

Proceedings of the virtual meeting of Executive Council of The Indian Society of Agronomy held on 17 February, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the Room No. 12, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi 110 012

A meeting of the office bearers of The Indian Society of Agronomy was held in online mode on 17 February, 2025 at 4:00 PM

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 D.N. Gokhale, Vice-President, ISA and Director of Extension Education VNMKV, Parbani, M.S.
3. Dr Yashbir Singh Shivay, Vice-President, ISA and Professor, Division of Agronomy ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
4. Dr P.S. Brahmanand, Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Project Director, Water Technology Centre, 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 B. Sahadeva Reddy, Councillor-Andhra Pradesh, ISA and Principal Scientist, (Agronomy), ARS, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh
9. Dr Kalyan Pathak, Councillor-Assam, ISA and Principal Scientist, AICRP on Irrigation Water Management, Directorate of Research (Agri), Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat, Assam
10. Dr Anand Kumar Vishwakarma, Councillor-MP, ISA and Project Coordinator (Sesame & Niger), ICAR-Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur, M.P.
11. Dr Rajiv, Councillor-UP, ISA and Asstt. Professor, Department of Vegetable Science, CSAUA&T, Kanpur, U.P.
12. Dr Dashrath Prasad, Councillor-Rajasthan, ISA and Senior Scientist & Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pokaran Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
13. Dr Amit Kumar, Councillor-NEH States, ISA and Scientist, ICAR, Research Complex for NEH Region, Sikkim Centre, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim
14. Dr Kabita Debnath Das, Chief (AS), and Councillor-Industries, ISA, FAI, New Delhi

Special invitees:

15. Dr Kapila Shekhawat, Principal 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 of the Indian Society of Agronomy.

1. **Confirmation of proceedings of the last EC meeting held on 8 January 2025:** The proceedings of the last EC meeting was approved and the same was uploaded on the ISA website.
2. **Announcement of ISA Award Progress:** The Secretary, ISA apprised the EC members that the guidelines and number of regular Awards announced by the ISA for 2025 will remain as earlier. At the time of the announcement of ISA Awards, it should be mentioned that the application will be invited in soft copy, either through Email or it can be uploaded on the ISA/IAC website. No hard copies will be required or entertained in the Secretariat Office of ISA.
3. **Progress of Sixth IAC, 2025 and submission of Abstract:** The abstract submission for the Sixth IAC should be started through the IAC portal only and should be informed through Second Circular of Sixth International Agronomy Congress (IAC).
4. **Second circular of Sixth IAC 2025:** The Second Circular of Sixth International Agronomy Congress has been prepared and already circulated to all EC members. The timeline and the important dates as declared in the second circular should also made open on the ISA website.
5. **Development, design and maintenance of ISA/IAC website:** The separate website for IAC 2025 has been launched after including the suggestions from all EC members. The website has been functional and the abstract can be submitted on it. An estimate of Rs. 2 lakhs have been proposed by the contacted company by the office who is manging the ISA/IAC website. It was decided that the quotation should also be invited for comparison and the contract may be given to the least quotation but ensuring the quality and timely work.
6. **Status of special issue of Indian Journal of Agronomy First International Farming Systems Conference Special (FSRDA):** The Secretary, ISA informed that The Indian Society of Agronomy will bring out a Special issue of IJA for First International Farming Systems Conference (FSRDA). The confirmation mail regarding publication charges of Rs.45000+GST 5% for special issue of IJA on 1st IFSC-2025 has been received from the organizer. An invoice will be generated and send to the organizers of the first IFSC (2025) for the publication charges.
7. **Discussion on the IJA reviewer's response:** After several reminders and request the response of a few Reviewers of IJA is still not encouraging. Both the President and Secretary, ISA emphasized the timely and quality response from the

Reviewers. After screening of the reviewers of IJA, an appreciation certificate will be given to those who are reviewing articles of IJA well in time and with good efficiency.

8. **Status of DARE/ICAR approval for 6th IAC 2025:** The approval from the ICAR for the financial assistance for Sixth IAC is still awaited and will be given during the next financial year after 31st March 2025.
9. **Any other item with the permission of the Chair:**
 - i. Looking at the poor presence of some of the EC Members during the online meeting, it was decided by the President, ISA that a letter should be sent to the individual EC members for attending the EC meeting regularly and contributing in the proceedings.
 - ii. It was decided that one meeting of Executive Council should be conducted in physical mode during April, 2025 at the Office of The Indian Society of Agronomy, New Delhi. The date of EC meeting will be communicated in due course of time.

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
02/03/2025

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