

Proceedings of the Meeting of EC held on 10-11 September, 2017 at NASC, New Delhi

A meeting of EC members of ISWS was held at NASC guest house, New Delhi on 10-11, September 2017. The following EC members were present:

1. Dr. V.P. Singh, President
2. Dr. S.S. Punia, Vice President
3. Dr. C. Chinnusamy, Vice President (Co-opt)
4. Dr. Sushilkumar, Secretary
5. Dr. Bhumesh Kumar, Treasurer
6. Dr. M. Madhavi, Joint Secretary
7. Dr. J.P. Deshmukh, Joint Secretary (Co-opt)
8. Dr. J.S. Mishra, Chief editor, IJWS

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



Finalization of Councilors

In previous EC meeting, it was decided to select at least one Councilors representing each states of India. In more than 50% cases, consent was taken on mobile, subjected to confirmation through email. Dr. Sushilkumar, Secretary, ISWS was entrusted the job to take the consent on email before releasing the name. Following names were finalized for councilors after taking consent on email:

Name of councilors:

Sl. No.	State	Name	Sl. No.	State	Name
1	Andhra Pradesh	Dr. D. Subramanyam	2	Arunachal Pradesh	Dr. Dinesh Saha
3	Assam	Ms. Kaberi Mahanta	4	Bihar	Dr. Radhe Shyam
5	Chhattisgarh	Dr. M.C. Bhamri	6	Delhi	Dr. T.K. Das
7	Gujarat	Dr. B.D. Patel	8	Haryana	Dr. Dharam Bir Yadav
9	Himachal Pradesh	Dr. S.S. Rana	10	Jammu & Kashmir	Dr. Ramphool Puniya Dr. Manpreet Singh
11	Jharkhand	Dr. Sheela Barla	12	Karnataka	Dr. K.N. Kalyana Moorthy
13	Kerala	Dr. Nimmy Jose	14	Madhya Pradesh	Dr. S.K. Tiwari
15	Maharashtra	Dr. B.S. Raskar	16	Manipur	Dr. K.S. Shashidhar
17	Meghalaya	Dr. D.J Rajkhowa	18	Nagaland	Dr. Debika Nongmaithem
19	Odisha	Dr. M.M. Mishra	20	Pondicherry	Dr. Saravanane Pasoubady
21	Punjab	Dr. M.S. Bhullar	22	Rajasthan	Dr. Pratap Singh
23	Sikkim	Dr. Subhash Babu	24	Tamil Nadu	Dr. T. Ramesh
25	Telangana	Dr. K. Avil Kumar	26	Tripura	Mrs. Mandira Chakrabarti
27	Uttarakhand	Dr. Tej pratap	28	Utter Pradesh	Dr. Ram Kumar Singh
29	West Bengal	Dr. Vikash Patra			
Councilors from Industry					
1	Dr. Devraj Arya, RML AgTech		2	Dr. Mayank Yadav, Dow Agro Science	
3	Dr. Suresh Kumar, Monsanto India		4	Dr. Vishwanath Gade, UPL	
5	Dr. Ram Ratan, Indofill		6	Dr. K.N. Singh, Gharda Chemical	
7	Dr. Tara Charan, Bayer		8	Mr. Ajeet Singh, GPS Company	
9	Dr. R. Srinivasan, ADAMA				

Constitution of Editorial Board

All the EC members congratulated Ex-Chief Editor, Dr. Sushilkumar for his sincere contribution for enhancing NAAS rating from 2.94 to 5.17 after taking the reign of Indian Journal of Weed Science in 2013. Dr. V.P. Singh, President hoped that Dr. J. S. Mishra as Chief Editor will try his level best to improve the NAAS rating further during his tenure. Dr. J.S. Mishra, newly elected Chief Editor of IJWS assured the EC to give his the best to enhance the NAAS rating of IJWS. Dr. Sushilkumar, Secretary, opined to have two Associate Editors, one each representing Abroad and India to enlarge the platform of review. A lot of discussion was held on the names of Associate Editors and members in Editorial Board based on merit, specialization and timely giving their opinion in the research articles in past. Dr. J.S. Mishra, Chief Editor was requested to obtain the consent of the selected members on email. Following names for Associate Editors and members in Editorial Board emerged after obtaining their consent:

