

Proceedings of the ISWS EC Meeting held on 5-6 March, 2018 at ICAR-DWR, Jabalpur

A meeting of EC members of ISWS was held at ICAR-DWR, Jabalpur on 5-6, March 2018. The following EC members were present:

1. Dr. V.P. Singh, President, ISWS
2. Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Vice President (Co-opt), ISWS
3. Dr. Sushilkumar, Secretary, ISWS
4. Dr. Bhumsh Kumar, Treasurer, ISWS
5. Dr. M. Madhavi, Joint Secretary, ISWS
6. Dr. J.S. Mihsra, Chief Editor, IJWS

Dr. N.T. Yaduraju, Dr. A.R. Sharma, Dr. J.P. Deshmukh and Dr. S.S. Punia could not attend the meeting due to their preoccupation in other urgent nature of work.

Special invitee: Dr. P.K. Singh, Director (I/c.), ICAR-DWR, Jabalpur

At the outset, Dr. V.P. Singh, President, ISWS and Dr. Sushilkumar, Secretary, ISWS welcomed the EC members and special invitee. After the opening remarks by the President and the Secretary, point-wise discussion was held on the agenda items placed before the EC.



Registration/Renewal of the Society

It was discussed that renewal of society registration is essential. Dr. Sushilkumar, Secretary ISWS appraised that after audit of the current financial year that is 2017-18, request will be made for renewal of registration. Dr. T.V. Ramchandra Prasad will be requested to pursue the renewal of registration at Society office, Bengaluru.

Society Registration under 12A and 12AA income tax exemption

It came to the notice of the Secretary that some Societies have 12A and 12AA income Tax exemption certificate from the Income Tax department. This sort of certificates is often asked by the companies, which are contributing in conferences. It was decided to first get renewal of registration and after that this can be persuaded through chartered accountant. Discussion was also held to register the society at Jabalpur under MP Society Act to avoid difficulties of renewal of registration at Bengaluru. EC decided to put this agenda in GB meeting.

Status of funding from ICAR for publication of Indian Journal of Weed Science (IJWS)

Dr. Sushilkumar informed that request for getting funding for publication of IJWS was submitted to the Council well in time. The matter is under consideration at Council level.

Publication status of Indian Journal of Weed Science

Dr. J.S. Mishra, Chief Editor, IJWS informed that 4th issue of IJWS has been composed and after getting DOI number, the papers will be sent to Indian Jopurnal.com for uploading at their website. Only after their approval, the journal will be uploaded at ISWS website. Dr. Mishra also informed that papers of first issue of 2018 are under process of evaluation. It was decided to change the getup of the journal from volume 50 onwards. Dr. Sushilkumar and Dr. JS Mishra were given the responsibility to print the next issue with new getup.

To destroy or to sell old journals as waste paper and to maintain digitized records

Dr. Sushilkumar, Secretary, ISWS informed the members that ISWS office is having many old issues of journal and proceedings, which are occupying the place of office. He informed that all the record is being maintained as soft copy. It was decided to sell out all such old journals/proceedings as waste paper to enable to get it recycled and to fetch some money in the society account. However, one hard copy of each may be kept for record.

ISWS Awards for the biennium 2016 and 2017

Dr. Sushikumar, Secretary appraised the house that so far hard copies were being asked from the candidates along with soft copy. He opined that in this digital era there is no need to ask hard copies from the aspiring candidates and suggested to call soft copies only with due forwardal letter form the competent authority of the institute. It was decided to call soft copies only except best book award, which will be judged by EC only. Soft copies in PDF format will be asked for best Ph.D thesis evaluation by the committee, however, only one hard copy will be asked to submit for physical verification of Ph.D theses by the EC.

EC emphasized to observe transparency in award distribution to avoid criticism. EC discussed about the procedure of allotting the marks for the award. It was found from the earlier opted procedure that although EC has to approve the names of awardee, but EC did not have the right to give the marks to the candidates. The role of EC was also sought while marking the awards. It was decided that 20% marks will be awarded by the EC members and 80% by the committee constituted for this purpose. All the marks obtained will be pooled and averaged to declare the name of awardee. For all such awards, a judging committee will be made with the consultation of the EC and candidates' application will be sent to them for evaluation purposes.

