designed Cover pages for the IJA for the opinion of the EC members. Based on the feedback of members, one Cover page was selected for further refinement. The finalisation of the cover page shall be done by **15 January, 2018** for adoption from March issue of 2018.

(Action: Dr R P Singh/Dr V K Singh/Secretary, ISA)

3. **Financial status of ISA and measures to improve:** Treasurer, ISA presented the brief Report about Financial status of ISA and apprised that due to liability of Income Tax of about Rs. 25.00 Lakh on account of non-filing of IT Returns for the FY 2009-2015 and breaking of FD of approx. Rs. 23.00 Lakh, the financial status of the Society is not sound. Therefore, it was decided to constitute a

Committee to generate funds from time to time without waiting for organisation of Symposium/Congress:

Chairman: Dr S D Singh, APCCF

Convener : Dr Ashok Kumar, Treasurer

Members : Dr B S Phogat, Dr Shiva Dhar, Dr Rajiv Kumar Singh, Dr Soumitra Das

(**Action:** Secretary/Treasurer, ISA)

4. Consideration and Approval of recommendations of the Committee for Review of guidelines for the ISA Awards: The Committee for Review of guidelines for the ISA Awards constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr T C Jain and other Committee members (**Convener :** Dr D.S. Rana; **Members :** Dr R.K. Rai, Ex- Professor & Head, IARI; Dr Parveen Rao, VC, PJTSAU, Hyderabad; Dr G.L. Keshwa, VC, AU, Kota; Dr S K Pareek, Ex-Pri. Scientist, NBPGR; Dr Y.S. Shivay, Secretary, ISA; Dr Satish Kumar, Councillor, Haryana and Dr A.S. Mishra, Pri. Scientist, Award Cell, ICAR) has submitted the Report to streamline the Award System of ISA with greater transparency. The recommendations were discussed and approved as:

1. In addition to existing awards Review Committee proposed ISA-Best Chapter Award. Review Committee requested Dr S.K. Pareek, member of the committee to frame guidelines for this new award.
2. ISA-Awards Review Committee is of the opinion that there is need to increase the number of awards and following recommendations were made.

The number of Awards shall be as under:

Name of Awards	Existing	Proposed
i. ISA Best M.Sc. Thesis Award	- One Annual	Up to Two per year
ii. ISA Best Ph.D. Thesis Award	- One Annual	Up to Two per year
iii. ISA Dr. P.S. Deshmukh Young Agronomist Award	- One Annual	No change
iv. ISA Associate	- Two per year	Up to Four per year
v. ISA Fellows	- Up to Eight per year	No change
vi. ISA Gold Medals	- Up to Four per year	No change
vii. ISA Life Time Achievement Award	- Up to Two in Two years	No change

3. The recommendations of the Evaluation/Search Committee shall be final and the recommendations shall be placed to the EC for final approval. The Awards will be confined to the numbers as given in the advertisement. In no case, the number of Award can be increased.
4. The Committee also endorsed the earlier recommendation that Executive Council Members particularly President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasurer cannot apply for any of the Award during their tenure.
5. Review Committee reviewed the cash prize given under each category of award and proposed increase as per detail given below:

S.No.	Name of Award	Existing Amount (₹)	Proposed Amount (₹)
1.	ISA Best Poster Presentation Award	First -2,000/- Second -1,500/- Third -1000/-	First -5,000/- Second -3,000/- Third -2,000/-
2.	ISA Best Research Paper Award	₹5,000/-	₹8000/-
3.	ISA Best M.Sc. Thesis Award	₹5000/-	₹8000/-
4.	ISA Best Ph.D. Thesis Award	₹10,000/-	₹15,000/-

5.	ISA Dr. P.S. Deshmukh Young Agronomist Award	₹15,000/-	₹21,000
6.	ISA Life Time Achievement Award	₹50,000/-	Befitting citation, memento and shawl

