

Minutes of the
10th General Body Meeting (GBM) of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi

Date : Jan. 31, 2020 **Time** : 12.00 noon onwards **Agenda** : Annexure 1

Venue: Dr H.B. Singh Committee Room of the ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi

Chair	Dr R.S. Paroda	President, ISPGR
EC Members	Dr R.C. Agrawal	Vice President , ISPGR
	Dr Rakesh Singh	Joint Secretary, ISPGR
	Dr Amit Kumar Singh	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr S.K. Singh	Councillor (NZ)
Life Members	37 (<i>Annexure 2</i>)	
Member Secretary	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary, ISPGR

Agenda 1: Welcome Remarks, Confirmation of the Minutes of last GBM and Action Taken Report

- The General Secretary (GS), Dr Anuradha Agrawal, welcomed the Chairman and all members of the General Body (GB) and expressed her gratitude for their presence in the meeting.
- Dr Kuldeep Singh, Vice President(VP), ISPGR and Director, ICAR-NBPGR extended a warm welcome to all members and commended on the ISPGR's role in complimenting and supporting all mandated activities of the NBPGR.
- Dr R.C. Agrawal, Vice President, ISPGR and DDG (Education), ICAR, apprised briefly the activities of the ISPGR held in the recent past, especially the very successful 1st International Agrobiodiversity Congress (IAC) held in Nov 2016 and applauded the role of Dr R.S. Paroda in providing exemplary leadership.
- The minutes of the GBM held on March 13, 2018 were confirmed by the members.
- The GS presented the ATR report (*Annexure 3*).

Agenda 2: General Secretary's Report

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal presented the GS report (*Annexure 4*).
- It was observed that Membership drive needs to be given greater impetus. Also developing an online mode of payment on ISPGR website would be helpful
(*Action : General Secretary, Councillors*)

Agenda 3: Editor-in-Chief's (EIC) Report

- Dr Sunil Archak presented the EIC's report (*Annexure 5*). He apprised the status of manuscripts, and as well as printing of the Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources (IJPGR). He also informed about the meeting held with Springer staff for publishing of IJPGR.

- Dr S.C. Dubey shared his experience as Editor of Indian Phytopathology, with respect to moving to Springer for publication of the journal. Overall he opined that ISPGR would be a beneficiary. Dr J.L. Karihaloo also supported the motion. Hence, GB agreed that EC go ahead with arrangements for online publication with Springer and make all out efforts to ensure higher rating of the journal.
- Dr Umesh Srivastava observed that the number of papers per issue could possibly be increased.
- To improve the rating of IJPGR it was suggested that (i) Editorial Board be reviewed and expended, especially to increase more foreign Editors; (ii) Each issue should have at least one review article (ii) one paper from foreign authors; (iii) invite papers from national and global authorities in the subject matter and (iv) offer services of English editing for papers received from countries where English is not spoken commonly.
- A Committee to be formed under the Chairmanship of Dr R.C. Agrawal to plan the various activities for the whole year, to improve journal rating.
(Action : Editor-in-Chief and Dr R.C. Agrawal)

Agenda 4: Treasurer's Report

- Dr Dinesh Kumar, Treasurer, ISPGR and ADG (FFC), could not attend the meeting as he was superannuating from ICAR service on the same day. GB members placed on record appreciation for his services.
- The Treasurer's Report was presented by the General Secretary (*Annexure 6*).
- The GB members suggested that concerted efforts be made to increase the membership (institutional and individual). Group membership discount was also suggested, but its implementation would require amendment of the rules and regulations.
(Action : Treasurer and Councillors)

Agenda 5: Any other Item

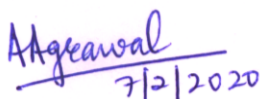
- Dr S.P. Ahlawat suggested that the latency period (10 years membership) for becoming ISPGR Fellow may be relaxed. It was suggested to consider the matter though a committee, after comparing with other Societies.
(Action : General Secretary)
- Dr Soma Marla suggested that new advances in molecular biology and bioinformatics need to be suitably applied in basic studies of speciation and evolution. It was suggested that Director, NBPGR may consider holding a separate discussion on the matter.
(Action : Dr Kuldeep Singh)
- Dr Ashok Kumar suggested that Zonal Councillors should be given active role in organizing events and also increase membership. Already events have been planned during the year in different parts of the country.

