

## Proceedings of Executive Committee meeting of the Indian Society of Weed Science

**Date: 28 February, 2015**

**Venue: Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad**

A meeting of the old and new members of the Executive Committee was held at the Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (IIOR), Hyderabad on 28 February, 2015 (forenoon) to hand over the charge of ISWS to the newly elected EC and to discuss various issues related to ISWS. Further, a meeting of the National Organizing Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> APWSS Conference was also held subsequently in the afternoon to review the progress made so far. The following members and special invitees were present:

### Members, Executive Committee, ISWS

Drs. N.T. Yaduraju, TVR Prasad, C. Chinnusamy, Sushil Kumar, Prashant Bodake and A.R. Sharma

**Special Invitees:** Drs. D. Raji Reddy, P.C. Rao, A.N. Rao, M. Yakadri, M.D. Reddy, M.B.B. Prasad Babu, T. Ram Prakash, Leela Rani, K.A. Gopinath, G. Suresh, V. Ravindrababu and K.S. Varaprasad

EC members Drs. R.K. Ghosh, J.S. Mishra, and Shobha Sondhia could not attend the meeting due to their preoccupation.

Dr. A.R. Sharma, Secretary extended a warm welcome to all the members and special invitees. The newly elected members, Dr. N.T. Yaduraju, President; Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Vice President, and Dr. Prasant Bodake, Joint Secretary were felicitated.

Dr. Sharma thanked all the ISWS members for showing confidence in the present EC. He especially thanked Dr. Dev Raj Arya, Returning Officer for conducting the election in the most democratic and transparent manner. Discussion was held on various issues and the following decisions were taken:

1. Dr. A.R. Sharma apprised about the activities of past two years. He emphasised the successful organization of the Biennial Conference at Jabalpur and bringing out all the pending issues of 2012 and 2013 of Indian Journal of Weed Science on quarterly basis, which helped to raise the NAAS rating besides auditing of ISWS account and settling all the old issues related to ISWS. He also briefed about the efforts made to update the address of life membership as well as to update and improve the website of ISWS. The efforts made by Dr. T.V. Muniyappa and Dr. TVR Prasad for renewal of the Society registration in the office of Registrar, Bengaluru were appreciated.
2. It was felt that there is no representation from the northern states in the present EC. It was unanimously decided to elect Dr. R.K. Singh, Professor of Agronomy, BHU as co-opted Vice-President and Dr. M.S. Bhullar, Professor (Agronomy), PAU, Ludhiana as co-opted Joint Secretary. Dr. Bhullar, who was present in the meeting as special invitee, was welcomed and felicitated by the President.
3. Dr. Sushil Kumar was again elected unanimously as the Chief Editor of Indian Journal of Weed Science in view of his services to bring out all the pending issues of IJWS and to raise the NAAS rating of the Journal. It was hoped that more efforts should be made to bring out the journal in time. Dr. M.B.B. Prasad Babu was requested to critically examine the NAAS guidelines and to suggest the points which could be followed to enhance the NAAS rating. It was decided to print the contents of articles on the back cover from 2015 onwards and to retain the old colour of Journal with some modification, which should not be changed frequently.



4. Editorial Board for the biennium 2015-16 was constituted as follows: Dr. Sushil Kumar, Chief Editor; Dr. A.N. Rao, Associate Editor; and members: Dr. M.D. Reddy (Hyderabad), Dr. N. Prabhakaran (Coimbatore), Dr. Gulshan Mahajan (Ludhiana), Dr. Ashok Yadav (Patna), Dr. Suresh Gautam (Himachal Pradesh), Dr. C. Sarthambal (Jabalpur), Dr. P. Janki (Coimbatore), Dr. V.S.G.R. Naidu (Rajahmundry), Dr. T. Ram Prakash (Hyderabad), Dr. T.K. Das (New Delhi), Dr. K.A. Gopinath (Hyderabad) and Dr. Narendra Kumar (Kanpur).