It was decided that for Life Time Award, application will not be asked because this award is given to the retired scientists and at that stages scientists may not have proper documents. Therefore, it was decided to get the recommendations of names for this award by the available past life time awardees, Gold Medalists and EC members. Each such member will be asked to justify the recommended name on the basis of meritorious work in weed science and to give the marks on that basis. The given marks will be pooled and averaged to find out the finalist.

It was also decided to honour one or two ISWS members in each Biennial conference by giving 'Appreciation award' in recognition of their services for ISWS. This award will be given to those members who have not directly contributed much in the form of publication, but helped and contributed the Society in other ways. Such one or two awards will be decided by the EC only.

Others:

To close the ISWS website being operated from the Hissar

Jabalpur society office received several calls from ISWS members who were confused over the two websites of ISWS. They questioned the logic of having two websites. Although in old website, caption is running that HQ of ISWS has been shifted from Hissar to Jabalpur, but enquires from various corners of India reflects that people are being chaotic. On searching the website details, the name of Mr. Krishan Kumar, iNET Business Hub, #13-15, Neelkanth Complex, Camp Chwok, Hisar, Haryana, 125001 is reflecting as owner of website. EC asked the Secretary to send a letter to website operator on behalf of the society to close the same amicably. And if not closed, a legal notice should be sent in due course.

Publication of papers in IJWS containing old data

Dr. J.S. Mishra informed the house about the observations made by Dr. A.R. Sharma earlier about to form a policy for the 'Oldness of the data' to be published in IJWS. Dr. Sharma then suggested to avoid publication of the papers in IJWS containing old data (more than 5 years old). The matter was discussed at length and it was found that even renowned journals do publish papers in recent issues containing relevant old data. EC suggested Chief Editor to see whether such papers received for publication in IJWS containing old data are providing some new information or only the repetition of the work done in past. If the submitted paper is contributing something new at least in Indian context, it should be considered for publication. However, it was left to the Chief Editor to make the decision on such papers.

Golden Jubilee Conference

Publication of special issue of the journal on the occasion of the forthcoming Conference

It was decided to ask the authors, who will submit good abstract for oral and poster presentation in the conference based on their original work to submit their full length articles for peer review. If approved, such articles may be published in 4th issue of 50th Volume of IJWS. This issue may be published in November 2018 instead of December. It was decided to give this issue to all the delegates.

Publication of "50 years of Weed research in India"

It was decided to publish an edited book on "50 years of weed research in India" covering whole scenario of weed research since 1968. The name of Dr. A.N. Rao, was emerged to be the main Editor for this important responsibility. He was given full liberty to choose his own editorial team, if he wishes. A list of possible topic and authors was jotted down to pass on him, however, it was desired that he should select such topic which were not covered earlier. It was also decided to explore the possibility to get publish this book through any

publisher like Springer. EC decided to give this book to delegates free of cost on the occasion of Golden Jubilee.

Publication of “Indian Farming” Special Issue

It was decided to get publish a special issue of Indian Farming through DKMK of ICAR covering general topic of farmers’ interest as was done in 25th APWSS Conference. It was decided to give the copy free of cost in registration kit. Dr. J.S. Mishra, Chief Editor, IJWS was given the responsibility to select the title and search the suitable authors, who can justify the topic.

Publication of conference “Souvenir”

It was decided not to bring out typical ‘Souvenir’ publishing messages and a few articles; rather it should contain information on the journey of ISWS since its beginning on different topics. It should also contain the memories of old members/ stalwart about the society. Responsibility was given to Dr. Sushilkumar, Dr. Bhumesh and Mr. Gyanendra Pratap Singh to compile such information from the past records of the Society and to ask comments from the ISWS stalwarts spreading all over the world.

Conference Website status

Dr. Sushilkumar, Secretary was asked to update all the information on the website about the Golden Jubilee conference before sending the Brochure to members and others. He assured to compete it before sending the brochure.