6. The committee further reviewed the existing guidelines and made following recommendations:
- Replace the term Search Committee with Evaluation Committee.
 - Replace the nomination term with application except the Life-Time Achievement award.
 - In mode of selection of ISA Fellow and Gold Medal para 2, may be read as “The Society will invite application from the Life/Annual members of the Society, which will be routed through proper channel to the Society Office”.
 - In mode of selection of ISA Fellow and Gold Medal para 3 (The candidate shall be nominated by two Life Members of ISA. One Life Member can nominate only two candidates per year) may be deleted.
 - Seniority should get reasonable weightage for the Award as follows

ISA Associate	– 2 Marks
ISA Fellow	– 4 Marks
ISA Gold Medals	– 6 Marks

Note: one Mark for each 5 years’ service as Agronomy Scientist
 - Requisite number of copies of application may be submitted by the applicant within the last date of submission. Testimonial for the claim made in the application may be attached only with one copy of the application rather than all the copies.
 - Evaluation Committee may be constituted in variably of five members and for deciding the awards, evaluation report of at least 3 members of evaluation committee should be available.
 - In case the number of application received are more than 1:3 ratio, scrutiny of the application may be done by the committee constituted by the EC to bring them to 1:3 ratio before the same are sent to the Awards Evaluation Committee members.

In case of Life Time Achievement Award the Eligibility may be modified as follow:

- The person must be a minimum of 30 years’ service experience or retired from the active service before 31st December of the year of the award.
- The contributions of the candidate should have national/international impact.

Besides, ISA gold medal Holders, the award is also open to those Eminent Agronomists of National/International repute who have not got the ISA Gold Medal.

Mode of Selection

- The Executive Council (EC) of the Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA) shall appoint a Search Committee of 3–5 eminent Agronomists.
- The Search Committee will invite nominations from the members and ISA Local Chapters. One chapter can nominate only one person for a year, who fulfil the eligibility criteria.
- The recommendations of the Search Committee shall be final and the recommendations shall be placed to the EC for final approval.
- The recipient will be conferred the award with memento, citation and shawl in place of ₹50,000 at the biennial meeting of the society.

The ISA-Awards Review Committee also recommended minor variation in the score card to give equal opportunity to Research, Teaching and Extension.

EVALUATION PROFORMA OF ISA FELLOW/GOLD MEDAL

1.	Item				Marks			
	Div.	B.Sc.	M.Sc.	Ph.D.	ISA Fellow		ISA Gold Medal	
	I	2	2	2	Existing	Revised	Existing	Revised
	II	1	1	1	6	6	-	-
	Ph.D. Without course work-1							
2.	Outstanding professional contribution (in about 500) words in Teaching / Research /extension				15	25	20	25
3	Position held/contributions in National/ International Societies-Office bearers; Councillors, Editors, Reviewers, members, Professional/ISA/ Other Societies/ Organization)				06	06	10	10
4	Professional Recognition, Awards, Fellowship, Medals, etc. (one marks each)				05	10	10	15
5	Publication (Marks as per ranking of Journals) given By NASS (w.e.f. January 1, 2017)				40	25	25	15
6	Service render in various positions in research/ teaching organizations-Scientist/ teacher, Head, Dean, Director, VC etc.				15	15	20	20
7	Organized/contributed in organization of Seminars/ Symposium /Workshop (Director/Coordinator, Organizing Secretary Co-Director/Co-Coordinator, Convener and members of various committees)				5	5	8	8
8	Resources generation (Externally funded projects as P.I. 2 marks Co. P.I.- 1 mark each)				5	5	4	4
9	Any other information in support of nomination				3	3	03	3
	Total				100	100	100	100