Agenda 6: Remarks by the Chair

- Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR and Chairman TAAS, appreciated the activities of the ISPGR and applauded the efforts of the past and present EC members, for the contribution in progress of the Society.

- He recounted the genesis of ISPGR (since 1987) and other Academic Societies initiated by him and shared some interesting anecdotes.
- He placed on record appreciation of the Election Committee for the smooth conduct of the elections of the Society in 2018.
- He said that targets for this year included increasing membership, enhancing journal quality and rating and organizing events of national and regional importance, in relation to PGR.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all GB members by Dr Rakesh Singh, Joint Secretary.



Anuradha Agrawal
(General Secretary)



R.S. Paroda
(President)

10th General Body Meeting (GBM) of the ISPGR

January 31, 2020

Dr H.B. Singh Committee Room, ICAR-NBPGR, Pusa Campus,
New Delhi - 110 012

AGENDA

12.00 – 12.05 p.m.	Welcome Remarks	Vice-President, ISPGR
12.05 – 12.20 p.m.	Progress Report of ISPGR	General Secretary, ISPGR
12.20 – 12.35 p.m.	Progress of IJPGR	Editor-in-Chief, ISPGR
12.35 - 12.40 p.m.	Financial Report of ISPGR	Treasurer, ISPGR
12.40 - 12.45 p.m.	Any other item, with the permission of Chair	
12.45 - 12.55 p.m.	Remarks by Chairman	President, ISPGR
12.55 – 1.00 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	Joint Secretary, ISPGR
1.00- 2.00 p.m.	Lunch	

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Attendance sheet

S. No.	Name	Affiliation	Signature
1.	Anuradha Agrawal	NBPGR, New Delhi	Anuradha
2.	Sunil Archak	NBPGR, ND	Sunil
3.	Mayanka Verma	NBPGR	Mayanka
4.	Lalit Arora	NBPGR, ND	Lalit Arora
5.	Vartika Srivastava	NBPGR, NEW DELHI	Vartika
6.	Monika Singh	NBPGR, ND	Monika
7.	Mukesh Kumar Rana	NBPGR, New Delhi	Mukesh
8.	D.P. Namkhede	"	D.P. Namkhede
9.	S. Raj Kumar	NBPGR	S. Raj Kumar
10.	Anjula Pandey	NBPGR, N.D.	Anjula
11.	V. Celiachand	NBPGR N. Delhi	Celiachand
12.	Dr. Mahesh C. Yadav	DGR, ICAR-NBPGR, N.D.	Dr. Mahesh
13.	Dr. Soma Maita	DGR, NBPGR	Soma
14.	Sushir Pal Ahlawat	NBPGR, N. Delhi	Sushir
15.	Dr. UMESH SRIVASTAVA	Former ADG(H), ICAR	Dr. Umesh
16.	J. L. Karikhaloo	Former NBPGR	J. L. Karikhaloo
17.	R. K. Tyagi	ARIARI, Bangalore	R. K. Tyagi
18.	PARIMALAN RANGAN	NBPGR, ND	Parimalan
19.	J. P. Tyagi	Genetics, IARI, N. Del.	J. P. Tyagi
20.	Vandana Tyagi	NBPGR, ND	Vandana
21.	MOOL CHAND SINGH	NBPGR, New Delhi	Mool Chand
22.	Neelesh Sharma	NBPGR, New Delhi	Neelesh
23.	Dinesh Prasad Semwal	NBPGR, New Delhi	Dinesh
24.	A. K. MISRA	PS, IR Division ICAR Hy	A. K. Misra
25.	R. K. Mahapatra	NBPGR, N. Delhi	R. K. Mahapatra

