

*Proceedings of Newly Elected Executive Committee Meeting of Indian Society of Weed Science
27-28 May 2019, ICAR-Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur*

A meeting of the old and new members of the Executive Committee was held at ICAR-Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur during 27-28 May, 2019 to hand over the charge of ISWS to the newly elected EC and to discuss various issues related to ISWS and to review the progress made so far. The following EC members and special invitees were present:



Executive Committee of ISWS

Dr Sushil Kumar, President
Dr V.P. Singh, Immediate Past President
Dr Bhumesh Kumar, Vice President
Dr Anil Kumar, Vice President
Dr Shobha Sondhia, Secretary
Dr V.S.G.R. Naidu, Joint Secretary
Dr B. Duray, Joint Secretary
Dr V.K. Choudhary, Treasurer
Dr M. Madhavi, Immediate Past Joint Secretary
Dr. J.S. Mishra, Chief Editor IJWS
Dr P.K. Singh, Special Invitee, Director ICAR-DWR, Jabalpur



Dr. N.T. Yaduraju, Immediate past President; Dr. S.S. Punia, Vice President, Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Vice President; Dr. A.R. Sharma, Immediate Past Secretary, and Dr. Jayant Deshmukh, Joint Secretary could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupied work.

The newly elected EC comprised of Dr Sushil Kumar, President; Dr Bhumesh Kumar and Dr Anil Kumar, Vice President; Dr Shobha Sondhia, Secretary; Dr B. Duray and Dr V.S.G.R. Naidu, Joint Secretary and Dr V.K. Choudhary, Treasurer.

The newly elected EC members were felicitated by bouquet of flowers by old EC members. Old EC member Dr V.P. Singh, Dr Sushil Kumar, Dr Bhumesh Kumar, Dr B. Duray, Dr M. Madhavi and Dr J.S. Mishra were also felicitated with a Memento for the service rendered to the society. Dr. P.K. Singh, Director, DWR was felicitated by newly Elected President, Dr. Sushil Kumar.

Dr Sushil Kumar extended a warm welcome to all the members and special invitee and thanked all the ISWS members for showing confidence in the present EC. He especially thanked Dr Dev Raj Arya, Returning Officer for conducting the ISWS election in the most democratic and transparent manner. In the two days deliberations, discussions were held on various issues and subsequently following decisions were taken:

1. Dr V.P. Singh immediate past President apprised about the activities of last two years. He emphasized the successful organization of the ISWS Golden Jubilee International Conference at Jabalpur in November 2018.
2. It was decided to expedite the process of publication of remaining issues of Indian Journal of Weed Science for the year 2018 and 2019. Discussion was also held on increasing NAAS rating of Indian Journal of Weed Science.
3. Dr J.S. Mishra was again selected unanimously as Chief Editor and Dr A.N. Rao and Dr Bhagirath S. Chauhan were again selected as Associate Editors of IJWS.

4. Editorial Board for the biennium 2019-21 was constituted as follows:

Chief Editor:	Dr J.S. Mishra	
Associate Editor:	Dr A.N. Rao	Dr Bhagirath S. Chauhan
Members Editorial Board:		
Dr Ashok Yadav (Hisar)	Dr B.C. Sharma (Jammu)	Dr C. Cinnusamy (Coimbatore)
Dr Dibakar Ghosh (Jabalpur)	Dr IC Barua (Jorhat)	Dr M. Madhavi (Hyderabad)
Dr Malay K. Bhowmick (West Bengal)	Dr Pervinder Kaur (Ludhiana)	Dr Simerjeet Kaur (Ludhiana)
Dr T. Girija (Thrissur)	Dr T. Janaki (Coimbatore)	
Overseas Editors:		
Dr Gulshan Mahajan (Australia)	Dr Mahesh .K. Upadhyaya (Canada)	Dr P.C. Bhomick (USA)
Dr Virender Kumar (Philippines)	Dr. V.S. Rao (USA)	

Dr M.S. Bhullar from Ludhiana was selected as an Editor for electronic Newsletter of Indian Society of Weed Science.