EVALUATION PROFORMA OF ISA P.S. DESHMUKH YOUNG AGRONOMIST AWARD

Educational qualifications				Marks	
				Existing	Revised
Division	M.Sc. (Ag.)	Ph.D.			
I	5	5	20	10	
II	3	3			
Ph.D. Without course work - 3					
1.	Employment experience (Experience more than 5 years – 1 mark for each additional year)		5	5	
2.	Professional Recognition, Awards, Fellowships , etc. (one mark for each)		5	10	
3.	Publications (As per NAAS ranking w.e.f. January 1, 2016)		20	20	
4.	Synopsis of Significant contributions in Teaching/ Research/ Ext. Edu. (500 words) Five marks for each significant contribution, packages, etc.		35	45	
5.	Externally funded projects handled P.I. 5 marks Co-PI 3 marks for each project		10	10	
6.	PG Student Guided – 0.5 mark for M.Sc. and 1.0 mark for Ph.D. (each Student)		5	-	
	Total marks		100	100	

EVALUATION PROFORMA OF ISA BEST PH.D./M.SC. THESIS AWARD

Particulars	Marks		
	Existing	Revised M.Sc.	Revised Ph.D.
1. Importance of the problem and originality of the work	25	20	20
2. Research Work full or partial requirement	5	5	5
i. With Course work			
1. First Division	5		
2. Second Division	3		
ii. Without course work	2		
3. Quality of presentation - All chapters, tables, graphs, photos, charts, language, errors, etc	30	30	30
4. Practical utility of the findings (Ecologically, Economically, Socially, etc.)	30	40	35
5. Publications from the study if any (Accepted/Published with proof)	10	5	10
Total Marks	100	100	100

EVALUATION PROFORMA FOR ASSOCIATESHIP OF ISA AWARD

For selection of Associateship of ISA guidelines for selection of Associateship of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences will be followed. So candidates are requested to kindly see the details of Score Card at academy website: www.naasindia.org

Particulars	Marks	
	Existing	Revised
Education record	10	10
Publications	50	30
(i) Research publications will be given marks according to the NAAS score of Journals (w.e.f. January 1, 2016)		
(a) Twenty most important publications:		
(b) Next 20 publications (other than above 20 publications):		
Research, Teaching & Extension	25	45
Synopsis of Significant contributions in Teaching/ Research/ Ext. Edu. (500 words) Five marks for each significant contribution, packages, etc. Concepts, Processes, Products, Technologies, Patents & Books		
Others	15	15
Awards, Honors & Scientific Leadership/International Exposure/ Service to professional society/Institutional building etc.		
Total marks	100	100

It was discussed and decided that after approval of the recommendations, the Proceedings will be placed on the website and communicated through the Newsletter for the information of the ISA members for their comments. Based on the recommendations of the Committee and the EC, the guidelines will be implemented after approval of the General Body, ISA.

The EC members extended hearty gratitude to Dr T C Jain and all the Committee members for revising the guidelines of ISA Awards..

(Action: Secretary, ISA)

5. Organization of National Symposium, October 2018: It was informed to the House that the Consent of the VC, MPUAT, Udaipur has been received to organize the XXI Biennial National Symposium at Udaipur and the First Circular has been sent through Soft and Hard Copy to all members. It was confirmed that Dr Y S Shivay, Secretary, ISA will be Organizing Secretary and Dr V Nepalia, Head, Udaipur will be Local Organizing Secretary. For smooth organization of the Symposium, few more Committees were Constituted as:

National Organizing Committee

Patron : Dr T Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR
Chairman : Dr A K Vyas, President, ISA and ADG (HRM), ICAR, New Delhi
Co-Chairman : Prof U S Sharma, Vice Chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur
Convener : Dr V K Singh, Vice President, ISA and Head, Agronomy, IARI, New Delhi
Members :

