

Proceedings of Executive Committee Meeting of the Indian Society of Weed Science held at Division of Agronomy, IARI, New Delhi on 30 August, 2016

The following members were present:

1. Dr. N.T. Yaduraju, President, ISWS
2. Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Vice President, ISWS
3. Dr. Ramesh Kumar Singh, Vice President (Co-opt)
4. Dr. A.R. Sharma, Secretary, ISWS
5. Dr. P.S. Bodake, Joint Secretary, ISWS
6. Dr. M.S. Bhullar, Joint Secretary (Co-opt), ISWS
7. Dr. Sushil Kumar, Chief Editor, IJWS
8. Dr. T.K. Das, Pr. Scientist, Division of Agronomy, IARI (Special Invitee)
9. Dr. Ramanjeet Kaur, Sr. Scientist, Division of Agronomy, IARI (Special Invitee)

Dr. Shobha Sondhia, Treasurer, ISWS could not attend the meeting.

Agenda items:

1. Receipt and expenditure details of APWSS Conference

Dr. A.R. Sharma, Secretary, ISWS apprised the members about the receipt and expenditure details of APWSS Conference. He provided the copy to each member for their perusal. Total income and total expenditure were ₹ 119.1488 lakhs and ₹ 65.13757 lakhs, respectively with a net saving of ₹ 53.8 lakhs for the Society. Dr. N.T. Yaduraju, President, ISWS congratulated all the members for this spectacular achievement.

2. Expenditure done by ISWS for APWSS

It was informed by the Secretary, ISWS that an expenditure of ₹ 96,350/- has been incurred by ISWS in favour of APWSS as per details given below:

	Recipient	Purpose	Date	Amount (₹)
1	Meeta Bagga	APWSS directory making fee	10/03/2015	15,000
2	Kiran Yadav	APWSS directory making fee	10/03/2015	5,000
3	Ms. Sandya R. Kesoju	IWSS (STG Award)	13/10/2015	30,000
4	Ms. Meenakshi Sangwan	IWSS (STG Award)	13/10/2015	30,000
5	Dr. A.N. Rao	Scanning APWSS Conference Proceedings	27/07/2016	9,950
6	ISWS	Scanning APWSS Conference Proceedings	27/07/2016	6,400
		Total		96,350

The registration fee collected at the 25th APWSS Conference was ₹ 49,93,801/-. It is customary to contribute 10% of the collection to APWSS. Although this is not always followed, looking at the weak financial position of the APWSS, Dr. N.T. Yaduraju, President ISWS and immediate past President of APWSS proposed to contribute 10% of the registration money to APWSS, which was approved by all the members unanimously. Therefore, an amount of ₹ 4.99 lakhs will be contributed to APWSS after deducting the expenditure made as per item no. 2 above. President desired that the transfer of money should get over by 30th Sep, 2016.

Mr. Gyanendra Pratap Singh, working with ISWS informed that currently he was assigned the duty of maintaining the website of APWSS by Dr. A.N. Rao, Secretary, APWSS. He requested to get approval of Secretary, APWSS to grant an honorarium of ₹ 20,000/- per annum to him for maintaining the APWSS website. It was decided that Dr. N.T. Yaduraju, President of ISWS will write an email to Dr. A.N. Rao to get his approval in this regard.

3. **Books on ‘Weed Science in Asian-Pacific Region’ and “Weed Science for Sustainable Agriculture, Environment and Biodiversity’**

It was informed that so far only 130 books of ‘Weed Science in Asian-Pacific Region’ have been sold despite best efforts, and there are still 370 books lying with ISWS. No copy of the book “Weed Science for Sustainable Agriculture, Environment and Biodiversity’ has been sold. Twenty books were given to Dr. T.K. Das to sell through IARI Book Stall. It was decided to write to Head, Department of Agronomy of SAUs to purchase the books for the library / PG students. President asked the Dr Sharma to bring out the Post-Conference Proceedings of the Conference at the earliest.

4. **Auditing of accounts of ISWS up to 31st March, 2016**

Dr. A.R. Sharma, Secretary informed that auditing of accounts for 2015-16 has been done by the Chartered Accountant. The copies of audited reports were circulated among the EC members for their perusal. It was decided to submit the request for renewal of the Society at Registrar Office, Bengaluru.