5. The EC identified the following members as Councilors of ISWS for the biennium (2019-21)

State	Councilor
Andhra Pradesh	Dr G. Karuna Sagar
Assam	Dr Punabati Heisnam
Bihar	Dr Kaberi Mahanta
Chhattisgarh	Dr Adikant Pradhan
Delhi	Dr Mool Chand Singh
Gujarat	Dr Vimal J. Patel
Haryana	Dr Anil Duhan
Himachal Pradesh	Dr Mann Chand Rana
Jammu & Kashmir	Dr Meenakshi Gupta
Jharkhand	Dr Nawalesh Kumar Sinha
Karnataka	Dr P. Jones Nirmalnath
Kerala	Dr Meera V. Menon
Madhya Pradesh	Dr Varsha Gupta
Maharashtra	Dr N.V. Kashid
Manipur	Dr K.S. Shashidhar
Meghalaya	Dr Subhash Babu
Nagaland	Dr Avanish Prakash Singh
Orissa	Dr Rabiratna Dash
Pondicherry	Dr Saravanane Pasoubady
Punjab	Dr Navjyot Kaur
Rajasthan	Dr Arvind Verma
Tamil Nadu	Dr P. Murali Arthanari
Telangana	Dr Ramprakash Tata
Tripura	Dr Mandira Chakraborti
Uttar Pradesh	Dr Manoj Kumar Singh
Uttrakhand	Dr S.P. Singh
West Bengal	Dr Bikash Mandal

Councilor from overseas

Dr. Megh Singh	Dr. Krishna N. Reddy	Dr. Mithila Jugulam	Dr Muthukumar Bagavathiannan
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Representatives from herbicide industries

Dr Ajit Kumar (UPL)	Dr Devraj Arya (RM Gold)	Dr Mayank Yadav (Corteva)
Dr O.P. Singh (Dhanuka)	Dr P.J. Suresh (Monsanto)	Dr S. Kurchania (BASF)

Dr. Shobha Sondhia, Secretary, ISWS was requested to send emails to the selected Councilors and the member of the editorial board to seek their consent. It was decided that the identified Councilors should play a more effective role in the activities of the Society, and update records including the Email/Phone numbers of all the members in the respective state; enroll new members and create awareness about the ISWS activities and contribute in any other manner for the growth of the Society in consultation with the Secretary, ISWS.

6. Discussion was also held to organize next Biennial Conference of ISWS in 2020 and it was proposed to hold next ISWS Biennial Conference in Goa during 5-7 February, 2020 in the interest of the Society. Dr Shobha Sondhia and Dr VK Choudhary were asked to take initiative for preparation of conference brochure. Progress will be reviewed in next EC.
7. It was also suggested that possibilities may be explored to conduct next EC meeting of ISWS over Skype or using similar modalities in order to reduce society expenditure.
8. It was decided to work on top priority for the renewal of the Society at Bangalore and to explore the possibilities for registration of Society at Jabalpur which is Head Quarter of the Society.
9. Guidelines for submission of paper for Indian Journal of Weed Science shall be modified and Dr J.S. Mishra, Dr B. Duary and Dr V.S.G.R. Naidu shall take quick initiatives to formulate revised guidelines on priority basis. It was emphasized to initiate the strategy for judging the suitability of submitted manuscript for publication in the IJWS at the initial stage by the editorial office.
10. It was also decided to add information on 'Conflict of Interest clause' in revised guidelines.
11. It was decided to take necessary efforts so that Indian Journal of Weed Science may also be included in the UGC approved list of Journals.
12. Auditing of Society for 2018-19 need to be done in due frame of time.
13. Discussion on the issue of travelling allowance was done in depth and it was decided that EC member shall be entitled for IInd AC Rail fare availed, however those EC members travelling by AIR may be restricted to the train fare of Ist AC class from the nearest route of the meeting place of EC excluding premier trains fare such as Shatabdi/Rajdhani/Durento etc.
14. It was brought in the knowledge to the EC that 10% of registration fee of APWSS held in 2015 has been given to APWSS head quarter. It was also decided to continue this practice for likely to be proposed 29th APWSS Conference in India in 2023.
15. Thorough discussion on Young Scientist Award was made and it was decided that this award shall be given to one young scientist up to the age of 35 each year who is in regular service and a travel grant of Rs 35000/- or actual whichever is less shall be awarded for attending International Conference / Workshop / Symposium on Weed Science after production of original bills. Application may be invited for Young Scientist Award each year and based on score card, a list of merit will be prepared and subsequently one award shall be given to suitable candidate.
16. July 15 was decided as last date for submission for Young Scientist award in each year. Detailed guidelines will be uploaded in the ISWS website shortly.
17. It was also unanimously decided that each EC member shall contribute Rs 10,000/- to the ISWS Society and this fund will be utilized for the student travel grant to attend ISWS Biennial Conference.
18. Dr. Shobha was requested to remind Dr. L.S. Brar to contribute Rs one lakh in Travel grant fund as was promised during the valedictory function of Society in Golden Jubilee Conference. Dr. Bhumesh Kumar promised to contribute Rs 50,000 towards this grant as per promised made during Golden Jubilee Conference.
19. It was decided that ISWS shall participate in the bidding for organization of 29th APWSS Conference in 2023 in India. It was discussed that organizing the International Conference under the banner of the ISWS is necessary for uplifting the image of ISWS and to make it financially strong, therefore, ISWS President and Secretary shall take part in bidding process during 27th APWSS Conference being held during 3-6 September 2019 at Malaysia. A maximum amount of Rs 50,000/- or actual whatever will be the less shall be reimbursed from the society for attending the bidding process during 27th APWSS Conference.