Dr Ambika Singh, Ex -President, ISA, Varanasi	Dr P S Lamba, Ex-President, ISA, Hisar
Dr G B Singh, Ex-President, ISA, Lucknow	Dr A S Faroda, Ex-President, ISA, Jodhpur
Dr Panjab Singh, President, NAAS and Ex-President, ISA, Varanasi	Dr D P Singh, Ex-President, ISA, Hisar
Dr M S Gill, Ex-President, ISA, Ludhiana	Dr Arvind Kumar, Ex-President, ISA, Jhansi
Dr Gurbachan Singh, Ex-President, ISA, Karnal	Dr Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog, GoI, New Delhi
Dr N S Rathore, DDG(Edn.), ICAR, New Delhi	Dr T C Jain, Editor-in-Chief, ISA, Gurugram
Dr A K Singh, DDG(Hort/CS), ICAR, New Delhi	Dr A K Singh, DDG(Ag Extn), ICAR, New Delhi
Dr J K Jena, DDG(Fishries/AS), ICAR, New Delhi	Dr K Alagusundaram, DDG(Ag Engg/NRM), ICAR, New Delhi
Dr G L Keshwa, VC, AU, Kota	Dr P S Rathore, VC, SKNAU, Jobner
Dr V Praveen Rao, VC, PJTSAU, Hyderabad	Dr A K Singh, VC, BAU, Sabour
Dr S Pashupalak, VC, OUAT, Bhubaneswar	Dr D P Biradar, VC, UAS, Dharwad
Dr V M Bhale, VC, PDKV, Akola	Dr B R Chhipa, VC, SKRAU, Bikaner
Dr D D Patra, VC, BCKV, Kalyani	Dr S Bhaskar, ADG (AAF & CC), ICAR, New Delhi
Dr M C Saxena, Ex-ADG, ICARDA, Gurugram	Dr R P Singh, Executive Secretary, IAUA, New Delhi
Dr R K Rai, Ex-Professor & Head, IARI, New Delhi	Dr M S Shaktawat, Ex-Director Extension., Udaipur
Dr I P S Ahalawat, Ex-Head, IARI, New Delhi	Dr M M Kutty, Addl. Secretary, GoI, New Delhi
Dr A K Mehta, DoR, MPUAT, Udaipur	Dean, RCA, Udaipur
Dr V Nepalia, Head, Agronomy, RCA, Udaipur	Dr A Arunachalam, PSO to DG, ICAR, New Delhi
Dr N C Jain, APCCF, GoR, Jaipur	Dr S D Singh, APCCF-cum-Nodal Officer, Green Issues, Uttarakhand
Sh Amrender Kumar, PDIT, New Delhi	Dr Amar Veer Singh, PCIT, Trichy
Dr N P Singh, Director, NIASM, Baramati	Dr O P Chaturvedi, Director, CIAFRI, Jhansi
Dr A S Panwar, Director, IIFSR, Modipuram	Dr B P Bhatt, Director, ICAR RCER, Patna
Dr Rajbir Singh, Director, ATARI, Ludhiana	Dr G Ravindrachari, PC, AICRP on DA, Hyderabad
Dr M A Shankar, Ex-DoR, UAS, Bengaluru	Dr Kalyan Singh, Ex-Dean, BHU, Varanasi
Dr U V Mahadkar, Assoc. Dean, DBSKKV, Dapoli	Dr C L. Patel, Ex-Dean, Navsari
Dr D S Yadav, Director (Marketing), FAI, New Delhi	Dr O P Singh, President R&D, Dhanuka, New Delhi
Shri Ashok Paliwal, Progressive Farmer, Fatehnagar, Udaipur	Dr Y S Shivay, Secretary, ISA and Organizing Secretary, National Symposium, New Delhi
Dr Ashok Kumar, Treasurer, ISA, New Delhi	

Technical Programme Committee

Chairman : Dr T C Jain, Editor-in-Chief and Ex-Senior Agriculturist, World Bank, Gurugram

Co-Chairman : Dr R P Singh, Executive Secretary, IAUA and Ex-Head, New Delhi

Convener : Dr D S Rana, Co-Editor-in-Chief and Emeritus Scientist, ICAR, New Delhi

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Dr S K Pareek, Ex-Principal Scientist, New Delhi
Dr T K Das, Principal Scientist, IARI, New Delhi
Dr Anchal Dass, Principal Scientist, IARI, New Delhi
Dr Anil Kumar, Senior Scientist, IARI, New Delhi

Publication Committee

Chairman : Dr R L Yadav, Ex-Director, New Delhi

Co-Chairman : Dr P K Ghosh, Ex-Director, New Delhi

Convener : Dr Shiva Dhar, Principal Scientist, New Delhi

Members : Chairman, Co-Chairman and Convener of the Committee will nominate and communicate later.