Overseas editors: Dr. Amit Jhala (USA), Dr. Gurjeet Gill (Australia), Dr. V.K. Nandula (USA), Dr. Mayank Malik (USA).

Dr. J.S. Mishra, Editor, ISWS Newsletter

5. The EC identified the following as Councillors of ISWS for the biennium (2015-16):

6.	Andhra Pradesh	Dr. Chandrika (Hyderabad)	Assam	Dr. J. Deka (Jorhat)
	Bihar	Dr. D.K. Roy (Pusa)	Chhattisgarh	Dr. A.P. Singh (Raipur)
	Gujarat	Dr. B.D. Patel (Anand)	Haryana	Dr. S.S. Punia (Hisar)
	Himachal Pradesh	Dr. Neelam Sharma (Palampur)	Jammu & Kashmir	Dr. Anil Kumar Sharma (Jammu)
	Jharkhand	Dr. R.R. Upasani (Ranchi)	Karnataka	Dr. M.T. Sanjay (Bangalore)
	Kerala	Dr. (Ms.) T. Girija (Thrissur)	Madhya Pradesh	Dr. M.L. Kewat (Jabalpur)
	Maharashtra	Dr. J.P. Deshmukh(Akola)	New Delhi	Dr. Ramanjeet Kaur (New Delhi)
	North-East Region excluding Assam	Dr. D.J. Rajkova (Barapani)	Odisha	Dr. M.M. Mishra (Bhubaneswar)
	Punjab	Dr. Simerjeett Kaur (Ludhiana)	Rajasthan	Dr. Sampat Mudra (Udaipur)
	Tamil Nadu	Dr. C. Chinnamuthu (Madurai)	Telangana	Dr. M. Yakadri (Hyderabad)
	Pondicherry	Dr. R. Poonguzhalan (Karaikal)	Uttar Pradesh	Dr. Vivek Dhama (Meerut)
	Uttarakhand	Dr. Rohitashav Singh (Uttarakhand)	West Bengal	Dr. B. Duary (Sriniketan)

### Industries

Dr. Abhijeet Bose (Opex Holdings Pvt. Ltd.)  
Dr. Mayank Yadav (Dow Chemical Ltd.)  
Dr. Prajwal P. Nalwade (Excel Crop Care)

Dr. Devraj Arya (Monsonto India Ltd.)  
Dr. R.D. Kapoor (PI Industries)

Dr. A.R. Sharma, Secretary was requested to send a letter/email to the elected Councillors to seek their consent. It was decided that the identified Councillors should play a more effective role in the activities of the Society, and ensure the following: (i) Provide updated records including the Email / Phone of all the members in the respective state, (ii) Enrol members including the students, (iii) Create awareness about the ISWS activities and organize quiz contests among PG students, (iv) Mobilize maximum participation for the forthcoming APWSS Conference, (v) Exhort weed scientists to submit good quality articles for the IJWS, and contribute in any other manner for the growth of the Society.

7. Dr. Sushil Kumar presented the financial status of the ISWS in absence of the Treasurer. He informed that currently an amount of Rs. 8.60 lakhs is in the account, besides fixed deposits to the tune of about Rs. 20 lakhs which will mature at different times. It was suggested that all the different deposits of varying amounts should be combined into a few FDs only. It was also decided to close the account in State Bank of India and shift all the deposits to Bank of India in a single account.
8. It was recalled that during the Biennial Conference held at Jabalpur in February 2015, Dr. Megh Singh announced to donate Rs. one lakh to create a fund which could be utilised to encourage students to participate in the Conferences organised by the ISWS. The members appreciated the initiative and also joined hands to donate their one day salary to the fund. It was decided to name this as 'Student Travel Grant Fund.' Dr. C. Chinnusamy and Dr. M.B.B. Prasad Babu were requested to frame the guidelines of this grant fund.
9. It was learnt that very few members have been enrolled in the year 2013-14. EC asked the Treasurer to make serious efforts (in cooperation with Councillors) in enrolling new members including the library members in the next couple of months. Special efforts may be made to enrol sustaining members from the Industry. The EC will review this in its next meeting. It was decided to delete the names of all such members from the database who have expired.
10. It was brought to the notice of EC that the old website of ISWS is still functional which is creating confusion. It was decided to approach the service provider to provide login password and other details to disable this website.