Editorial Board					
Chief editor					
Dr. J.S. Mishra					
Associate editor					
1	Dr. Bhagirath Singh Chauhan				
2	Dr. A.N. Rao				
News Letter Editor					
Dr. S.K. Guru					
Editors					
1	Dr. A.S. Rao	2	Dr. Anil Duhan	3	Dr. Ashok Yadav
4	Dr. B. Duary	5	Dr. C.R. Chinnamuthu	6	Dr. I.C. Barua
7	Dr. M.K. Singh	8	Dr. P. Janaki	9	Dr. R. Poonguzhalan
10	Dr. R.S. Chhokar	11	Dr. V.S.G.R. Naidu	12	Dr. Vijay Kumar Choudhary
13	Dr. Virender Sardana	14	Dr. Yogita Gharde		
Overseas editors					
1	Dr. Prasant Jha	2	Dr. Amit Jhala	3	Dr. Asad Shabbir
4	Dr. Zahoor A. Ganie	5	Dr. Hafiz Haider Ali		

Audit report of balance sheet

Dr. Bhumesh Kumar, Treasurer, ISWS presented the ISWS Audit Report of the year 2016-17, which included the receipt and expenditure related to Biennial Conference held during 1-3 March, 2017 at MPUAT, Udaipur, Rajasthan. While presenting the expenditure incurred in ISWS Conference held at MPUAT, Rajasthan, EC observed that receipt presented in relation to expenditure to Biennial Conference by the local Organizers has not been properly accounted in the Society account. Seeing all the previous letters sent by the then Secretary, Dr. A.R. Sharma to Director Research and Vice Chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur about this anomaly, it was decided by EC to pursue the matter with the Vice Chancellor of MPUAT to settle the account and to get return the savings in ISWS account at the earliest. It was found that University did not pay the amount to various vendors from the fund received on the name of ISWS Biennial Conference. It was also observed that many irreverent vouchers of expenditure were claimed by the organizers from ISWS. Dr. Sushilkumar, Secretary was entrusted to prepare a draft to be addressed to the Vice Chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur with a request to interfere in this matter and settle the account by the Local Organizing Committee at the earliest. The letter may be sent in the name of ISWS with the President signature. It was also resolved that if it became necessary, ISWS will approach higher authorities of the state.

Foreign Travel Grant

It was decided to sponsor maximum three life members up to Rs 30,000/- each year for participating in conference/Symposia/ workshop being held outside of the country. Following criteria were made:

1. Applicant should have minimum 10 years standing as life member.
2. It must be international event on weed science or related subject outside the country.
3. Paper must be on weed science subject only.
4. Application should be forwarded through the competent authority of the Institute / University.
5. Grant will be reimbursed on actual bill basis maximum up to Rs. 30,000/- after availing the travel
6. Acceptance should be minimum for oral/lead/Invited paper
7. Candidate should apply at least 4 months before the commencement of the event. The year will be counted January to December basis. In case, if already quota of three grants is exhausted for the concerned year, no consideration on application will be made for the event of that year.
8. Grant proforma will be evaluated by the EC members and marks obtained from each member will be averaged. Minimum 60% marks should be obtained to qualify foreign travel grant. In case, there is more application for a particular event in a year, top scorers will be selected on the merit basis.

Secretary was entrusted with the job of developing suitable proforma in consultation with EC members, which should be uploaded on the ISWS website.

Sponsorship for life members for foreign travel grants from industry and private agency

In the interest of ISWS members towards the knowledge enrichment in weed science, it was felt to mobilize funding support from Industry and other private agencies for the life members to attend the International Conference/Symposia/Workshops outside India in the field of weed science. It was decided to receive the funding by ISWS from any interested agency in favour of any individual life members of the Society for participating in conference/symposia/workshop to be held in abroad. In such case, concerned agency can transfer the money in ISWS account with recommendation to support any specific life members. ISWS will give such funding to that concerned individual from the society under the bye laws of the Society X at sl. No. 07.

To develop guidelines for best paper award published in IJWS from the grant given by Dr. B.S. Chauhan

It was proposed by EC to finalize the guidelines to honor suitably the authors of three best papers per annum published in IJWS from the interest accrued from the grant received from Dr. B.S. Chauhan. It was decided that Chief Editor will initially select best 15 full papers published in IJWS during two previous years excluding the year of Biennial conference after seeking the opinion of two independent experts. The papers will be finalized in consultation of EC for awards. The memento with citation, certificate and accrued award money will be given to first author or any coauthor in person only. In case no author comes, the award will not be given. No TA/DA will be provided to winning candidates.

