

Proceedings of the meeting of Executive Council (EC) of Indian Society of Weed Science held on 30 July, 2012 at the Directorate of Weed Science Research, Jabalpur

A meeting of EC was held on 30 July, 2012 at the Directorate of Weed Science Research, Jabalpur to discuss various issues related to the Society. The following members were present:

Dr. T.V. Muniyappa,

Bangaluru (Karnataka), President.

Dr. Sushilkumar,

DWSR, Jabalpur (M.P.), Secretary.

Dr. M.L. Kewat,

JNKVV, Jabalpur (M.P.), Joint Secretary.

Dr. V.P. Singh,

DWSR, Jabalpur (M.P.), Treasurer.

Dr. A.R. Sharma,

Director, DWSR, Jabalpur, Special Invitee.



Dr. U.S. Walia, Dr. C.T. Abraham, Dr. Samunder Singh and Dr. Kalyan Moorthy could not attend the meeting due to their preoccupation.

At the outset, Dr. Sushilkumar, Secretary, welcomed all the members. Dr. T.V. Muniyappa, President of the Society expressed his concern about the less presence of EC members. He requested that all the members should attend the of meeting in future. After in-depth discussion on agenda items, following decisions were taken:

1. To review the receipt and expenditure incurred during ISWS Biennial Conference held at Thrissur in April 2012.

Dr. V.P. Singh, Treasurer presented the minute details of the account before the EC. The EC examined the details of the receipt and expenditure incurred during the Biennial Conference held at Thrissur during 19-20 April 2012. The members expressed satisfaction on the receipt and expenditure statement and the savings made for the society. A total saving of Rs. 203177 was made for the Society in this conference.

2. To review the life membership list of ISWS to pass on to Returning Officer to initiate Election Process for New EC.

Sushilkumar, Secretary put forward the compiled list of the members before the EC. He apprised that some members were also enrolled at Hisar during 2007 to 2011. This list will be furnished soon by Dr. Samunder Singh. After adding the name of those members, the final list along with a letter of request will be sent to Returning Officer to conduct the election. The Secretary assured that election process will be completed well before the scheduled time as desired in the General Body.

3. To discuss the transfer of ISWS money held in other banks into current operating account of the Society

The EC members had in-depth discussion on the issue of financial position of Society. Dr. V.P Singh placed all the audited accounts of Hisar and Jabalpur before the EC for perusal. The total fund position with the Society was estimated to be around Rs 28 lakh. It was decided that the money lying in different accounts, viz. SBI Hisar and SBI, Jabalpur along with the FDRs should be transferred to one account being operated at Jabalpur. Dr. Samunder Singh, Dr. R.K. Pannu and Dr. N.T. Yaduraju were requested to take initiative to direct the respective Managers of the SBI at Hisar and Jabalpur to close those accounts and to transfer the money in the present operating account at Bank of India, Suhagi, Jabalpur.

4. To review the progress of distribution and publication of Indian Journal of Weed Science and to decide the pattern and style of Journal from 2012 onwards.

Dr. Sushilkumar, Secretary informed that 2011 (1&2) issue has already been published. Some copies of this issue were also distributed to members during the Biennial conference at Thrissur. He informed that this issue will be dispatched soon to other members by Dr. Samunder Singh. He informed that the IJWS 2011 (3&4) issue is also ready under printing. Dr. A.R. Sharma, desired that all issues of the journal up to June 2012 should be brought out immediately. He also suggested to bring 4 issues separately from 2012 onwards, and to incorporate the date of receiving and date of acceptance of the article in the body of text along with the email address of the corresponding author. He apprised that such measures along with timely publication of the journal of the Society are the prerequisite to enhance the NAAS rating.

It was realized that mentioning abbreviations in citing of the references required in-depth knowledge of World List of Periodicals guidelines and there are always chances of putting wrong abbreviations of the Journal by the authors, hence instead of mentioning abbreviations, putting full name of the Journal will be more appropriate. In reference citation, dots between the initials of authors name should be avoided. Likewise, adopting of running style of title will be more attractive instead of sentence case. In-depth discussion was also held to opt the style of front cover of IJWS. All the members were agreed that the present style of putting pictures of weed on the front cover is also being practiced by the Journal "Weed Technology" being published by Weed Science Society of America, hence from a distance it gives the impression of the Journal "Weed Technology. Therefore, it was agreed to follow the new design of green cover with black border from 2012 onwards to have IJWS unique identity of front cover.

5. To submit request before Registrar of the Society, Bangalore to recognize ISWS.

It was decided to submit an application at the earliest before the Registrar of the Societies" Bangaluru to recognize ISWS along with proceedings of the General Body Meeting of the Society. Dr. T.V. Muniyappa assured to pursue the matter aggressively at Bangalore.

6. To consider Life Time Achievement Award on submitting application by the candidate, and also about the number and type of awards of the Society.

It was decided that as the Life Time Achievement Award is for very senior retired Scientists, hence it cannot be expected that such scientists will send the application on their own. Therefore, for this award, nominations filed by the admirers/ students may be considered. It will be the duty of the nominator to send achievements of the nominee. The category wise following awards and their number were decided for a biennium: Life Time Achievement Award (1), ISWS Gold Medal (2), ISWS Fellow (6). Best Ph.D thesis (2); Young Scientist (2), Best Book Award (one each in Hindi and English category. It was also decided that the awards like Honorary Fellow, Recognition, M.Sc and M.Phil awards should be stopped.

7. Any other issue with the permission of Chair.

The Secretary put the proposal to give the honorarium @ Rs. 1000/month from the Society's fund to the person looking after day- to- day ISWS office work. It was approved by the members present.



(Sushilkumar)
Secretary