S. No.	Name	Affiliation	Signature
26.	SHAMSHER SINGH	NBPGR	Shes
27.	B.M. Singh	NBPGR	B.M. Singh
28.	B.S. Phogat	NBPGR	B.S. Phogat
29.	S C DUBEY	NBPGR	S.C. Dubey
30.	S.K. PAREEK	NBPGR (Retd.)	S.K. Pareek
31.	Rakesh Singh	NBPGR	Rakesh Singh
32.	Kuldeep Singh	NBPGR	Kuldeep Singh
33.	R.S. Paroda	TAAAS	R.S. Paroda
34.	R.C. Agrawal	ICAR	R.C. Agrawal
35.	Veena Gupta	NBPGR	Veena Gupta
36.	Kavita Gupta	NBPGR	Kavita Gupta
37.	Ashok Kumar	NBPGR	Ashok Kumar
38.	Amit K. Singh	NBPGR	Amit K. Singh
39.	Sanjeev K. Singh	NBPGR	Sanjeev K. Singh
40.	Sandhya Gupta	NBPGR	Sandhya Gupta
41.	A.D. Sharma	NBPGR	A.D. Sharma
42.	A.K. Maurya	NBPGR	A.K. Maurya
43.	S.K. Yadav	NBPGR	S.K. Yadav
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Action Taken Report of the 9th GBM held on March 18, 2018

Recommendations	Action Taken
ISPGR to consider hosting a national conference for follow-up for Delhi Declaration on Agrobiodiversity Management, and enhanced utilization of PGR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Satellite Symposium on 'Dryland Agrobiodiversity for Adaptation to Climate Change', was held at Jodhpur, India, on February 13, 2019 • A National Seminar on 'Crop Breeding for Wider Adaptation' proposed to be held during March 21-22, 2020, by Ranchi Chapter of Indian Society of Genetics & Plant Breeding (ISG&PB) with support ISPGR, at Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi (Jharkhand) • A National Dialogue on Access to Plant Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing Regulations, proposed to be organized in April 7-8, 2020, by ISPGR in collaboration with Bioversity International, ICAR-NBPGR, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Right Authority (PPV&FRA), National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), at NBPGR Regional Station, Hyderabad • A National Symposium on 'Plant Genetic Resources for Climate Smart Agriculture and Household Nutritional Security' is proposed to be organised by ISPGR, ICAR and other stake holders, during September 16-18, 2020, at NASC, New Delhi
IJPGR should expand its purview and publish reports, reviews, opinions, gene saviour awards etc., besides the research articles related to PGR.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recommendation Is being followed • Editor-in-Chief to provide further expansion plans in his report during the 10th GBM
ISPGR elections to be initiated in May 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections were held from Aug-Dec 2018 • New EC took charge on Dec 31, 2018 • Details provided in report by General Secretary

Report by General Secretary, ISPGR

1. ISPGR Elections

- ISPGR election to elect the Executive Council (EC) for the period 2019-2021 were held during Aug.-Dec. 2018.
- As per decision of the EC in its meeting held on July 24, 2018, Dr S.P. Ahlawat was nominated as the Election Officer, along with Dr Anjula Pandey and Dr K.C. Bhat as members of the Election Committee.
- The Election Officer invited nominations for the 16 posts on Aug 7, 2018 and the counting of votes and declaration of result was on Dec. 15, 2018. Candidates on four posts were elected unopposed, while on two posts no nominations were received. The New EC took charge on Dec 31, 2018 and subsequently the vacant posts were filled by the EC through nominations. The final composition of the EC is as follows:

