

**Proceedings of the meeting of Executive Council of The Indian Society of Agronomy held on 20 August, 2025 at 4:30 PM**

A meeting of the office bearers of The Indian Society of Agronomy was held on **20 August, 2025 at 4:30 PM** through google meet link: [meet.google.com/jey-chsx-fwk](https://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. Anup Das, Vice-President (East), ISA and Director, ICAR, RC for Eastern Region, Patna, Bihar
3. Dr D.N. Gokhale, Vice-President, ISA and Director of Extension Education VNMKV, Parbani, M.S.
4. Dr Sanjay Singh Rathore, Secretary, ISA and Head, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
5. Dr V.K. Singh, Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Director, CRIDA, Hyderabad, Telangana
6. Dr J.S. Mishra, Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Director, ICAR-Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur, M.P.
7. Dr Simerjeet Kaur, Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Principal Agronomist, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab
8. Dr Shankar Lal Jat, Joint Secretary, ISA and Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
9. Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA and Senior Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
10. Dr B. Sahadeva Reddy, Councillor-Andhra Pradesh, ISA and Principal Scientist, (Agronomy), ARS, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh
11. Dr Narkhede Wasudeo Nivrutti, Councillor-MS, ISA and Head, Department of Agronomy, VNMKV, Parbhani, M.S.
12. Dr P.D. Vekariya, Councillor-Gujarat, ISA and Associate Research Scientist (Agronomy) Main Dry Farming Research Station, Junagadh Agricultural University, Targhadia (Rajkot), Gujarat 360 023
13. Dr M.R. Umesh, Councillor-Karnataka, ISA and Assistant Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences Raichur, Karnataka
14. Dr Anand Kumar Vishwakarma, Councillor-MP, ISA and Project Coordinator (Sesame & Niger), ICAR-Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur, M.P.
15. Dr Dasharath Prasad, Councillor-Rajasthan, ISA and Head, KVK, Pokaran, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
16. Dr. D.K. Singh, Councillor-Uttarakhand, ISA and Professor, Agronomy; Ex-Chief GM, Directorate of University Farm G.B. Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar, Distt.: U.S. Nagar, Uttarakhand
17. Dr. R.D. Jat, Assistant Scientist (Agronomy), Collage of Agriculture, CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, Haryana
18. Dr Neeraj Kumar Awasthi, Council-Industry, ISA and Country Head, Anglo, America Co. Ltd. 77-H. Block, Sriganganagar, Rajasthan
19. Dr. Kabita Debnath Das, Chief (Agricultural Sciences), FAI, New Delhi

At the outset, Dr. Sanjay Singh Rathore, Secretary, ISA extended a warm welcome to the Dr. Shanti Kumar Sharma, President, ISA & ADG (HRM) ICAR and other office bearers of the Executive Council of the Indian Society of Agronomy. The following agenda items were discussed in EC.

**1. Confirmation of the proceedings of the last Executive Committee meeting held on 31st July 2025:** The Secretary ISA presented the proceedings of the last EC meeting which was unanimously approved and have been uploaded on the ISA website.

**2. Review of progress of the Sixth International Agronomy Congress (IAC) 2025:** The Secretary ISA apprised the house about the progress made in organization of 6<sup>th</sup> IAC. So far more than 530 extended summaries, have been received and about 40 registration have been done. He asked all the Chair, Co-Chair and Convenors of the different publication committee to speed up the assigned work. He further reemphasised that we must be ready with draft of *kheti* and Indian Farming articles by the end of this month, as PD, DKMA has asked to submit the articles well in time.

Dr. Simerjeet, Kaur Convenor of Publication Committee apprised the house about the progress of different publication. She highlighted that so far we have received 6 articles for Indian Farming and remaining will be finalised well within time.

**3. Discussion with the Finance Committee regarding fundraising for the smooth conduct of the Sixth IAC:** Dr. Anil Dixit, Councillor, ISA told that many companies have confirmed their willingness to sponsor IAC. He also mentioned that he has approached many renowned pesticide industries for possible support. Dr. V.K Singh, Chairman, Finance Committee asked about their current status of finances. Various industries, Government bodies etc. were approached for financial support. He urged all the members of EC as well as Financial Committee to take the responsibility at their own level to mobilize maximum fund for successful Sixth IAC. He asked secretary ISA to prepare a presentation of the current Financial status during the next EC meeting. Dr. Singh further asked secretary ISA to conduct Financial Committee meeting every 7 to 10 days interval with Presentation of that financial status.

Dr. S.K. Sharma, President ISA asked to submit a list of all the potential contact person with their addressess and mobile numbers to secretary ISA, so that a letter may be sent from ISA office and follow up can be done.

Dr. M.R. Umesh, apprised the house that he has received a conformation of Rs. 5 lakh from a food industry to sponsor the 6<sup>th</sup> IAC, he future told that he is in contact with 3 drone companies and UPL Industry for financial support. He also told that 50,000 has been confirmed form ICAR-NAARM towards 6<sup>th</sup> IAC.

**4. Discussion on publications related to the Sixth International Agronomy Congress:** Dr. Simerjeet Kaur Convenor of Publication Committee apprised the house about the progress of different publication. She highlighted that so far we have received 6 articles for Indian farming

and remaining will be finalised well within time. The Secretary, ISA asked all the Chair, Co-Chair and Convenors of the different Publication Committee to speed up the work assigned to them. It further emphasised that we must be ready with draft of *Kheti* and Indian Farming articles by the end of this month, as DKMA asked to submit the articles well in time.

**5. Progress of Technical Programme Committee:** Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary DARE & DG, ICAR asked to include maximum international speakers for keynote and lead lectures to give an international look to the 6<sup>th</sup> IAC. The President, ISA Dr. S.K. Sharma told that we need to conduct international liaison committee meeting immediately to get maximum participation of international delegates.

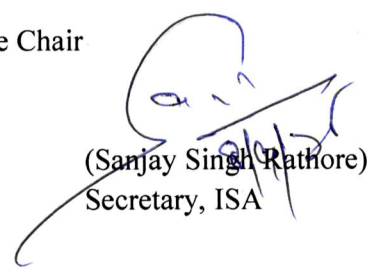
Dr. Anup Das, Vice-President, ISA told that we need to finalise name of speakers and he raised the issue of all the speakers being Indian he asked the technical committee to finalise the speakers for International Institution.

The Secretary ISA apprised the house that for international speakers we can waive off the registration fee and food but not the accommodation and other charges.

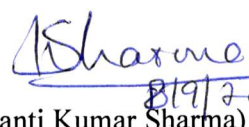
**6. Update on approvals from ICAR and other relevant authorities.** The Secretary ISA apprised that the approval from ICAR for the venue of 6<sup>th</sup> IAC is still pending and we may get the approval by the end of this month. It further informed that we also need to take permission from Ministry of External Affairs at the earliest.

**7. Extension of deadline for submission of extended summaries:** The EC members agreed to extend the deadline for submission of extended summaries till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair

  
(Sanjay Singh Rathore)  
Secretary, ISA

Submitted for approval of President, ISA please

  
(Shanti Kumar Sharma)  
President, ISA

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