

**Proceedings of the meeting of Executive Council of The Indian Society of Agronomy held on April 10, 2024 at 11:00 AM through hybrid mode**

A meeting of the Office Bearers of The Indian Society of Agronomy was held on 10 April, 2024 at 11:00 AM through google meet link: [meet.google.com/jey-chsx-fwk](https://meet.google.com/jey-chsx-fwk).

The following Office Bearers and the members attended the meeting:

1. Dr Shanti Kumar Sharma, President, ISA and ADG (HRM), ICAR-KAB II, Pusa, New Delhi
2. Dr Sunil Kumar, Vice-President (Central), ISA and Director, ICAR-IIFSR, Modipuram, Meerut, U.P.
3. Dr Anup Das, Vice-President (East), ISA and Director, ICAR, RC for ER, Patna, Bihar
4. Dr B. Gangaiah, Vice President (South), ISA and Principal Scientist (Agronomy) ICAR-IIMR, Rajendra Nagar, Telangana State
5. Dr D.N. Gokhale, Vice President (West), ISA and Director of Extension Education, VNMKV, Parbhani, Maharashtra
6. Dr Sanjay Singh Rathore, Secretary, ISA and Head (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
7. Dr Shankar Lal Jat, Joint Secretary, ISA and Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
8. Dr V.K. Singh, Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Director, CRIDA, Hyderabad, Telangana
9. Dr B. Sahadeva Reddy, Councillor-Andhra Pradesh, ISA and Principal Scientist, (Agronomy), ARS, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh
10. Dr P.D. Vekariya, Councillor-Gujarat, ISA and Associate Research Scientist (Agronomy) Main Dry Farming Research Station, JAU, Targhadia (Rajkot), Gujarat
11. Dr Ram Dhan Jat, Councillor-Haryana, ISA and Assistant Scientist, Department of Agronomy, College of Agriculture, CCS HAU, Hisar, Haryana
12. Dr Neetu Sharma, Councillor-Jammu & Kashmir, ISA and Associate Professor, Division of Agronomy, FoA Main Campus SKUAST-Jammu, J&K
13. Dr M.R. Umesh, Councillor-Karnataka, ISA and Assistant Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur, Karnataka
14. Dr G. Suja, Principal Scientist, Councillor-Kerala, ISA and Head, Division of Crop Production, Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Sreekariyām, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
15. Dr Narkhede Wasudeo Nivrutti, Head, Councillor-Maharashtra, ISA and Department of Agronomy, VNMKV, Parbhani, Maharashtra
16. Dr Dasharath Prasad, Councillor-Rajasthan, ISA and Head, KVK, Pokaran, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
17. Dr K. Sankaranarayanan, Councillor-Tamil Nadu, ISA and Principal Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Research Station, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
18. Dr M. Malla Reddy, Councillor-Telangana, ISA and Associate Director of Research Regional Agricultural Research Station, Palem PJTSAU, Nagarkurnool, Telangana State
19. Dr D.K. Singh, Professor, Councillor-Uttarakhand, ISA and Prof Agronomy; G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar, U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand
20. Dr Rajiv, Councillor-UP, ISA and Asstt. Professor, Department of Vegetable Science, CSAUA&T, Kanpur, U.P.
21. Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA and Senior Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
22. Dr Swapan Kumar Maity, Councillor-West Bengal, ISA and Associate Professor, Department of Agronomy, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan, Birbhum, West Bengal
23. Dr Amit Kumar, Councillor-NEH States, ISA and Scientist, ICAR, Research Complex for NEH Region, Sikkim Centre, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim
24. Dr R.K. Tewatia, Councillor-Industries, ISA and Executive Director, IMMA, Nehru Place, New Delhi

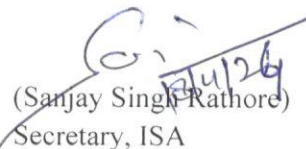
At the outset, Dr Sanjay Singh Rathore, Secretary, ISA extended a warm welcome to the President, ISA and other Office Bearers of the Executive Council members of The Indian Society of Agronomy

The important points and decisions of the meeting is as follows.