Post	Name	Postal address
President*	Dr R.S. Paroda	Chairman, TAAS, Avenue II, IARI, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012
Vice-President	Dr Kuldeep Singh	Director, ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi-110012
Vice-President	Dr Rakesh Chandra Agrawal	Registrar General, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, NASC Complex, DPS Marg, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012, Delhi
General Secretary	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	Principal Scientist & OIC, Tissue Culture and Cryopreservation Unit, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi-110012
Treasurer	Dr Dinesh Kumar	Principal Scientist, FFC Section, Crop Science Division, ICAR HQ, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
Editor-in-Chief	Dr Sunil Archak	National Fellow & Principal Scientist, AKMU, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi-110012
Joint Secretary*	Dr Rakesh Singh	Principal Scientist, Division of Genomic Resources, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi-110012
North Zone Councillor	Dr Amit Kumar	Senior Scientist, Division of Genomic Resources, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi-110012
North Zone Councillor	Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh	Senior Technical Officer, Division of Genomic Resources, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi-110012
South Zone Councillor	Dr B. Sarath Babu	Principal Scientist & OIC ICAR-NBPGR, Regional Station, Hyderabad-500030 (Telangana)

South Zone Councillor	Dr K. Joseph John	Principal Scientist & OIC, ICAR-NBPGR, Regional Station, Vellanikkara, Thrissur-680 654 (Kerala)
Central Zone Councillor	Dr. Pramod Wasudeo Ramteke	Dean, PG Studies and Head, Department of Genetics & Plant Breeding & Seed Science & Technology, Sam Higginbottom, Institute of Agriculture, Tech. & Sciences, Allahabad-211007 (Uttar Pradesh)
Central Zone Councillor	Dr. Jang Bahadur Singh	Senior Scientist (Plant Breeding), IARI, Regional Station, Near College of Agriculture, Indore-452001 (Madhya Pradesh)
East Zone Councillor*	Dr. Mohan Lal	Scientist (Plant Breeding) Division of Medicinal Aromatic and Economic Plants, CSIR-North East Institute of Science and Technology, Jorhat-785 006 (Assam)
East Zone Councillor*	Dr. Veerendra Kumar Verma	Scientist (Horticulture) Division of Horticulture, ICAR, Research Complex for NEH Region, Ribhoi, Umiam-793 103 (Meghalaya)
West Zone Councillor**	Dr Kartar Singh	Scientist ICAR-NBPGR, Regional Station, Jodhpur, CAZRI Campus, Jodhpur (Rajasthan)
West Zone Councillor**	Dr Mihir K. Pandya	Assistant Professor Anand Agriculture University, Anand (Gujrat)

**Elected unopposed*

*** Nominated by EC*

- The Society places on record the immense services rendered by the last EC (2015-2018), especially in organization of the 1st International Agrobiodiversity Congress (IAC 2016) and all the other events during their period. Thanks are also recorded for the Election Committee members for their services in holding the election process smoothly.

2. Meetings Held

- The 9th General Body Meeting (GBM) of the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR) was held on March 13, 2018 at ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi, under the Chairmanship of Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR (2015-2018).
- Four meetings of the previous EC (2015-2018) were held on May 1, 2018, July 24, 2018, Nov. 5, 2018, Dec 31 2018 and four meetings of the current EC (2019-2021) were held on Dec 31 2018, March 2, 2019, Oct 15, 2019, Jan 18, 2020 to discuss and decide the various issues related to activities and growth of the society.
- Based on the decisions and suggestions of GB and EC meetings, the activities held and proposed are enumerated hereunder.

3. Symposium Organized

- A Satellite Symposium on ‘**Dryland Agrobiodiversity for Adaptation to Climate Change**’, was held at Jodhpur, India, on February 13, 2019. It was co-hosted by the ISPGR, Bioversity International (BI), New Delhi, India and Asia-Pacific Association of

Agricultural Research Institutes (APAARI), Bangkok, Thailand with support from United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Asia-Pacific Consortium on Agricultural Biotechnology and Bioresources (APCoAB). The symposium was organized during the 13th International Conference on 'Development of Drylands: Converting Dryland Areas from Grey into Green' at Jodhpur, from February 11-14, 2019.

