Proceedings of the General Body Meeting of the Indian Society of Weed Science held at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on 28th November 2024

General Body Meeting of the Indian Society of Weed Science (ISWS) was held on the first day of the ISWS Biennial Conference-2024 on 28th November 2024 at 6.00 PM in the Main Hall, Swatantrata Bhavan, BHU, Varanasi. In this meeting, 127 life members of the ISWS were present (list attached). The following members of the Executive Council were present and conducted the proceedings:

- 1. Dr. J.S. Mishra, President
- 2. Dr. M.K. Singh, Vice President
- 3. Dr. R.P. Dubey, Secretary
- 4. Dr. S.P. Singh, Joint Secretary
- 5. Dr. D. Subramanyam, Joint Secretary
- 6. Dr. P.K. Mukherjee, Treasurer
- 7. Dr. Sushil Kumar, Chief Editor



Dr. S.P. Singh, Joint Secretary of ISWS welcomed all the members to the General Body meeting. Dr. R.P. Dubey, Secretary of ISWS apprised the house about the agenda items listed for discussion. He then invited Dr. J.S. Mishra, President of ISWS to preside over the meeting.

Dr. J.S. Mishra, President, ISWS expressed his gratitude to all the members for providing support to the Executive Council and showed his satisfaction for the progress made by the Society during the last two years. He urged all the weed scientists to submit quality papers for publication in IJWS for further improving its NAAS rating.

Dr. R.P. Dubey, Secretary of ISWS, presented a report on the Society's various activities during 2023 & 2024.

- i. The renewal of Society's registration was pending for the past 9 years which was renewed after putting in a lot of effort and with the help of the Karnataka Counsellor Dr. K.N. Geetha.
- ii. A 10-day National Training on Integrated Weed Management Strategies under "Changing Agricultural Scenario" was successfully organized in online mode from 28th August to 6th September 2024. Eminent resource persons from India and abroad were invited to give lectures on the recent weed management technologies. About 350 Scientists and Students participated in this training.
- iii. During 2023-2024, 127 new Life Members were enrolled.
- iv. As decided by the Executive Council, a book on "एकीकृत खरपतवार प्रबंधन की नवीन तकनीकियाँ" has been published and released in the Biennial Conference-2024.
- v. With the efforts of Dr. M.K. Singh, VP, ISWS the Society's journal (IJWS) was listed in the UGC-CARE list.
- vi. A bid document for hosting the 9th International Weed Science Congress in India was prepared and discussed with the IWSS Board. However, the financial conditions imposed by the Board were not agreed upon by the EC of ISWS.

Dr. P.K. Mukherjee, Treasurer, ISWS presented the receipt and expenditure statement of the society during the last two years. The summary of the audited account was provided to all the members for their perusal and comments. Members appreciated the efforts made by the Society to minimize the expenditure and enhance the Society's fund position. The Balance Sheet showed the Main Fixed deposit FDs Rs. 1,13,95,127/-, Award

Donations FDs Rs. 22,17,526/-, Short Term FDs Rs 48,43,159/- and Current Account Rs. 13,20,027 with a Total of Rs. 1,97,75,839 up to date: 31/3/2024.

Dr. Sushil Kumar, Chief Editor of the 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 the hard copies of the 4th issue have been provided in registration kit on the occasion of ISWS Biennial conference-2024.



After a thorough discussion of various issues related to the functioning of the Society, the following decisions were taken unanimously by the Governing Body:

Membership Fee

- Life membership fee enhanced to Rs. 8000/-, from Rs 6000/-.
- Annual membership fee enhanced to Rs. 800/-, from Rs 500/-.

Bye-laws

- Members gave consent to hold the GB meeting through video conferencing as needed in the future.
- Since 2009, many clauses of the bylaws have been amended by the GB from time to time, however, these amendments have not been updated in the bylaws. Hence, it was decided that all such changes and any new proposal would be finalized in an online GB meeting for approval and further updating of the bylaws by the Society's Registrar.

ISWS Awards

• Henceforth, ISWS awards will be given as one Life Time Achievement Award, two Gold medals and four Fellowships per year for the Biennium, solely on a merit basis (minimum qualifying marks 60%)

Selection of the Returning Officer for the next election of the ISWS Executive Council for 2025-2027.

 The Governing Body appreciated and acknowledged the sincere efforts made by Dr. Devraj Arya, former Returning Officer, ISWS who had successfully conducted the previous five elections. Dr. R.P. Dubey, Secretary, ISWS proposed the name of Dr. Mayank Yadav (Bayer AG, Germany) for the upcoming ISWS election, which was unanimously agreed upon by the assembly.

A formal vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. D. Subramanyam, Joint Secretary, ISWS.

Dr. J.S. Mishra President

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