11. Decision was taken to revise the Membership Fees as follows:

<b>Membership</b>	<b>India (INR)</b>	<b>Foreign (US\$)</b>
Individual (Annual)	500	100
Individual (life)	6000	1000
Institutions/Libraries (Annual)	Print only: 5000 Online only: 4000 Print + online: 7500	Print only: 800 Online only: 700 Print + online: 900
Sustaining Industries (Annual)	20000	

The new membership fees will be placed at the next GB meeting for ratification.

12. It was proposed that the next ISWS Biennial Conference may be held in February-March, 2016 in the interest of continuity.

In the afternoon, a meeting of the National Organizing Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> APWSS Conference was held. A brief presentation was made by Dr. A.R. Sharma and the members were apprised of the progress made so far. It was decided to undertake the following immediately:

- Send the Second Circular to all ICAR institutes, Principals of Agricultural colleges, besides to Director of Research of all the SAUs with the request to disseminate the information to all the regional stations. **Action: Dr. Sushil Kumar**
- Finalize the technical sessions and identify lead speakers for various Technical Sessions. **Action: Dr. AN Rao**
- Revise technical programme and the timings should be fixed from 9 AM to 6 PM. **Action: Dr. AN Rao**
- Revise financial brochure as per the discussion and develop a database of Industries to whom request could be sent along with brochure and Second Circular. **Action: Dr. C. Chinnusamy and Dr. MBB Prasad Babu**
- Include Dr. M.S. Bhullar in the Finance Committee and Dr. A.N. Rao, Dr. Prashant Bodake and Dr. M.T. Sanjay in the Publication Committee, and to update the website: **Action : Dr. Sushil Kumar**
- **25<sup>th</sup> APWSS Conference Publications:**
  - (i) Weed Science in the Asian-Pacific region: Publisher should be identified: **Action : Dr. Sushil Kumar**
  - (ii) Souvenir: Invited articles, messages and advertisements. **Action: Dr. Prashant Bodake and Dr. TVR Prasad**
  - (iii) Lead articles / Plenary lectures: **Action: Publication Committee**
  - (iv) Extended Summary of contributory articles: **Action: Publication Committee**
  - (v) Technical programme: **Action- Dr. AN Rao**
  - (vi) Weed Management in India (in collaboration with ISA): **Action: Dr. A.R. Sharma**

13. Accommodation in government guest houses and low cost hotels near the venue for Indian delegates: **Action: Dr. M. Madhavi**

14. Constitution of local committees at PJTSAU and ICAR institutes **Action: Dr. D. Raji Reddy.**

15. To encourage participation of retired weed scientists, it was decided to waive theregistration fee. It may be suitably notified in the website. **Action: Dr. A.R. Sharma**

16. Travel agreement with Cox & Kings should be examined. We may provide them a stall to offer travel services on the discounted rates to the delegates without any liability to Society. **Action: Dr. A.R. Sharma**

17. Identify the sites of field visit on the Day-3 of the Conference. **Action: Dr. M. Yakadari**

18. Website update, advertisement, publicity of conference. **Action: Dr. Sushil Kumar**

19. Identify and contact authors for each topic by 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 for publication of special issue of IJWS. Dr. Das may co-opt one or two more colleagues to assist him. **Action: Dr. T.K. Das**

The meeting ended with the thanks to the Chair and all members present.

(A.R. Sharma)  
Secretary, ISWS

(NT Yaduraju)  
President

Date: 15.3.2015