Conference Income, Expenditure and Funding

Secretary, Dr. Sushilkumar presented a possible expenditure and income statement before the EC. It was estimated that about Rs 60 lakh will be required to organize the conference in a grand way. More expenditure was expected due to creation of temporary auditorium at the venue. EC decided to make vigorous efforts to get funding from industries besides from ICAR, NABARD, DBT,DST, Biodiversity, rain fed authority etc. Dr. Sushilkumar, informed that application has already been submitted to ICAR for getting fund and will be submitted to others soon. He informed that ISWS has been registered in the NITI Ayog as per the requirements of the ICAR and some other funding agencies. He sought the help of all the EC members to gather the fund.

Constitution of various committees for conference with responsibilities

EC suggested many names after in-depth discussion for International Advisory Committee, National Steering committee, Publication and Finance committee, Technical Programme Committee etc, which may be published on the Brochure. Dr. Sushilkumar was asked to send the letters to get the consent of such members and put the names on the brochure.

List of possible participants from overseas

Possible name of overseas speakers were also screened out and it was decided to send the invitation letter with the consultation of Dr. AN. Rao and feedback received from others. It was decided to waive out registration fee and to bear the expanses of all the logistic support

of the invited speaker for keynote and plenary speakers only. For Mahesh K. Upadhyia Lecture Award' on non-chemical weed management, the name of Dr. K. Dhileepan from Australia was decided subject to his consent.

ICAR Conference permission and Grant

Dr. Sushilkumar informed that he has already sent the request letter to ICAR to get permission from Nodal Ministry of Agriculture. He informed that the matter is being pursued regularly.

Chief Guest and other guests

It was unanimously decided to invite Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary DARE and DG ICAR as Chief Guest to grace the occasion. Chairman ASRB, and VC, JNKVV may be approached as Guests of Honour.

To attract retired ISWS members for reunion in the conference

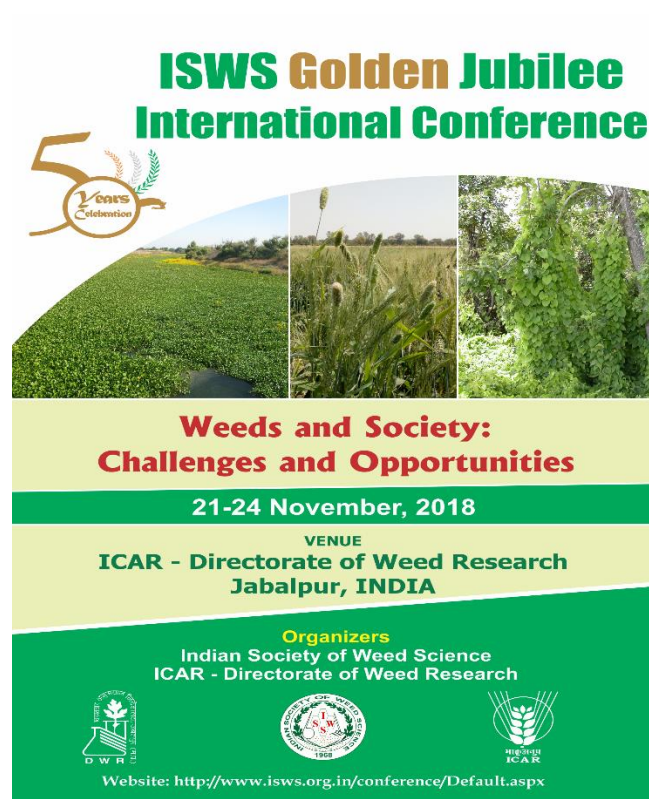
Keeping in view the budget constraints, it was decided to provide free accommodation and local convenience to retired ISWS members as an intensive to participate in the conference.

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks to chair.



Sushilkumar

Secretary, ISWS



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**Weeds and Society:
Challenges and Opportunities**

21-24 November, 2018

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Website: <http://www.isws.org.in/conference/Default.aspx>

The poster features a collage of three images: a green field, a close-up of a weed, and a dense thicket of green plants. It also includes logos for DWR, ISWS, and ICAR.