

Proceedings of the meeting of Executive Council of The Indian Society of Agronomy held on May 6, 2024 at 4:30 PM through hybrid mode

A meeting of the office bearers of The Indian Society of Agronomy was held on 6 May, 2024 at 4:30 PM in hybrid mode through google meet link: meet.google.com/jev-chsx-fwk.

The following office bearers and the members attended the meeting:

EC members of ISA

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 Eastern Region, Patna, Bihar
4. Dr Yashbir Singh Shivay, Vice President (North) and Professor, Division of Agronomy ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
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, Division of 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 (Rājkot), Gujarat
11. Dr Ram Dhan Jat, Councillor-Haryana, ISA and Assistant Scientist, Department of Agronomy, College of Agriculture, CCS HAU, Hisar, Haryana
12. Dr M.R. Umesh, Councillor-Karnataka, ISA and Assistant Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences Raichur, Karnataka
13. Dr G. Suja, Councillor-Kerala, ISA and Head, Division of Crop Production, Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Sreekariyam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
14. Dr Anand Kumar Vishwakarma, Councillor-Madhya Pradesh, ISA and Project Coordinator (Sesame & Niger), ICAR-Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur, M.P.
15. Dr Meenakshi Mohanty, Councillor-Odisha, ISA and Nodal Officer, ICAR Nodal Cell, Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar, Orissa
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 Rajiv, Councillor-UP, ISA and Asstt. Professor, Department of Vegetable Science, CSAUA&T, Kanpur, U.P.
20. Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA and Senior Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
21. 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
22. Dr R.K. Tewatia, Councillor-Industries, ISA and Executive Director, IMMA, Nehru Place, New Delhi

Special Invitees

1. Dr J.S. Mishra, Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Director, ICAR-Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur, M.P.
2. Dr P.S. Brahmanand, Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Project Director, Water Technology Centre, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
3. Dr Simerjeet Kaur, Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Principal Agronomist, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab

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 of The Indian Society of Agronomy.

Dr S.K Sharma, President, ISA made a brief presentation and shared his vision for the Society and highlighted valuable points for strengthening the Society by enhancing its visibility, membership expansion and the pathway ahead for internationalization of the Society. A few highlighted points were: to make a one-minute YouTube video about the Society, start a membership drive through all EC members, publication of e-books, greater involvement of Senior Veteran Agronomists from India and abroad, a souvenir of Agronomists with milestone contributions, prioritize the action plan for 100 days and so on to speed up the work. It was suggested that the presentation may be uploaded on the ISA website for all esteemed ISA members to look into.

1. **Confirmation of proceedings of the last EC meeting held on April 10, 2024:** The proceedings of the last EC meeting was approved. It was suggested that proceedings of this meeting and all previous meetings should be uploaded on the ISA website.
2. **Discussion of Sixth International Agronomy Congress Theme, Venue and Date for 2025:** The Sixth IAC is to be organized by ISA during November 2025. In this regard, it was suggested that considering the expenditure, participation and management, New Delhi would be the most appropriate venue for the event. A mail would be sent to all eminent persons, VCs of AUS and Directors of NRM Institutes for ideas on the theme and sub-themes of Sixth IAC, 2025. A copy of theme and sub-themes of previous 5 IACs may also be attached. A letter should be sent by the Secretary to all concerned to get the response in a week. The suggested theme and sub-themes may then be circulated to all members for further corrections and suggestions. Looking to the financial position of ISA the cost analysis for hosting the event either in the C. Subramaniam Hall of NASC or in the open ground at Pusa, New Delhi will be done within 15 days to get clarity on the expected expenditure. As per the suggestions received by various EC members for the duration of the IAC, it is yet to be finalized that whether it should be held for three days or 5 days as earlier depending up on the venue and expenditure.

3. Constitution of Committee for ISA travel grant: A committee of the following members was constituted for the finalization of guidelines and formalities for the ISA travel grant.