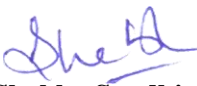
20. It was decided that ISWS shall also participate in bidding process for organization of International Weed Science Congress in 2024 in India.
21. It was brought in the notice of EC that still there is a parallel ISWS website which is functional with homepage address www.isws.in and showing old information of EC members, Editorial Board, Fee structure etc. which is misleading to the authors and readers hence efforts will be made to stop and disable this parallel website through legal action.
22. Audit report of 2017-18 was presented on the financial status of the ISWS and approved.
23. The registration fee collected at the 25th APWSS Conference was Rs 49,73,280/-. 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.


It was informed by the Secretary, ISWS that an expenditure of Rs 4,97,328.00 has been incurred by ISWS in favour of APWSS as per details given below:

Recipient	Purpose	Date	Amount (₹)
Conference registration fee	Total fee (₹ 4973283) 10% (₹ 497328)		497328
Meeta Bagga	APWSS directory making fee	10/03/2015	-15000
Kiran Yadav	APWSS directory making fee	10/03/2015	-5000
Ms. Sandya R. Kesoju	IWSS (STG Award) IWSS \$1000 transfer APWSS account Australia	13/10/2015	-30000
Ms. Meenakshi Sangwan	IWSS (STG Award) IWSS \$1000 transfer APWSS account Australia	13/10/2015	-30000
Dr. A.N. Rao	Scanning APWSS Conference Proceedings	27/07/2016	-9950
ISWS	Scanning APWSS Conference Proceedings	27/07/2016	-6400
Gyanendra Pratap Singh	APWSS Website maintenance 2015-16 & 2016-17	17/08/2017	-20000
Ravi Graphics	Book Printing of Weed Management in Rice	26/09/2017	-170000
Dr. A.N. Rao By NEFT	100 Book dispatch for Thailand	03/02/2018	-24117
Dr. A.N. Rao By NEFT	APWSS Conference related work for Dr. A.N. Rao	10/03/2018	-37846
Gyanendra Pratap Singh	APWSS Website maintenance 2016-17 & 2017-18	10/03/2018	-10000
Gyanendra Pratap Singh	APWSS Website maintenance 2017-18 & 2018-19	14/03/2019	-10000
Dr. A.N. Rao By NEFT	Paid final balance amount to Secretary, APWSS	14/03/2019	-129015
	Total expenditure		497328
	Total remaining amount		00

24. It was decided to delete the names of all such members from the database who have expired and the task could be taken up by the respective Councilors of each state.
25. Decision was taken to revise the Library Membership Fees for the IJWS from April 2019 onwards as Rs 10,000/-annually.
26. Life membership fee from Non Residential Indian (NRI) and other Foreign Individuals has revised to 300 USD from April 2019.
27. For other categories, the fee structure shall remain unchanged.

Dr Shobha Sondhia, newly elected Secretary, presented a vote of thanks in the end to the entire EC and ISWS members.


Shobha Sondhia
 Secretary, ISWS


Sushil Kumar
 President, ISWS

Date: 29/5/2019