- The deliberations of the Satellite Symposium were ably steered by Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR and Chairman, TAAS, as the Chair and Mr Ashok Dalwai, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA), Delhi, as the Co-Chair. Dr Kuldeep Singh, Director, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi, & Vice President, ISPGR, was the Convenor of the symposium. The tone of the symposium was set by Dr R.S. Paroda, during his keynote address on 'Current threats to dryland agrobiodiversity and strategies for adaptation to climate change'.
- The first three invited lectures related to status and research of dryland agrobiodiversity in three important regions in Asia and Africa were delivered by Dr O.P. Yadav, Director, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur, Dr Ahmed Amri, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), Morocco, and Ms Muhabbat Turdieva, Bioversity International, Uzbekistan.
- The role of regional and global organizations in management of agrobiodiversity of drylands were discussed in two invited presentations by Dr R.K. Tyagi, Coordinator, APCoAB, APAARI, Bangkok and by Dr J.C. Rana, National Coordinator, UNEP-GEF Project, New Delhi.
- A panel discussion on 'Issues and way forward for agrobiodiversity for adaptation to climate change' was held by and various arid crop specialists (millets, legumes, oilseeds, horticultural crops, seed spices, forages, underutilized and medicinal plants and PGR) participated in the discussion. Dr K.V. Prabhu, Chairman, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Right Authority, New Delhi emphasized on the role of making farmers who conserve dryland agrobiodiversity to understand its value.
- The symposium catalysed excellent sharing of on-going research activities, information and experiences on agrobiodiversity of drylands among the diverse stakeholders, enhancing awareness about their importance, conservation and utilization. The proceedings and recommendation from the meeting have been published that have a road map for efficient conservation and sustainable use of dryland agrobiodiversity to ensure food and livelihood security in the drylands, in the changing climate change scenario.

4. Lectures Organized

- Lectures by eminent speakers organized since the last GBM (March 18, 2018) are as under:

	Lecture Series (Date)	Speaker	Topic
1.	1st Dr D.S. Athwal Memorial Lecture (March 13, 2018)	Dr G.S. Khush , World Food Prize Laureate	Preservation and Use Of Biodiversity For Human Welfare
2.	3rd Dr A.B. Joshi Memorial Lecture (May 10, 2019)	Padma Shri Professor B.S. Dhillon , Awardee & Vice Chancellor, Punjab	Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Nutritional Security

		Agricultural University, Ludhiana	
3.	2nd Dr D.S. Athwal Memorial Lecture (Jan. 31, 2020)	Professor Kamal Bawa , Distinguished Professor of Biology, University of Massachusetts Boston, and Founder-President of the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE)	Securing Our Biodiversity and Our Future: New Opportunities and Challenges

5. Awards and Recognitions

- ISPGR award functions were held on March 13, 2018 and May 10, 2019. Following awards/recognition were given:

	Name of the Award	Awardee(s)
1.	Honorary Fellow (2017)	Dr Khem Singh Gill 119-D, Kitchlu Nagar, Ludhiana 141001, Punjab
2.	Dr H.B. Singh Memorial Award (2017-18)	Dr Rishi Kumar Tyagi Coordinator (APCoAB), Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI), Bangkok, Thailand
3.	Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Application/ Excellence in PGR (2018)	Dr Elangovan Maruthamuthu Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, Telangana
4.	Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Application/ Excellence in PGR (2017)	Dr Rakesh Chandra Agrawal Registrar General, PPV&FR Authority, New Delhi
5.	Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Application/ Excellence in PGR (2017)	Dr Jai Chand Rana National Coordinator, UN Environment-GEF Project, India, Bioversity International-India Office, New Delhi
6.	Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award (2018)	Dr Amit Kumar Singh Senior Scientist, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
7.	Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award (2017)	Dr Parimalan Rangan Scientist (SS), ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
8.	Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award (2018)	Sukhjeet Kaur, S.S. Kang, Abhishek Sharma, Salesh Kumar Jindal and M.S. Dhaliwal Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab
9.	Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award (2017)	Debjani Roy Choudhury, Nivedita Singh, R.K. Tyagi, Kalyani Srinivasan and N.K. Singh, Rakesh Singh ICAR-NBPGR, & NRCBP, New Delhi

