

**Proceedings of the Executive Council (EC) of Indian Society of Agronomy held on May 11, 2011 at 10:00 AM, Division of Agronomy, IARI, New Delhi-12**

The following were present in the meeting

1. Dr Arvind Kumar, DDG (Edu.), ICAR & President of ISA
2. Dr V.M. Bhale, Vice President of ISA
3. Dr A.K. Vyas, Head, Agronomy, IARI
4. Dr K.G. Wankhede, Chief Executive IFFDC
5. Dr D.S. Rana, Secretary, ISA
6. Dr M.S. Pal, Joint Secretary, ISA
7. Dr R.K. Pannu, Councillor, Haryana
8. Dr Ashok Kumar, Treasurer, ISA
9. Dr Y.V. Singh, Councillor, Delhi

At the outset, Dr D.S. Rana, Secretary of the Society extended hearty welcome to Dr Arvind Kumar, President of the Society and other members of Executive Council and requested the Chair to conduct the proceedings.

Chairman at the outset expressed concern about the poor attendance, and stated that esteemed members of the Society have lot of expectations from the present EC and that can be achieved only through active participation of the EC members. He desired participation of EC members in future meetings except under some unavoidable circumstances. Thereafter, agenda items were taken up for discussion and following decisions were taken.

**Agenda 1.** Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting of EC.

Minutes of last meeting of the Executive Council were confirmed.

**Agenda 2.** Discussion on organization of 3<sup>rd</sup> International Agronomy Congress.

The need to organize 3<sup>rd</sup> International Agronomy Congress in 2012 was felt and after discussion, following theme emerged out tentatively.

“Agronomy, Research and Education for Livelihood Security”

It was decided to share the theme with esteemed members and have their views on the theme, before the same is finalized. EC members were also requested to give thought on it and mail the theme to the Secretary within a week's time. It was decided to organize the Congress from 26 November to 30 November, 2012 at New Delhi. For the Chief Guest of inaugural function, it was decided to approach the Hon'able President and Prime Minister of India once it is finalized. It was also decided to make prior arrangements to hold the congress at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Following registration fee for the Congress was tentatively finalized.

	<b>Foreign</b>	<b>Indian</b>
For member delegate	US\$ 500 (\$600)*	₹5,000 (₹6,000)*
Students/Research Scholar	US\$ 200 (250)*	₹2,000 (₹2,500)*
Accompany member	US\$ 200	₹2000

\*with late fee

It was decided to consult the agronomists of National and International arena regarding location of the Congress in India or any other country. In case no country come forward, we may seek necessary approvals for organize it in India. It was also decided to engage 'Event Manager' for effective organization.

### **Agenda 3.** Constitution of Editorial Board for 2011-2012.

EC members observed that quality of journal mainly depends upon the Chief Editor. The EC members unanimously suggested the name of Dr Rajendra Prasad, for this position. On this, Dr Arvind Kumar, President of the Society requested Dr Rajendra Prasad to kindly accept the responsibility of the Chief Editor and he very kindly consented to the proposal. EC members expressed their pleasure to have Dr Rajendra Prasad as Chief Editor of the journal. For the constitution of the Editorial Board, the members of EC suggested following name for editors of Editorial Board 2011 and 2012. EC members gave liberty to Dr Rajendra Prasad to make further improvement in the Editorial Board.

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Discussion was held on improving the quality of journal and it was decided that soft and/or hard copy of the paper may be sent to at least two referees with the instructions to send the comments within a period of one month. In case of no-reply is received within one month, the referee may be chased through E-mail and phone to expedite the comments and paper may be sent to another referee. If need arise, Chairman desired to have a list of referee not responding, so that he can attempt at his level to expedite the comments on the research papers. Normally editors may be given this key responsibility. Chairman expressed the need to reduce the gestation period to six month. Chairman expressed the concern for delay in publication of journal.

**Agenda 4.** Constitution of committee for publication of text books as per revised UG & PG course curriculum.

Chairman expressed the need to publish books based on revised syllabus of UG/PG courses. He informed that ICAR also have provision for writing of text books. It was decided to constitute the following committee to explore the possibility of bringing out of text books as well as need based publications on behalf of the society on the occasion of the forthcoming International Congress.

Dr I.P.S. Ahlawat, Ex-Head (Agronomy), Dwarka, New Delhi	Chairman
Dr V.M. Bhale, Head, Department of Agronomy, PDKVV, Akola	Member
Dr A.R. Sharma, Professor (Agronomy), Division of Agronomy	Member
Dr Guriqubal Singh, Sr. Agronomist (Pulses), PAU, Ludhiana	Member
Dr T.K. Das, Senior Scientist, Division of Agronomy	Member
Dr Ashok Kumar, Sr. Scientist & Treasurer, ISA	Members secretary

**Agenda 5.** Discussion on Online submission and review of research articles.

The issue was discussed in detail. It was felt that there are problems of internet availability and its connectivity and it access at office as well as at residence. Due to these problems, it may not be feasible for the author as well as reviewer to make correction and comments on the paper, in the time slot available with him for these activities. It was brought to the notice of the house that most of the Societies are still following the conventional system of processing the research articles. It was however, felt that author can submit the paper through E-mail to the Society and Society can send the paper through E-mail to the referee for comments. Both soft and hard copies can be sent to the referees. Paper with comments can be sent to author through E-mail also after scanning.

