

Proceedings of the General Body Meeting of the Indian Society of Weed Science held at ICAR-Directorate of Weed Research (DWR), Jabalpur on 21st November, 2018

General Body Meeting of the Indian Society of Weed Science (ISWS) was held on 21st November, 2018 at 6.00 PM in the Conference Hall of ICAR- Jabalpur MPUAT, Udaipur. In this meeting, **94** life members of the ISWS were present (list attached). Following members of Executive Committee were present and conducted the proceedings:

1. Dr. V.P. Singh, President
2. Dr. S.S. Punia, vice President
3. Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Vice President (Co-opt)
4. Dr. Sushil Kumar, Secretary
5. Dr. M. Madhavi, Joint Secretary
6. Dr. Jayant Deshmukh, Joint Secretary (opt)
7. Dr. Bhumesh Kumar, Treasurer
8. Dr. J.S. Mishra, Chief Editor
9. Dr. N.T. Yaduraju, Immediate Past President

At the outset, Dr. Sushil Kumar, Secretary, ISWS welcomed all the members of ISWS in General Body meeting and apprised about the agenda items. He invited Dr. V.P. Singh, President, ISWS to preside over the meeting.

President, Dr. V.P. Singh, expressed his gratitude to all the members for providing support to the Executive Committee during last two years. He specifically thanked all the members of Executive Committee to provide their full support to organize ISWS Golden Jubilee International Conference in a befitting manner. He thanked the Director, ICAR-DWR for proving all the logistic support for the conference. He urged the EC members to work with full zeal and enthusiasm for the progress of the Society during the remaining tenure.

Dr. Sushil Kumar, Secretary, ISWS presented a report on various activities of the Society during 2017-2018. He informed the house that the present EC took the charge at MPUAT, Udaipur during the Biennial Conference and he took the baton of Secretary from his predecessor Dr. A.R. Sharma. Dr. Sushil Kumar mentioned the following points in his report:

1. The mega task before the present EC was to organize ISWS Golden Jubilee in a befitting manner at ICAR-DWR, Jabalpur.
2. It was decided to bring out an edited book "50 Years of Weed Research in India" on this occasion with the emphasis to cover major research work on weed science since the inception of weed research activities in India. It was conceptualized to cover major topic and to cite maximum references work in the concerned subject area to provide a holistic view of the past

work done so far to the future scientists to help them to work further for the solution of the problematic issues. He thanks all the contributors to fulfill the objective to bring out the book.

3. It was decided to compile all the information about ISWS since its inception. This was a herculean task to gather all such material because Society's Head Quarter moved at various places during its journey. Nevertheless, efforts were made to compile all such information in the form of "ISWS History and Memories". He appealed all the ISWS members to go through the publication to visualize the difficulties faced by the predecessors and their efforts to sustain the Society besides to get an idea about the theme, venue and dates of the conferences/symposia/events organized under the banner of ISWS and the journey of Indian Journal of Weed Science.
4. It was informed that ISWS awards were decided strictly based on merit and the scores provided by the members of the Judging Committee. Current EC members were not considered for the Society awards unlike in the past.
5. Members' particulars including Email / mobile number were updated regularly.
6. Society website has been made more dynamic with several new user-friendly features and is being updated regularly.
7. Number of new members enrolled in the society.
8. Change of the cover of Indian Journal of Weed Science in Golden Jubilee year.

Dr. Bhumes Kumar, Treasurer, ISWS presented the receipt and expenditure statement of the society during the last two years. The summary of audited account was provided to all the members for their perusal and comments. Members appreciated the efforts made by treasurer to minimize the expenditure to make the society richer.

Dr. J.S. Mishra, Chief Editor of Indian Journal of Weed Science (IJWS) apprised the house about the current status of IJWS. He informed that IJWS is being published in time and 3rd issue has been published and its hard copy has been provided in registration kit on the occasion of Golden Jubilee. Dr. J.S. Mishra thanked all the members of Editorial Board and referees for critical evaluation of papers. He especially thanked Dr. Sushil Kumar for his continuous help to improve the IJWS standard.

Dr. S.S. Punia, Vice President, Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Vice President (Co-opt); Dr. M. Madhavi, Joint Secretary and Dr. Jayant Deshmukh, Joint Secretary (Co-opt) also shared their views to enhance the visibility and transparency of the society.

After a thorough discussion on various issues related to the functioning of Society, the following points emerged:

1. Discussion was again held whether to continue Co-opt positions of Vice president and Joint Secretary as such or go for election. Unequivocally, it was decided by the majority that now these positions should be filled through ballot paper from next election.
2. Some members raise the points to continue the distribution of hard copies of IJWS to the members. House did not approve it and was decided to make available soft copies of the journal to the members online on the website of the society.

3. There were suggestions to increase the age limit for Young Scientist Award up to 40 and increase the number of ISWS awards, particularly of Gold Medals and Life Time Achievement Award. House opined that present structure of different awards is justifiable and sufficient, hence there should be no change in the present award structure.

4. It was proposed to enhance the term of the EC from two years to three years to give sufficient time to new EC to implement the decisions taken by the EC. After a lot of discussion, it was decided to continue the term of two years of EC at present, however it may be kept in agenda item for next GB meeting.

5. It was proposed to support two students and scientists (up to 35 years) for travel assistance to the tune of Rs. 35,000/- each for taking part in overseas seminar/symposia/training.

On the basis of discussions in the GB meeting, the following resolutions were passed:

- I. It was resolved that two Co-opted posts, viz. Vice President and Joint Secretary will be elected through ballot paper from next election due in February-March 2019.
- II. It was resolved not to change the age for Young Scientist Award from 35 to 40 years and to retain the present awards structure in the Society.
- III. It was resolved to continue the present term of two years of EC.
- IV. It was resolved to give two Travel Assistance Grant of Rs. 35,000 to in service scientist/teacher upto 35 years of age for participation in overseas Conferences/Seminar/symposia/Training.

A formal vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Sushil Kumar, Secretary, ISWS.

Dr. V.P. Singh
President

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Secretary