10.	Dr K.L. Mehra Memorial Award (2019)	Mr Laxmisha K.M. M.Sc. (PGR) Student, ICAR-NBPGR, IARI PG School, New Delhi
11.	Dr K.L. Mehra Memorial Award (2018)	Mr Sunil Naik S. Ph.D. Research Scholar (PGR), NBPGR, IARI PG School, New Delhi
12.	Fellow (2018)	Dr T.V.R.S. Sharma Retired Principal Scientist, Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
13.	Fellow (2018)	Dr B.C. Patra Principal Scientist, ICAR-National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack, Odisha
14.	Fellow (2018)	Dr Anil Kumar Singh Principal Scientist, ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna, Bihar
15.	Fellow (2017)	Dr D.B. Parakh Principal Scientist, Division of Plant Quarantine, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
16.	Fellow (2017)	Dr Dinesh Kumar Principal Scientist, Crop Science Division, ICAR Headquarter, New Delhi
17.	Fellow (2017)	Dr Anilabha Das Munshi Principal Scientist, Division of Vegetable Science, ICAR Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
18.	Fellow (2017)	Dr Kailash Chandra Bhatt Principal Scientist, Division of Plant Exploration and Germplasm Collection, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
19.	Fellow (2017)	Dr Sandip Kumar Bera Principal Scientist ICAR-Directorate of Groundnut Research, Junagadh, Gujarat

- For the year 2019, call for ISPGR awards had been advertised in October, and the last date of application was Dec. 31, 2019. Applications have been received and the next ISPGR Award Function is tentatively scheduled for April 2020.
- Based on recommendations of a committee and endorsement by the EC, various awards given by the ISPGR were reviewed and award money has been enhanced as follows:
 - Dr H.B. Singh Memorial Award increased from Rs. 1,00,000 to 1,50,000
 - Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Application/ Excellence in PGR increased from Rs. 50,000 to 1,00,000
 - Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award from Rs. 20,000 to 50,000
 - Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award (IJPGR) from Rs. 5,000 to 10,000
 - Dr K.L. Mehra Best Student Award from Rs. 10,000 to 20,000

6. Details of Membership

Presently, a total 726 Life members, 32 Annual/Institutional members are enrolled. These belong to 11 international and 120 national organizations. Efforts have been made

to increase the members by approaching individuals, and international and national institutions.

7. Events planned for 2020

- A National Symposium on 'Plant Genetic Resources for Climate Smart Agriculture and Household Nutritional Security' is proposed to be organised by ISPGR, ICAR and other stake holders, during September 16-18, 2020, at NASC, New Delhi. The proposed thematic areas include:
 - (i) PGR management in the changing climate and emerging nutritional needs
 - (ii) Status of management of available Plant Genetic Resources
 - (iii) Revisiting the needs and reorienting techniques for survey, collecting, evaluation and documentation of genetic resources
 - (iv) New science for germplasm characterisation and conservation
 - (v) Sustaining *in situ* and *ex situ* management and meeting the expectations of stakeholders
 - (vi) PGR Science – New role and responsibilities of youth (including women)
 - (vii) Policies to facilitate access, exchange and benefit sharing of PGR under the changing regulatory and IPR systems
- A National Dialogue on Access to Plant Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing Regulations, to be organized in April 7-8, 2020, by ISPGR in collaboration with Bioversity International, ICAR-NBPGR, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Right Authority (PPV&FRA), National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), at NBPGR Regional Station, Hyderabad.
- A National Seminar on 'Crop Breeding for Wider Adaptation' has been planned by the the Ranchi Chapter of Indian Society of Genetics & Plant Breeding (ISG&PB) with the support of ISPGR, at Birsa Agricultural University, Ranchi (Jharkhand) during March 21-22, 2020. Scientists, Teachers and Students from disciplines of Genetics, Plant Breeding, Biotechnology, Horticulture and Crop Physiology are invited to participate.