To grant fund to councilors to organize activities under banner of ISWS

The President, Dr. V.P. Singh desired that each councilors do some activities under the banner of ISWS. For this purpose, councilor should move a proposal with the tentative plan to take the consent of EC. On approval, a matching grant of Rs. 10,000/- will be granted to the Councilors.

It was also decided that each Councilor should pursue the authority/Librarian/Library Committee for the subscription of Indian Journal of Weed Science. The Councilors should also encourage students to purchase the book on weed management, published by ISWS and to become life members of ISWS.

Holding of ISWS Golden Jubilee Conference

In previous EC meeting, it was proposed to organize ISWS Golden Jubilee Conference on commemoration of 50 years of the Society in 2018, but it was decided to discuss the matter in next EC with the joining of more EC members. In this meeting, a detail discussion was held on dates, venue, circulars, brochures and forming of various committees. Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur was unanimously decided to be the venue of the conference. It was decided to organize Conference during 21-24 November, 2018 on the theme ‘Weeds and the Society: Challenges and Opportunities’.

Sub-themes:

- Weed biology, ecology including climate change, weed survey and surveillance and weed seed bank
- Weed management in rice based cropping system
- Sustainable weed management in cereals, pulses, oil seed crops, commercial crops, fiber and fodder crops
- Weed management in fruits, vegetable, medicinal, spices, floriculture crops besides landscaping horticulture
- Management of problematic weeds of crops and non-crops situations (*Cynodon, Cyperus, Lantana, Mikania, Chromolaena, Parthenium, Cuscuta, Orobanchae, Striga, Loranthus, Pistia, Salvinia*, water hyacinth alligator weed etc)
- Non-chemical weed management (cultural, mechanical, biological, soil solarization, mulching, stale seed bed, tillage conservation, organic farming, residue management, allelopathy and allelochemicals etc.)
- Herbicide resistance and herbicide tolerant crops and nano-herbicides
- Herbicide residues, monitoring, mitigation and effect on non-target organisms in weed management
- New herbicides molecules, new formulations, low dose herbicides, herbicides mixtures, herbicide compatibility with other agro input etc.
- Socio-economic implications; improving profitability of farming by new techniques, weed utilization, adoption, weeds on human and animal health

Registration fee:

Category	Before due date	After Due date
Indian delegate (member of ISWS)	₹ 6500	₹ 8000
Indian delegate (non-members)	₹ 7500	₹ 9000
Indian students (members)	₹ 3000	₹ 4000
Indian students (non-member)	₹ 4000	₹ 5000
Industry representatives	₹ 20000	₹ 25000
Accompanying person	₹ 3000	₹ 4000
Overseas participants (member)	US \$ 300	US\$ 400
Overseas delegates (non-member)	US \$ 350	US\$ 450
Participants from SAARC countries	US \$ 250	US\$ 325
Overseas students	US \$ 200	US\$ 250
Overseas accompanying person	US \$ 150	US \$ 200

Registration fee includes the conference kit, access to conference sessions, daily conference tea and lunches and organised dinner. Students are required to produce a valid identity card/ certificate for availing the student discount. No registration kit will be given to accompanying person.

Sponsorship: It was decided to take following money for various sponsorship:

Platinum	7.5 lakhs
Gold	5.0 lakhs
Silver	3.0 lakhs
Bronze	1.5 lakhs

Publications: It was decided to bring out a first information brochure immediately so that it could be given to delegates attending 26th APWSS conference in Japan and to circulate among the members. Dr. Sushilkumar, Secretary was asked to develop such first-hand informative brochure and to circulate to EC members for further improvement. A complete conference brochure and sponsorship brochures should be ready by December 2017 for further circulation.

It was decided to bring out a publication on “50 years of weed research in India’ and a special issue of common general interest topics for Indian Farming. Dr. J.S. Mishra was requested to make a preliminary list of topics and to identify author(s) for the same for further discussion.

Accommodation and conveniences: Efforts will be made by the local organizers to provide suitable accommodations to Indian delegates in different guest houses and hotels. Foreign delegates will be accommodated only in hotels.

It was decided to provide no pickup and drop convenience from airport and railway station, however daily pickup and drop facilities will be provided from staying place to venue. A suitable travelling agency will be facilitated for local and outside excursion tours on hiring basis.

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks to chair.



Sushilkumar
Secretary, ISWS