Fund Raising Committee

Chairman : Dr Sain Dass, Ex-Director, New Delhi

Co-Chairman : Dr R K Rai, Ex-Professor & Head, New Delhi

Convener : Dr Ashok Kumar, Treasurer, ISA, New Delhi

Members :

Dr Y S Shivay, Secretary, ISA, New Delhi	Dr P S Bodake, Jt Secretary, ISA, Rahuri
Dr (Mrs) V Chandrika, Councillor-AP, ISA, Tirupati	Dr S L Jat, Councillor-Delhi, ISA, New Delhi
Dr A M Patel, Councillor-Gujarat, ISA, SK Nagar	Dr R. Lakpale, ADR, Raipur
Dr M D Vyas, Councillor-MP, ISA, Sehore	Dr B C Sharma, Councillor-J&K, ISA, Jammu
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Dr Rohitshav Singh, Councillor-UK, ISA, Pantnagar	Dr R M Kummur, Ex-CGM, Bengaluru
Dr Jitendra Kumar, Syngenta, Rudrapur	Dr Rajvir Rathi, Bayer, Gurugram
Dr Shashi Kant Bhide, MOSAIC, Gurugram	Dr Soumitra Das, IZA, New Delhi

The Chairman of the Committees may co-opt any person to facilitate the work of the Committee.

(Action: President/Secretary, ISA/ Dr V Nepalia)

6. Organization of International/National Seminars in collaboration with other Societies/Units:

- i. **ISTRO International Conference to be held at New Delhi in 2024:** The Secretary, ISA appraised the house that we have received a letter from Dr Ranjan Bhattacharya to get the support from ISA to organization of ISTRO International Conference in 2024 at New Delhi. It was decided that ISA can

involve for technical support, however there should not be any financial liability on ISA for this Conference. The Secretary can send a letter stating the decision taken by the EC members in this regard.

- ii. **National Agronomy Congress, GBPUAT to be held in February, 2018:** The Secretary, ISA appraised the house that we have received a letter from Dr D.S. Pandey, Professor & Head, Department of Agronomy regarding the financial support from ISA to organize a National Agronomy Congress entitled "Redesigning Agronomy for Nature Conservation and Economic Empowerment" from 20-22 February 2018 at GBPUAT, Pantnagar. It was decided that ISA can involve technically for this Congress, however ISA is not in a position to support this Congress financially. Moreover, it was felt necessary to communicate the organisers to appropriately highlight the ISA-Pantnagar Chapter with the organization of the programme.

(Action: Secretary, ISA)


7. Any other matter with permission of the Chair:


- i. It was decided to publish IJA Quarterly and previous decision was deferred till 2019.
- ii. It was also decided to publish ISA Newsletter Quarterly and previous decision was deferred till 2019.
- iii. It was also decided to print 400 copies of 4th Issue of ISA Newsletter.
- iv. **ISA Travel Grant support:** Secretary, ISA apprised the house regarding the application received for the ISA Travel Grant. The house constituted a committee comprising the following members to screen the application received for the ISA Travel Grant.

Chairman : Dr S.K. Pareek
Convener : Dr V.K. Singh
Members : Dr Rajendra Lakpale
Dr Ashok Kumar
Dr Y.S. Shivay

(Action: Secretary, ISA)

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


(Y.S. Shivay) 25/1/2018
Secretary, ISA


(A.K. Vyas) 25/1/18
President, ISA

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