At the end I place gratitude to all Executive Members and outstanding leadership of Dr R.S. Paroda, GB members, ICAR, ICAR-NBPGR and all other stake holders like TAAS, NAAS, PPV&FRA, Bioversity International, etc. for their enormous support to ISPGR to achieve the goals.



(Anuradha Agrawal)
General Secretary, ISPGR

Report by Editor-in-Chief, IJGR

Respected fellow-members of ISPGR,

I am happy to present before you the editor's report for the biennium 2018-19.

A. Journal publication

Details of manuscripts processing, nature of articles and timelines of IJGR publication during **2018-19** are as follows:

Table 1. Manuscripts processed during 2018-2019

Year	Received	Rejected	Under review	Accepted
2018	89	37	22	31
2019	82	30	39	13

Table 2. Details of articles published in IJGR during 2018-2019

Type of article	Number
Research articles	64
Review articles	08
Short communications	09
Total	81 (Indian: 79 ; Foreign: 02)

Table 3. Status of publication of six issues of IJGR during 2018-2019

Volume	No. of articles published	Issue	Due date	Publication date
31	36	1	1 Apr, 2018	06 Mar, 2018
		2	1 Aug, 2018	05 Aug, 2018
		3	1 Dec, 2018	20 Dec, 2018
32	45	1	1 Apr, 2019	03 May, 2019
		2	1 Aug, 2019	17 Aug, 2019
		3	1 Dec, 2019	10 Jan, 2020

- The average time taken for processing of manuscripts was 6 months
- Current NAAS rating of IJGR is 5.12 (2020)
- Indian Citation Index – Research Impact Indicator: 0.096
- Indexed/Abstracted on Google Scholar
- Online hosting is at <http://www.indianjournals.com> (Every IJGR issue has details of online access)
- PDF copies of all issues from 1988 till date are available at this site

Current status of manuscripts:

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| i. Total no. of manuscripts being handled | 76 |
| ii. MS under review | 20 |
| iii. MS under editorial process | 16 |
| iv. MS sent back to authors for revision | 19 |

v. MS Accepted	21
For Vol. 33(1) 2020 accepted articles	15
For Vol. 33(2) 2020 accepted articles	06

B. NAAS Evaluation

- Details as per requisite proforma was submitted to Academy on 9 Aug 2019; acknowledgment received on 7-10-2019
- NAAS has decided to **defer the evaluation process** for assigning NAAS Score to **non-IF journals** effective from Jan 1, 2020 due to some unavoidable reasons.
- We are informed that the guidelines and the proforma for evaluation of non-IF journals are being revised and the fresh applications for assigning NAAS Score effective from **Jan 1, 2021** will be invited sometime in the month of May/June 2020
- NAAS Score (2020) shall remain unchanged for non-IF journals.

C. Possible tie-up with Springer

- It was proposed and discussed in the last GB that we may consider taking the advantage of world class editorial process of Springer.
- As per the decision of the 4th meeting of the current Executive Council (15-01-2020), Springer was contacted again on 13-01-2020.
- The internal process is initiated for the external review of the Journal. All the information, soft copies of journal issues, special issues, list of possible reviewers have been provided.
- We await the response and terms and conditions so that the same shall be presented before EC for consideration.

I acknowledge the contribution of my fellow editors (Dr IS Bisht, Dr Ruchira Pandey, Dr Anjula Pandey, Dr Kamala Venkateswaran, Dr Mahesh Chandra Yadav, Dr Celia Chalam V, Dr Kavita Gupta, Dr Mukesh Kumar Rana, Dr N Sivaraj, Dr Lalit Arya, Dr K Pradheep, Dr Manjusha Verma, Dr Rakesh Singh, Dr Sherry R Jacob, Dr Vandana Tyagi) and **more than 50 esteemed reviewers** who were instrumental in the peer review process.

Thank you one and all.