5. **Management of ISWS funds**

It was informed that all the several old FDs have been regulated and converted into a single FD of ₹ 31.0 lakhs. In addition to that in 2015-16, two new FDs of ₹ 40 lakhs and ₹ 10.0 lakhs have also been made. Besides this, one FD of Student Travel Grant Fund of ₹ 2,15,310/- has been made. This amount was collected from different members of ISWS who donated their one-day salary, besides ₹ 1.0 lakh and ₹ 32,500/- donated by Dr. Megh Singh and Dr. Bhagirath Singh Chauhan, respectively. The details of these new FDs and old FDs are given below:

FDRs as on 30 August, 2016:

S. No.	FDR A/c No.	Date of deposit	Date of maturity	Amount on FDR (₹)	Amount on maturity (₹)	Remarks
1	940745110001165	25/08/2015	25/08/2016	5,42,012	5,88,131	ISWS FD BOI
2	940745110001154	21/02/2016	21/08/2016	1,23,300	1,27,810	Dr. Mahesh K. Upadhyaya Lecture Award
3	940745110001155	21/02/2016	21/08/2016	1,12,093	1,16,193	Dr. T.V. Muniyappa Young Scientist Award
4	940745110001156	21/02/2016	21/08/2016	1,12,094	1,16,194	Shri Adusumilli Rama Rao Best Ph.D. Award
5	940745110001916	11/03/2016	11/03/2019	40,000,00	49,695,04	ISWS FD BOI
6	940745110001917	11/03/2016	11/03/2018	2,153,10	2,48,828	Student Travel Grant Fund
7	35635884046	15/03/2016	15/03/2018	31,00,000	35,96,687	ISWS FD SBI
8	940745110001945	05/04/2016	05/04/2019	10,000,00	1,24,2376	ISWS FD BOI
			Total	92,04,809	110,05,723	

It was decided that one FD of ₹ 5.0 lakhs should be made for giving travel grants to students from its interest. For that purpose, the balance money (₹ 2.85 lakhs) to make it ₹ 5.0 lakhs will be contributed by ISWS towards this fund. It was decided to make further efforts to encourage members to donate towards this fund. It was proposed to sponsor 10 scholars to attend ISWS Biennial Conference following the guidelines.

It was also decided that ISWS will also support two fellowships, each of ₹ 25,000/- to life members of ISWS to participate in International Conferences abroad. Dr. Ramanjeet Kaur will prepare the guidelines for selecting the candidates for this purpose.

It was also decided to give cash award of ₹ 10,000/- to ISWS Young Scientist Awardee and ₹ 5000/- to ISWS Best Ph.D Thesis Awardee from the interest earned from the Fix deposits done for this purpose.

6. **Status of funding from ICAR for IJWS**

Dr. Sushil Kumar, Chief Editor informed that we could get a funding of ₹ 75,000/- from the ICAR for publication of IJWS. As now auditing has been completed, therefore, this year too, a request will be made to ICAR for this fund.

7. Facilities / resources to ISWS

Dr. A.R. Sharma, Secretary informed that as per the Guidelines of ICAR, the Society cannot be provided facilities/resources from DWR. Keeping this in view, ISWS needs to strengthen its infrastructure and other office facilities. EC approved a fund of ₹ 1.0 lakh for this purpose and authorised the Secretary to utilize this fund to strengthen the facilities as per requirement.

8. Funding to ISWS Councillors for organizing events

It was informed that a sum of ₹ 10,000/- each was provided to 17 Councillors to organize activities related to weed science. It was regretted that six Councillors did not organize any activity and five have returned the money, but still one Councillor has not refunded the amount. The details are as under:

S. No.	Councillor	Programme date	Fund given (₹)	Fund used (₹)	Returned amount (₹)	Balance amount (₹)
1	Dr. B Duary	22/09/2014	10,000	10,000	0	
2	Dr. T Girija	14/11/2014	10,000	10,000	0	
3	Dr. R.R. Upasani	17-22/12/2014	10,000	10,000	0	
4	Dr. J.P. Dixit	27-29/09/2014	10,000	10,000	0	
5	Dr. Neelam Sharma	02/02/2014	10,000	10,000	0	
6	Dr. A.S. Rao	24/06/2014	10,000	10,000	0	
7	Dr. M.M. Mishra	16/01/2014	10,000	10,000	0	
8	Dr. R. Poonguzhalan	11/03/2015	10,000	8,565	0	1,435
9	Dr. S.K. Guru	01/11/2014	10,000	7,650	2,350	
10	Dr. P.S. Podake	07/01/2016	10,000	10,000	0	
11	Dr. Anil Kumar	16/08/2013	10,000	10,000	0	
12	Dr. Narendra Kumar	Returned	10,000		10,000	
13	Dr. S.S. Punia	Returned	10,000		10,000	
14	Dr. A.P. Singh	Returned	10,000		10,000	
15	Dr. N.K. Sinha	Returned	10,000		10,000	
16	Dr. B.L. Manjunath	Returned	10,000		10,000	
17	Dr. Ramesh Babu	Not Returned	10,000			10,000