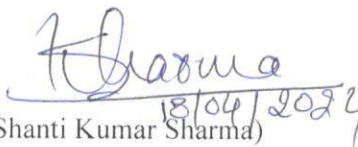
1. **Confirmation of proceedings of the last EC meeting held on March 27, 2024:** The proceedings of the last EC meeting was approved.
2. **Constitution of Editorial Board of IJA 2024 and 2025:** The Secretary, ISA apprised the house that a Google form was circulated to the esteemed ISA members to invite credentials to be a member of the Editorial Board (EB) of IJA and 165 members submitted the form.  
For improving the NAAS rating of the IJA, points like timely processing of the manuscript and publication of the Journal, citation of the IJA papers in other International Journal and quality research/review papers from renowned agronomist in India and abroad were emerged which will be considered for actions. It was opined that EC members should also cite at least 3-5 IJA papers every year. In each IJA issue, there must be at least one review paper from one of the eminent Agronomists. The ISA members with > 15 years of experience with a potential to contribute for improving the Journal quality may be part of IJA EB. Additionally, members acting as mobilizers/policy planners be also part of EB who can facilitates quality manuscript submission and convince policy planners for improving visibility of the discipline.  
A regular online meeting to be organized for the EB and the performance be reviewed regularly for effective functioning and also timely reporting to EC. Since, improving the NAAS rating of Journal is very crucial it was suggested that a letter/email from ISA Secretariat should be sent for seeking suggestions/opinions of the esteem members in this regard. All EC members should be actively involved to guide/facilitate young students and scientists to identify the new areas of Agronomy and communicate quality papers. It was suggested to include citations as criteria for considering Best Paper Award as well. A meeting of EC should be convened on 25 April 2024 to finalize the editorial board.
3. **Reprint of Agronomy Terminology and Modern Concepts of Agronomy books:** The Secretary, ISA apprised the EC members that the Society publications i.e. Agronomy Terminology book is the bestseller publication of the Society. It was revised in the year 2009 and presently only 20 copies are left in the society office. It was decided that looking to the demand, reprinting 500 copies of Agronomy Terminology was approved by EC with the revised price of Rs. 600/- per copy, however, the price may also be finalized after the printing, if required. The revision of the Agronomy Terminology is also approved as over 15 years have passed and lot of new terms have to be incorporated besides some improvement in the existing ones also. Therefore, it was decided that the experts might be identified from different domains that can contribute and a core committee will be formed to review the book with improved and transformed definitions with alphabetical ordering of the terms/definitions. The authenticity and records about technical terms should also be ensured.

- 4. Sixth International Agronomy Congress Date, Venue and Theme for 2025:** The November 2025 was unanimously agreed for holding sixth IAC. To begin with the activities, the theme/sub-themes should be decided and for getting the response of ISA members a circular will sent to ISA life members. Regarding the venue of Sixth IAC, preference should be given to a venue/University/ place having well connected transportation with a facility of halls, infrastructure, guest houses, hotels for large number of delegates. The sixth IAC will be organized for 3 days with provision of additional days as post conference field visits.
- 5. Any other item with the permission of the Chair**
- i. It was suggested that a calendar/plan /roadmap of activities of ISA and EC meetings be prepared well in advance for active participation of the EC members. The last Wednesday of every month at 4:00 PM was finalized for regular meeting day for EC of the ISA. As far as possible, all members should make it possible on priority basis to attend the EC meetings in continuum for their better contribution. ISA Newsletter will be taken up soon and a committee will be made up immediately to take and accomplish the activities of its publication.
  - ii. The travel grants applications sent by ISA members now onwards will be processed/ replied in time. A committee may be constituted to review such applications.
  - iii. The nomination of Mr. Abhijit Sharma, SLRD, Meghalaya as the Councillor from industry was proposed and approved.
  - iv. The financial position of the Society and efforts to increase revenue and responsibility of each EC member need to be discussed in a separate meeting.
  - v. The President, ISA appealed all EC members to join EC meetings regularly and if not email for non-attending the meeting may be sent. It was agreed that absence of EC members in two consecutive meetings without pre-information should be taken in to cognizance and letter for active participation in ensuing EC meetings will be sent from the ISA Secretariat to the concerned EC member.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.

  
(Sanjay Singh Rathore)  
Secretary, ISA

Submitted for approval of President, ISA please.

  
(Shanti Kumar Sharma)  
President, ISA

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