

Proceedings of the first meeting of the newly elected Executive Council of ISWS



The first meeting of the newly elected Executive Council (EC) of the Indian Society of Weed Science (ISWS) for the period of 2023-2025 was held **at the ICAR-Directorate of Weed Research (DWR) on 15-16th May, 2023**. On 15th May, the old EC members have handed over their charges to the newly elected EC members. On 16th May, the newly elected EC discussed in-length on the several issues and agenda for the functioning of ISWS, and further improvement on the visibility and the impact of ISWS. Dr. A N Rao has been re-elected as the Chief Editor of the Indian Journal of Weed Science. Dr. V K Choudhary was nominated as the Editor of ISWS Newsletter. The Councilors of the States and from the Industry were also decided. It was also decided to have an online meeting among the EC members and the Councilors to work out the strategies for improving ISWS activities in the respective States. Publication of the IJWS by adopting Scopus rating standards and inclusion of the Journal in UGC care list has been discussed and for this matter responsibility was given to Dr. M K Singh, Vice President. Inclusion of Weed Science course in UG level has been discussed during the meeting and Dr. J S Mishra, President and Dr. Anil Dixit, Vice President, will take up this matter to DDG education. Dr. Sushil Kumar, immediate past President, was given responsibility to fine tune the existing guidelines and criteria of online submission and review portal for ISWS award. A proposal was discussed to support the students for Ph.D degree in the form of ISWS Fellowship Programme in which each year 4 students will be supported with Rs 50,000/student/year scholarship grant for the period of 3 years and responsibility for developing the guidelines regarding this matter has been given to Dr. S P Singh, Joint Secretary, however final decision in this matter shall be taken in the general body meeting. Decision has been taken to prepare the essential documents so that ISWS can be an actual bidder for organizing 10th IWSC 2028 in India, Dr. R P Dubey, Secretary will look into this matter. EC members have taken decision to conduct 7 days training programme at regular intervals on emerging issues in weed science, and resource persons from National and International levels will be selected for this purpose. Providing support to the students and young scientists for attending the conference in the form of travel grant award will be continued. Discussion was held to select the venue for organizing next biennial conference of ISWS-2024 and EC members have considered BHU to be the venue of next biennial conference of ISWS-2024. Other activities like webinar, 1 to 2 days workshop will be organized at regular interval. The meeting ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. P K Mukherjee, the Treasurer.