

Proceedings of the meeting of Executive Council of The Indian Society of Agronomy held on 11 June, 2024 at 4:30 PM through hybrid mode

A meeting of the office bearers of The Indian Society of Agronomy was held on 11 June, 2024 at 4:30 PM in hybrid mode through google meet link: meet.google.com/jey-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 Sanjay Singh Rathore, Secretary, ISA and Head, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
6. Dr Shankar Lal Jat, Joint Secretary, ISA and Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
7. Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA and Senior Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
8. Dr Shiva Dhar, Ex-Secretary, ISA and Principal Scientist, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
9. Dr B. Sahadeva Reddy, Councillor-Andhra Pradesh, ISA and Principal Scientist, (Agronomy), ARS, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh
10. Dr Kalyan Pathak, Councillor-Assam, ISA and Principal Scientist, AICRP on Irrigation Water Management, Directorate of Research (Agri), Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat, Assam
11. Dr S.L. Meena, Councillor-Delhi, ISA and Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
12. Dr P.D. Vekariya, Councillor-Gujarat, ISA and Associate Research Scientist (Agronomy) Main Dry Farming Research Station, JAU, Targhadia (Rajkot), Gujarat
13. Dr Ram Dhan Jat, Councillor-Haryana, ISA and Assistant Scientist, Department of Agronomy, College of Agriculture, CCS HAU, Hisar, Haryana
14. Dr M.R. Umesh, Councillor-Karnataka, ISA and Assistant Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences Raichur, Karnataka
15. Dr Hari Ram, Councillor-Punjab, ISA and Head, Department of Agronomy, PAU, Ludhiana, Punjab
16. Dr M. Malla Reddy, Councillor-Telangana, ISA and Associate Director of Research Regional Agricultural Research Station, Palem PJTSAU, Nagarkurnool, Telangana State

Special Invitees

1. 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.

1. **Confirmation of proceedings of the last EC meeting held on 6 May, 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. **Finalization of Sixth International Agronomy Congress Theme, Venue and Date:** 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. An e-mail was sent to all eminent Agronomists, Vice Chancellors of SAUs 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 was also attached as desired. All the EC members agreed that New Delhi would be the most suitable venue for the sixth IAC and the Congress will be organized for 3 days in place of 5 days as earlier. Among the several themes received from the eminent members the following title were short listed:
 - Agronomic Innovations for Resilient Agri food Systems
 - Re-envisioning Agronomy for Smart Agri-food systems and Environmental Stewardship

The President, ISA suggested that the theme will be finalized from the above-mentioned titles at the Secretariat office. The sub-themes will also be decided once the main theme is finalized.

3. **Agronomy Newsletter progress:** The Secretary, ISA appraised the house that the first draft of the ISA Newsletter for January to March, 2024 issue is ready, however, the President, ISA requested all EC members to send some more relevant information from their domain within 3 days to make the compilation more comprehensive. The draft will be sent to the press for final editing and setting on 14 June 2024.
4. **Revenue generation/fundraising for ISA:** The President, ISA urged all EC members to start the membership drive and requested them to motivate at least 10 Agronomist from

their zones to become ISA life members. A new initiative of donations to the Society was made by the President and Vice President (North Zone) Dr Y.S. Shivay with Rs.10,000/-, and Rs.5000/- was donated by Dr S.S. Rathore, Secretary, ISA. These donations can be sent through online mode also using Net banking or QR code as displayed on the ISA website. It is also to inform all the EC members that a 50% rebate on the income tax can be availed from the donations made to the Society under Income tax.

- 5. Special online lecture, webinars to grow careers for M.Sc. and Ph.D. Students in Agronomy, and academic excellence for faculty as well:** The schedule and the lecture topics of the online training short course on “Agronomic research for food security and environmental stewardship in changing scenarios” which is going to be held during the 20–29 June, 2024 has been updated on the ISA website and will be circulated through ISA newsletter as well as. All ISA members are requested for their active participation in this training. It was also discussed and decided that the ISA should purchase the Zoom Account for organizing the online short course at the earliest. An honorarium of Rs.1,000/- may be given to the resource persons for the online lecture.

