

Proceedings of the meeting of Executive Council of The Indian Society of Agronomy held on March 27, 2024 at 12:00 Noon through hybrid mode

A meeting of the Office Bearers of The Indian Society of Agronomy was held on 27 March, 2024 at 12:00 Noon through google meet link: meet.google.com/jey-chsx-fwk.

The following Office Bearers and the members of **ISA** 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 Yashbir Singh Shivay, Vice President (North), Professor, Division of Agronomy ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
4. Dr B. Gangaiah, Vice President (South), ISA and Principal Scientist (Agronomy) ICAR-IIMR, Rajendra Nagar, Telangana State
5. Dr Sanjay Singh Rathore, Secretary, ISA and Head (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
6. Dr Shankar Lal Jat, Joint Secretary, ISA and Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
7. Dr M. Malla Reddy, Councillor-Telangana, ISA and Associate Director of Research Regional Agricultural Research Station, Palem PJTSAU, Nagarkurnool district, Telangana State
8. Dr W.N. Narkhede, Councillor-MS, ISA and Head (Agronomy), VNMKV, Parbhani, M.S.
9. Dr Dasharath Prasad, Councillor-Rajasthan, ISA and Head, KVK, Pokaran, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
10. Dr Rajiv, Councillor-UP, ISA and Asstt. Professor, Department of Vegetable Science, CSAUA&T, Kanpur, U.P.
11. Dr Neetu Sharma, Associate Professor, Division of Agronomy, FoA Main Campus SKUAST-Jammu
12. Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA and Senior Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, 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.

1. **Confirmation of proceedings of the last EC meeting held on March 14, 2024:** The proceedings of the last EC meeting was approved and circulated through email. However a copy of the same may again be circulated to the EC members through email.

2. **Nomination of Vice President (East zone), States/Corporate/Industries Councillors for the year 2024 and 2025:** The willingness for the positions of Vice-President (Eastern Zone) and Councillors from a few states was not received. Hence, names of the potential candidates for nomination on these positions were invited by the EC members. After discussion and consensus, the following ISA members were nominated for these positions .

Vice President (East zone):

Dr Anup Das Director, ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, ICAR, Parisar, PO: Bihar Veterinary College, Patna, Bihar

Councillors

- Assam:** Dr Kalyan Pathak, Principal Scientist, AICRP on Irrigation Water Management, Directorate of Research (Agri), Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat, Assam
- Bihar:** Dr Anil Kumar Singh, Director of Research, Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, Bhagalpur, Bihar
- Chhattisgarh:** Dr G.K. Shrivastava, Head (Agronomy, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- Haryana:** Dr Ram Dhan Jat, Assistant Scientist, Department of Agronomy, College of Agriculture, Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, Haryana
- Jharkhand:** Dr C.S. Singh, Department of Agronomy, Birsa Agricultural University Ranchi, Jharkhand
- Karnataka:** Dr M.R. Umesh, Assistant Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences Raichur, Karnataka
- Kerala:** Dr G. Suja, Principal Scientist, Division of Crop Production, Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Sreekariyam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- Madhya Pradesh:** Dr Anand Kumar Vishwakarma, Project Coordinator (Sesame & Niger) ICAR-Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur, M.P.
- Odisha:** Dr Meenakshi Mohanty, Nodal Officer, ICAR Nodal Cell, Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar, Orissa
- Punjab:** Dr Hari Ram, Head, Department of Agronomy, PAU, Ludhiana, Punjab
- Tamil Nadu:** Dr K. Sankaranarayanan, Principal Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Research Station, Coimbatore, T.N.

- Uttarakhand:** Dr. D.K. Singh, Professor, Department of Agronomy, G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar, Distt. U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand
- West Bengal:** Dr Swapan Kumar Maity, Associate Professor, Department of Agronomy, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan, Birbhum, West Bengal
- NEH:** Dr Amit Kumar, Scientist, ICAR, Research Complex for NEH Region, Sikkim Centre, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim

Corporate/industries councilors

- Dr Ajit Tomar, President, Dhanuka Agritech Ltd. Gurugram
- Dr B. Ramakrishna, Agronomy Trial Manager, Coromandel, Telangana
- Dr G.V. Subbareddy, Vice President, Coromandel, Secunderabad
- Dr K.K. Singh, Head-Agri Services, Zuari Agro Chemicals Ltd., South Goa
- Dr Mayank Yadav, Bayer Crop Science,
- Dr Neeraj Kumar Awasthi, Country Manager-India Crop Nutrients Anglo American
- Dr R.K. Tewatia, Director of Agricultural Sciences, FAI, New Delhi
- Dr Rajul Edoliya, Coromandal International Ltd., Hyderabad
- Dr S. Roperia, Head – Sales & Marketing, K+S Fertilizers, Gurugram
- Dr Shashi Kant N. Bhide, GM, Mosaic India Pvt. Ltd., Gurugram
- Dr Soumitra Das, Director South Asia, ZNI, Indian Zinc Association, New Delhi
- Dr Surender Makhija, Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd., South Delhi
- Dr Tarunendu Singh, Chief (AS), IFFCO Ltd., Gurugram
- Dr U.S. Tewatia, MD, IPL, New Delhi
- Dr Yogendra Kumar, Marketing Director, IFFCO Ltd., New Delhi