**Agenda 6.** Review of decision for inclusion of short note in Indian Journal of Agronomy.

It was discussed at length and it was decided to include short note in the journal based on one year results, especially based on research problem of M.Sc. students. Even paper based on two years data, can be published as short note. It was decided that in no case, the percentage of short note should not be more than 20% of the total papers included in an issue of the Journal. It was decided to implement the decision with immediate effect and get it ratified in the GB meeting as and when held.

**Agenda 7.** Finalization of proforma for directory of ISA members.

Proforma for the directory preparation as given below was finalized. It was decided to bring out the directory of members of ISA by the end of 2011. All the Heads, Councillor, Editors and Office Bearers of Chapters may be requested to involve themselves to collect the bio-data of the members. Directory may be prepared both in soft and hard version.

**BRIEF BIO DATA OF ISA MEMBERS**

Name of member		Recent photo (Passport size)
Designation & institution where posted		
Date of birth		
Home town and State		
Correspondence address		
Email address		
Mb./landline Resi. and Office		
Permanent address		
<b>Educational qualification</b>		
Degree	University/College	Year
1. Ph.D.		
2. M.Sc.		
3. B.Sc.		
<b>Important position held (starting from present/last position held)</b>		
Position held	University/Institution	Period
<b>Salient achievements/recognition in numerical figures only – no details are needed.</b>		
1. No. of publication		
2. Ph.D./M.Sc. student guided		
3. Visits abroad		
4. Awards		
5. Symposium/training organized		
6. Symposia/training/attended		
7. Any other		

**Agenda 8.** Publication of hard copy of Agronomy Newsletter.

The issue was discussed and Chairman felt the need for the hard copy of the Newsletter for easy access. EC decided to publish hard copy of the Agronomy Newsletter. This may be compiled and edited by Dr A.K. Vyas, Head and Dr Shiv Dhar, Sr. Scientist, Division of Agronomy. In case the information is not sufficient for quarterly issue, then it may be brought out six monthly.

**Agenda 9.** Discussion on the measures to enhance visibility of the Society.

The issue was discussed and EC felt that Society should reduce the gestation period of the paper to six months. It was also decided to strengthen the activities of the chapter. It was also felt that Society and its chapters should organize brain storming sessions, debate involving UG/PG students and other activities to improve the professional activities.

**Agenda 10.** Discussion on agreement with Indianjournals.com and IOS press.

The issue was discussed and it was decided to extend the agreement for another three years with the Indianjournals.com and IOS press.

**Agenda 11.** Revision of salary of ISA staff.

The issue was discussed and it was decided to increase the salary of the staff w.e.f from January, 2011 as per the detail given below:

<b>Name of staff member</b>	<b>Present Salary(₹)</b>	<b>Revised* Salary(₹)</b>
Sh. Sompal Singh (Office Assistant)	7,500	9,500*
Sh. Sudhir Kumar Tanwar (Computer Operator)	7,000	9,000*
Sh. Kharag Ram (Peon)	4,000	5,500

\*Include ₹500/- towards TA

**Agenda 12.** Any other items with the permission of Chair.

The Secretary informed that a sum of Rs. 35,000/- for purchase of computer and Rs.50,000/- for purchase of furniture was approved in the meeting of EC meeting held on December 18, 2009. The Secretary requested for revalidation of the decision with 20% enhancement over the budget approved in EC held on 18-12-2009. The Secretary expressed the need to have a photocopier to meet the day to day requirement of the Society work. EC discussed the proposal and it was decided that a photocopier of reputed company may be purchased not exceeding an expenditure of ₹2.0 lakh.

Chairman stated that cover page of the Journal is not very much impressive. There is need to redesign it as per format and style of International Journal. It was decided to redesign the cover page from professional, to bring it on par with International Journal and first issue of 2011 may be published with new cover page. On the back of the cover page, list of papers be given.

Chairman expressed concern over the activities of the chapters and stressed the need to strengthen the activities of chapters. He stated that, we should request Office Bearers of the

chapters and Head of the Departments to activate the chapters and to give their future programmes and corresponding demand of fund to meet part of expenditure. It was decided that chapters should discussion/organize meet on the key issue of regional importance which help in improving the socio-economic status and livelihood security of the people. He also expressed the need for enhancing life membership drive and for that chapters and councillors have to play a very important role. There should be enrolment of at least 100 members every year.

It was desired to hold a brief meeting on May 18, 2011 to discuss the issue pertaining to the Society and 3<sup>rd</sup> International Agronomy Congress and Dr Rajendra Prasad be requested for providing his input.

The Secretary, Dr D.S. Rana, informed that we have received two proposal for the ISA International Travel Grant. As per the guidelines of grant, a committee consisting of four members will scrutinize the application and make recommendation for EC approval. In view of this, following committee was constituted to consider the case on this account during 2011 and 2012.

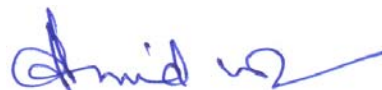
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Dr A.K. Vyas, Head, Division of Agronomy	Member
Dr Shivadhar, Sr. Scientist, Division of Agronomy	Member
Dr D.S. Rana, Secretary, Indian Society of Agronomy	Member Secretary

Member Secretary of committee may convene the meeting of committee at the earliest to give recommendation on the proposal received for the travel grant.

EC meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Chair.



(D.S. Rana)  
Secretary



(Arvind Kumar)  
President