

**Proceedings of the meeting of Executive Council of The Indian Society of Agronomy held on 5 July, 2024 at 3:00 PM through hybrid mode**

A meeting of the office bearers of The Indian Society of Agronomy was held on **5 July, 2024 at 3:00 PM** in hybrid mode through zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82631632427?pwd=8xGII9HhrYKeCdhzdYXmIrbNvB0mnt.1> Meeting ID: 826 3163 2427, Passcode: 995568

**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 Anup Das, Vice-President (East), ISA and Director, ICAR, RC for Eastern Region, Patna, Bihar
3. Dr Yashbir Singh Shivay, Vice President (North) and Professor, Division of Agronomy ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
4. Dr Sanjay Singh Rathore, Secretary, ISA and Head, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
5. Dr Shankar Lal Jat, Joint Secretary, ISA and Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
6. Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA and Senior Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
7. Dr Shiva Dhar, Ex-Secretary, ISA and Principal Scientist, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
8. Dr B. Sahadeva Reddy, Councillor-Andhra Pradesh, ISA and Principal Scientist, (Agronomy), ARS, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh
9. Dr P.D. Vekariya, Councillor-Gujarat, ISA and Associate Research Scientist (Agronomy) Main Dry Farming Research Station, JAU, Targhadia (Rajkot), Gujarat
10. Dr M.R. Umesh, Councillor-Karnataka, ISA and Assistant Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences Raichur, Karnataka
11. Dr Hari Ram, Councillor-Punjab, ISA and Head, Department of Agronomy, PAU, Ludhiana, Punjab
12. Dr Dasharath Prasad, Councillor-Rajasthan, ISA and Head, KVK, Pokaran, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
13. Dr M. Malla Reddy, Councillor-Telangana, ISA and Associate Director of Research Regional Agricultural Research Station, Palem PJTSAU, Nagarkurnool, Telangana State
14. Dr Rajiv, Councillor-UP, ISA and Asstt. Professor, Department of Vegetable Science, CSAUA&T, Kanpur, U.P.
15. Dr Neeraj Kumar Awasthi, Country Manager-Anglo American

**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.

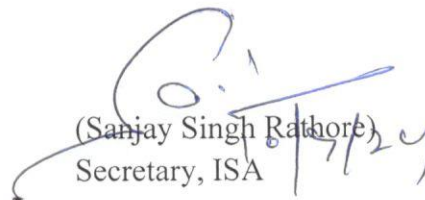
- 1. Confirmation of proceedings of the last EC meeting held on 11 June, 2024:** The proceedings of the last EC meeting was approved and the same was suggested to be uploaded on the ISA website.
- 2. Finalization of Sixth International Agronomy Congress Theme, Venue and Date:** The Sixth IAC is to be organized by ISA during **November 2025**. 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. All the EC members agreed upon the main theme of IAC as, “*Re-envisioning Agronomy for Smart Agri-food systems and Environmental Stewardship*”. It was suggested by all EC members that eight sub-themes are to be finalized out of the proposed sixteen sub-themes. The final Nine sub-themes of the Congress will remain as:
  - i. Climate resilient agriculture for carbon and land degradation neutrality
  - ii. Nature-based solutions for environmental stewardship in food production systems
  - iii. Efficient resource use and precision input management addressing soil-plant-animal-human dynamics for one health
  - iv. Harnessing genetic potentials for food and nutritional security
  - v. Energy-efficient mechanization, digital solutions and post-harvest supply chain food systems
  - vi. Management of biotic and abiotic stresses for sustainable production
  - vii. Technological dissemination and participatory approaches for gender empowerment and livelihood diversification for socio-economic resilience
  - viii. Corporate, policy, civil societies, leveraging and research interface in food system
  - ix. New Vistas in Agronomic Education: Policy framework towards Agronomic innovations for Agriculture 4.0 and Viksit Bharat
- 3. First circular of sixth IAC 2025:** The first circular of the Sixth International Agronomy Congress will be put for circulation within 3 weeks.
- 4. Response to 10-days short course:** Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA briefed the EC about the successful conduct of the online short course entitled “*Agronomic research for food*”

*security and environmental stewardship in changing scenarios*” organized by The Indian Society of Agronomy during 20-29 June, 2024. He shared that an amount of Rs.3.37 lakh were generated and a cost of Rs.10,974/- was incurred for taking zoom subscription. A total of 655 participants registered the course including Scientists from ICAR Institutes/SAU’s besides students. The President, ISA complimented Dr S.S. Rathore, Secretary, ISA, Dr Subhash Babu and Dr S.L. Jat, Joint Secretary, ISA for successfully conducting the short course. He appreciated them for their meticulous planning, execution and conduct of the training, for which he proposed they should be felicitated with a memento and a certificate from the Society. The President also suggested that a leaflet of the short course should be made containing the lecture details and a few pictures to be uploaded on the ISA website. Looking at the feedback and response of the participants, similar short courses need to be designed on the topics like Statistical tools and analysis for agronomic research, carrier opportunities for Agronomists in 21<sup>st</sup> Century etc. It was further suggested that such short courses may be organized at least once in every two months involving different agencies like ICAR Institutes, SAU’s and Corporate sector etc.

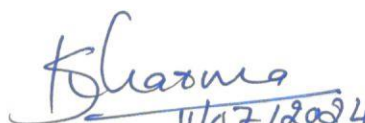
5. **Brain Storming session on “Carbon Farming” in November 2024 at SKUAST, Shalimar, Srinagar, Kashmir:** The Secretary, ISA informed the house that the Srinagar, Chapter is willing to organize 2-days brainstorming session on “**Carbon Farming**”, in the month of November 2024 at SKUAST, Shalimar, Srinagar, Kashmir. The expected participants for the brain storming are nearly 150. The EC approved that a registration fee of Rs.5,000/- may be kept for the brain storming session.
6. **Calendar of events for organizing different programmes:** It was suggested that similar brain storming sessions may be organized zone-wise. A 2-days symposium can be organized from all the five zones and the initiative may be taken by the respective Vice-President of ISA. Further, it was suggested that each Vice-President and the Councilors should essentially propose one activity from their zone/state for mobilization of resources and visibility of the Society. A calendar of such events should be prepared in advance and may be uploaded on the Society website.
7. **Promotion of Library subscription of the Indian Journal of Agronomy:** The Library subscription for Society publications should be made by all Vice-Presidents and Councilors for their respective institutes. A google form for the same should be drafted and circulated to all esteemed members to increase the library subscription of Indian Society of Agronomy.

- 8. Progress of membership drive:** The President, ISA requested the EC members to continue the rigorous membership drive. An orientation programme in all major Universities may be organized to accelerate the membership drive. The local chapters should be empowered and may seek support from the Secretariat for the campaign. The Secretary, ISA informed that a separate meeting of all chapters will be organized in the next 15 days.
- 9. Progress of citation of IJA:** It was discussed in the EC that all articles which are submitted in other journals must include at least 2 citations from the recent issue of Indian Journal of Agronomy. Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA informed the house that although the Scopus index of IJA has increased but the citation has decreased. Therefore, all members are requested to should give more and more citations from IJA.
- 10. Any other item with the permission of Chair:**
- i. **Change of Cover page of IJA:** Secretary, ISA proposed the new cover page of IJA. Some suggestions were given in terms of colour combination and background of the cover page of IJA. The Secretary, ISA requested all EC members to give their ideas and share some picture which can be included in the Cover page of IJA.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair

  
(Sanjay Singh Rathore)  
Secretary, ISA

Submitted for approval of President, ISA please

  
11/07/2024  
(Shanti Kumar Sharma)  
President, ISA

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