More names from corporate sector may also be proposed and included in the EC after communication to the ISA office and approval

- 3. Nomination of Editor-in-Chief and Constitution of Editorial Board of IJA:** The Editorial Board of Indian Journal of Agronomy is to be constituted. The potential names for the Editor-in-Chief and Co-Editor-in-Chief were discussed. Names of two eminent Agronomists, viz. Dr V.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad, Telangana and Dr M.L. Jat, Global Research Program Director at ICRISAT were suggested and also it was advised to seek consent of Dr V.K. Singh for Editor-in-Chief and then to Dr M.L. Jat for the same. The Indian Society of Agronomy has received consent from Dr V.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad, Telangana for the Editor-in-Chief. Dr M.L. Jat, Global Research Program Director at ICRISAT will be requested for International Editorship of IJA. Dr E.V.S. Prakasa Rao and Dr J.S. Mishra, Director, DWSR, Jabalpur, were proposed to continue as Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA for the new term. For the constitution of Editors and Associate Editors for IJA, a google form with defined

criteria will be designed and circulated amongst the ISA members through email at the earliest. The google form of the interested ISA members will be screened for the constitution of Editorial Board of IJA. Based on the names received through google form and active involvement and feedback criteria, names will be screened and nominated. The president suggested that the contribution of active members of the society should be preferred who can contribute to the Journal for quality publications. He also desired that a separate meeting with the Editorial Board will be held to finalize SOP. Also, the guidelines of the process of reviewing and publishing the article will be finalized, once the Editorial Board is constituted. The terms and conditions for Editor-in-Chief and other editors regarding quarterly meeting and review of progress by EC will be laid down and may be informed in communication to concerned persons on these posts.

4. **CA services of ISA for the year 2023-24 and 2024-25:** The yearly expenditure for auditing the ISA is 25,000 plus taxes, which makes it around 29,500/- per annum. The year-wise review of the Society account is pending from last two years. The Secretary, ISA apprised the house that in spite of correspondence of direct settlement from Income Tax Department, it will be better to contact some official in the Income Tax Department to discuss and resolve the matter.

5. **Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

- a. A special issue of Indian Journal of Agronomy related to current NRM issues may be brought out during the upcoming Global Soils Conference 2024 entitled "Caring Soils Beyond Food Security" which is scheduled to be held during 19-22 November, 2024 at National Agricultural Science Complex, New Delhi.
- b. The president, ISA also desired to have a meeting of the Key office bearers of ISA with Director General (DG), ICAR to apprise the activities and contributions of ISA towards Indian Agriculture.

The Secretary, ISA apprised that some measures can be taken to improve the NAAS rating of the Indian Journal of Agronomy viz:

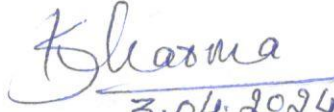
- The subject/area of the articles to be published in IJA must be diversified, focusing the related cutting-edge NRM issues.
- Some papers must be invited from the Agronomists working in International Institutes and renowned labs for improving the visibility of the Journal.
- All EC members while writing papers for International Journals must cite papers from Indian Journal of Agronomy.
- A few International Scientists/Agronomists may also be included in the Editorial Board of IJA.

- The ISA website for submission and publication of an article should be user-friendly with attractive look. The review and publication process should be time bound.
 - At least one review article on an advanced topic must be included in every IJA issue and the contribution may be invited from Eminent Agronomists.
- d. A letter has been received from ICAR to shift the Society office at NASC. The process of occupying the office at NASC may be initiated.
- e. Treasurer, ISA apprised about the day to day expenses and the income of the Society. A loan of Rs. 18 Lakhs was credited against the Fixed Deposit which will be repaid in August,2024 after maturity. A concern was raised by the Treasurer, ISA regarding the financial position of the Society. The President, ISA appealed all EC members to raise the ISA income by selling the society publications and promoting the life membership. He also desired that the target should be set for all EC members and Councillors for the same. He also suggested that a separate meeting for the finance and accounts issues of the Society should be called in the ensuing 15 days.
- f. An brochure about ISA: Contribution and Activities should be brought out highlighting the contribution of Agronomy in Indian Agriculture for enhancing crop production, improving natural resource use and increasing economic status of the farmers.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair


(Sanjay Singh Rathore)
Secretary, ISA

Submitted for approval of President, ISA please


3.04.2024
(Shanti Kumar Sharma)
President, ISA

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