Agreed for suggestions of Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA for brain storming session on emerging topics in Agronomy like carbon farming, digital agriculture etc. These sessions may also be conducted in hybrid mode in collaboration with Science Academies of the country.

- 6. Industry participation and involvement of NGOs:** It has been discussed that ISA should initiate some awards for the representatives from industries like coromandel, Anglo American, IFFCO, Mosaic, IZA, Jain Irrigation etc. The ISA Award/Fellowship may also be granted to them for increasing the industry contribution from the industry side to the Society. In this regard, Dr M.R. Umesh, Councilor, ISA and Assit Professor, UAS Raichur, Karnataka has been given the responsibility to materialize the ISA industry collaboration. President, ISA desired that Dr S.L. Meena, Councilor, Delhi may contact to the industries located in NCR region for strengthening to the ISA industry collaboration for harnessing the CSR fund.

President, ISA also suggested that Dr Anup Das, Director, ICAR-RCR, Dr Sunil Kumar, Director, IIFSR, Modipuram may kindly conduct a meeting with ISA and its

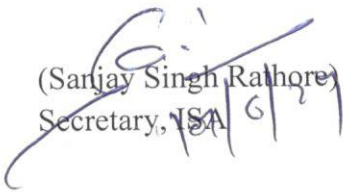
Industrial partners at the earliest for better communication between the society and industries.

7. **Change of Cover page of IJA:** Secretary, ISA informed the house regarding the progress made to change the cover page of Indian Journal of Agronomy. It was suggested that the cover page may be changed from June. The new designs of the cover page have been shared in Executive WhatsApp group for seeking the opinion of the EC.
8. **ATR on previous EC meetings:** The Secretary, ISA presented the action taken report on the previous recommendation of the Executive Council of The Indian Society of Agronomy.
9. **Special issue of IJA:** Special issue of IJA is to be brought out for Global Soils Conference 2024 being organized by the Indian Society of Soil Science "**Caring Soils Beyond Food Security: Climate Change Mitigation & Ecosystem Services**": The President, ISA informed that the Society may bring a special issue on this occasion. It was decided that in view of the financial constraint, the special issue should be published in virtual form only.
10. **MoU and Joint programs for ASA and CSA:** Secretary, ISA raised the point regarding the MoU between the ISA and American Society of Agronomy (ASA) and Crop Science Society of America (CSA). The President, ISA took the responsibility to materialize the MoU. He has suggested that a committee should be formed under the Chairmanship of Dr Praveen Rao, Former President, ISA for the same.
11. **Financial status of the Society:** Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA appraised the house regarding the financial status of the Society as on 11 June 2024. He presented the expenditure and income statement from March 2024 to June 2024. He raised the issue that for smooth running of the Society there is a need to improve the income of ISA by membership drive, sale of Society publications and improving the ISA industry partnership. Furthermore, he informed the house that the ISA office has sent the pre-invoice of ISA books to all the ICAR institutions, SAU's, CAU's and Other related organizations.

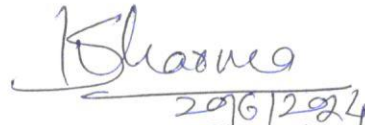
12. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

- i. The Secretary, ISA informed that the obsolete materials like old Proceedings, torned and damaged books and Journals are lying in the store. Hence there is a need to write off these materials for efficient use of the available space. It was decided in the meeting that a committee should be constituted for the same and a soft copy of the important proceedings, books and journal should be kept in the ISA records.
- ii. A serious concern was raised by the President, ISA regarding the poor attendance of the EC members in the meeting and it was decided that the Secretary, ISA will send an Email to all the EC members who were not present in the meeting held on 11 June 2024.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair


(Sanjay Singh Rathore)
Secretary, ISA

Submitted for approval of President, ISA please


20/6/2024
(Shanti Kumar Sharma)
President, ISA

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