It is decided to continue with this activity for the interested Councillors and the ISWS contribution may be up to ₹ 20,000/-. This is to improve the visibility of the Society and motivate youngsters to become active weed scientists.

9. Status of IJWS

Dr. Sushil Kumar, Chief Editor informed that all the issues up to June 2016 have been published and uploaded on the website. The members appreciated the efforts made by the Chief Editor and congratulated the editorial team for this significant achievement.

10. Printing of hard copies and distribution to all ISWS members from 2016 onwards

It was informed that as per the earlier decision of EC, printing of hard copies of IJWS has been stopped. Now only 100 copies are being printed for supply to libraries. President suggested that free access to IJWS could be given to ISWS members only. For general readers access to only the content table and the abstract of papers be given. The Chief Editor was asked to derive maximum benefit from the Indianjournal.com.

11. NAAS rating of IJWS

Dr. Sushil Kumar informed that application has been submitted to NAAS on the first appeal along with the published issues up to June, 2016. It is hoped to get a higher rating of IJWS this time.

12. Membership of ISWS

The total life members of ISWS as on date are 1017. The details of annual / life members and library membership during 2014 and 2015 are given below:

Membership	Year	Number	Amount received (₹)
Life Membership	2014	26	1,06,600
	2015	43	2,35,200
Annual membership	2014	64	32,000
	2015	58	29,000
Library membership	2014	18	54,000
	2015	24	1,20,000
Total			5,76,800

It was urged to enroll young scientists and students to become life members of ISWS.

13. Holding of next Biennial Conference of ISWS

It was decided to hold the Biennial Conference of 2016 in February 2017 keeping in view the International Conferences scheduled in the latter half of 2016. It was proposed to choose a venue where ISWS Conference has not been held earlier. It was decided that the next Conference may be held at Pune, Udaipur and Jammu mentioned in order of preference. Dr. Sharma was asked to write a letter to the Vice Chancellor of concerned University to hold the Conference in February 2016. Dr. N.T. Yaduraju requested Dr. A.R. Sharma to prepare the guidelines for deciding the role of Co-organizer and ISWS Secretariat for organizing the Conference.

14. Golden Jubilee of ISWS (1968-2018)

The year 2018 happens to be the Golden Jubilee of ISWS. It was the opinion of EC that Golden Jubilee of ISWS should be celebrated by organizing an International Conference at DWR, Jabalpur. The issue may be considered by the next EC.

15. ISWS Elections (2017-18)

The tenure of present EC will be over in December 2016. It was decided that the present EC will hand over the charge to the next EC during the next Biennial Conference. The election process should be completed by January 2017. Dr. Devraj Arya was contacted to act as a Returning Officer to conduct the election process. In case, he declines, Dr. Mayank Yadav should be contacted to act as Returning Officer. It was also decided that this time election will be held by e-ballot only. Dr. Yaduraju asked the Secretariat to update the emails and mobile number of the members for smooth conduct of elections through e-ballot.

16. Book on 'Weed Management' in collaboration with ISA

The long-pending book on 'Weed management' in collaboration with ISA should be brought out by November, 2016. Most of the identified authors have submitted their articles, which need to be edited and submitted for printing to the press by 15 September, 2016. A schedule for editing of the articles was prepared and all the 3 editors (Dr. N.T. Yaduraju, Dr. A.R. Sharma and Dr. T.K. Das) were asked to complete the editing of the articles.

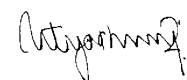
17. Any other issues with permission of Chair

It was discussed to change the present name of journal to attract authors from other countries and improving the rating and status of IJWS as inclusion of word 'Indian' in the title makes it a country-based journal. One title suggested was "Journal of Weed Science". It was decided to think more on this issue and the agenda can be put up for discussion in the next GB meeting.

The meeting continued up to 5 PM and ended with vote of thanks to all those present.



Secretary, ISWS



President, ISWS