Dr Y.S. Shivay	- Chairman
Dr N.K. Jain	- Member
Dr Kapila Shekhawat	- Member
Dr Rishi Raj	- Member
Dr Subhash Babu	- Member Secretary

4. Constitution of Committee for ISA Newsletter: The President and Secretary, ISA raised their concerns about the pending issues of ISA Newsletter. It was suggested that a dedicated e-mail should be generated exclusively for ISA Newsletter which may be sent to all Councillors and other members of Editorial Board for timely intimation and collection of information/materials for the Newsletter. A google form should be circulated by ISA to all members every fortnight to get the information for news items. The following Editorial committee was constituted:

Dr Kapila Shekhawat
Dr R.S. Bana
Dr Pravin Kumar Upadhyay
All States Councillors of The Indian Society of Agronomy

Dr S.L. Jat and Dr Subhash Babu will coordinate the states councilors in getting the news items.

5. Change of Cover page of IJA: A need was felt to change the cover page of Indian Journal of Agronomy. In this regard, a model/template of the cover page would be uploaded on the ISA website to seek suggestions from all ISA members. Dr Meenkshi Mohanty, Councillor, ISA-Odisha kindly agreed to send some of the templates and further requested to finalize the new cover page.

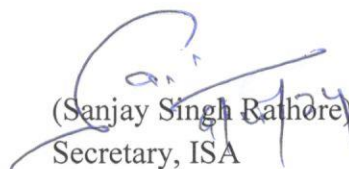
6. Indian Journal of Agronomy Articles citations: A concern was felt by all EC members for enhancing the NAAS rating of IJA. A brief presentation was made by Dr S.L. Jat, Joint Secretary, ISA regarding formatting of first page of articles of the Journal published in the IJA. The new page of the article should include DOI and hyperlink, how to cite the article, copy right, open access information etc.

7. Invitation of review articles for IJA: To increase the citation of IJA, it was unanimously decided that every issue must have a review article from some renowned Agronomists or across NRM disciplines. Dr Y.S. Shivay, Vice-President, ISA (North Zone) will submit a list of the topics for 20 review articles in consultation with Senior Agronomists, one for each issue of IJA along with the potential authors. The invitation letters for the review may be sent from the Secretary Office at the earliest and may be pursued continuously for timely editing and finalization of the articles for publication in IJA.

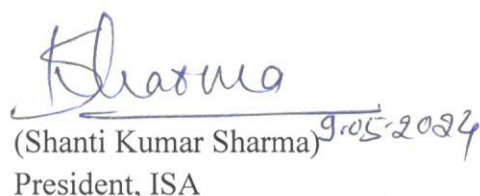
8. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

- i. A brochure regarding the genesis, activities and events of the ISA needs to be compiled and brought out at the earliest.
- ii. The President, ISA apprised the house that the President and Secretary, Indian Society of Soil Science (ISSS) have asked to bring out a special issue of IJA matching with theme of the conference after consultation with DDG, NRM and others. to be released on the occasion of inaugural session of forthcoming **Global Soils Conference 2024** during 19–22 November 2024 The articles and authors regarding this Special Issue of IJA may be identified in discussion with Indian Society of Soil Science (ISSS).
- iii. Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA apprised about the financial position of The Indian Society of Agronomy and an immediate need was felt to raise funds for the smooth functioning of ISA.
- iv. It was agreed in the EC that online trainings may be organized as per feasibility of time and need, in which the evening lectures by Eminent Agronomists/Experts may be scheduled in the new areas which are in focus and cater the need of students as well as academic stakeholders in the country and abroad. A doable registration fee may be kept for bulk registration focusing the students in different SAU's. A common template for Training Programmes as well as training schedule may be finalized by 20 May, 2024 so that this plan can be executed at the earliest.
- v. In the membership drive, it was suggested that a concession (up to 5–10%) may be given for bulk membership.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair


(Sanjay Singh Rathore)
Secretary, ISA

Submitted for approval of President, ISA please


(Shanti Kumar Sharma) 9.05.2024
President, ISA

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