(Sunil Archak)

Report by Treasurer, ISPGR

- ISPGR hired a new Chartered Accountant, M/S Dadu, Dadoo & Associates w.e.f 2018-19.
- The ISPGR got registration under Section 12AA read with section 12A of the Income Tax Act 1961 (S.No DEL-IR27227-28062018) making it exempt from income tax liability for any surplus funds (*Annexure 7*).
- The ISPGR got registration under Section 80G (5)(vi) of Income Tax Act 1961 (S.No DEL-IE28632-28062018). Contributions made to ISPGR by donors can be claimed as a deduction from gross total income before arriving at taxable income (*Annexure 8*).
- Accordingly, Chartered Accountant has advised as per guidelines, that ISPGR should ensure that no cash donations exceed Rs 2,000/- and cash expense should not exceed Rs 10,000/-.
- As per decision made in the last GB, the subscription rates are as follows:




Category	Previous Rates (prior to 2018)		Current Rates(since 2018)	
	Indian (₹)	Foreign (USD)	Indian (₹)	Foreign (USD)
Life member	4,000	1,000	5,000	1,500
Ordinary member (annual and student)	500	50	1,000	100
Institutional member (annual)	15,000	500	20,000	1,000
Institutional member (5 years)	75,000	2,400	90,000	4,500
Institutional member (10 years)	1,40,000	4,800	90,000	4,500

- A summary of the Audit' Report since the last GBM (March 18, 2018) is given below. The Audited Report of Accounts of ISPGR for the FY 2018-19 are attached as *Annexure 9*


Particulars	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
Opening Balance (₹)	62,86,874.44	62,60,324.44
Receipts (₹)	18,44,282.31	16,51,322.65
Payments (₹)	18,70,832.31	11,85,275.94
Closing Balance (₹)	62,60,324.44	67,52,921.14

(Dinesh Kumar)

ISGR registration under Section 12A

 Office of the Commissioner of Income Tax (E), 26th Floor, Tower-E2, Pratyaksha Kar Bhawan Dr. S.P.Mukherjee Civic Centre, J.L.Nehru Marg, Delhi			
NO.CIT (E) I 2018-19/	DEL - IR27227 - 28062018 / 8473	Dated	28/06/2018
NAME & ADDRESS:	INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES ICAR NATIONAL BUREAU OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES(NBPGR) PUSA CAMPUS NEW DELHI 110012		
Legal Status	Society		
PAN NO	AAAAI3670F		
GIR NO	I-1876		
Sub:-ORDER OF REGISTRATION U/S 12AA READ WITH SECTION 12A OF THE INCOME TAX ACT 1961			
<p>1. An application in Form No. 10A seeking Registration u/s 12AA was filed on 15/12/2017.....</p> <p>2. The Trust / Society / Non profit company was constituted by deed of trust, memorandum of association / instrument dated 03/11/1987 indicating its object.</p> <p>3. After considering the material available on record, the applicant trust / society / company is granted registration as General Public Utility. Trust / society / company and the provisions of Sections 11 and 12 shall apply in the case from A Y 2018-19 <u>2018-19</u>. The trust/society/NPO is registered at S. No. DEL - IR27227 - 28062018 of the register maintained in this office. The registration is granted subject to the following conditions :</p>			
Conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Order u/s 12AA(1)(b) read with section 12A does not conform any right of exemption upon the applicant u/s 11, 12 and 13 of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Such exemption from taxation will be available only after the Assessing Officer is satisfied about the genuineness of the activities promised or claimed to be carried on in each Financial Year relevant to the Assessment Year and all the provision of law acted upon. This will be further subject to provisions of section 2(15) of the Income Tax Act 1961. II. The Trust/Society/Non Profit Company shall maintain accounts regularly and shall get these audited in accordance with the provision of section 12A(1)(b) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Separate accounts in respect of each activity as specified in memorandum shall be maintained. A copy of such account shall be submitted to the Assessing Officer. A public notice of the activities carried on/to be carried on and the target group(s) (intended beneficiaries) shall be duly displayed at the Registered / Designated Office of the Organization. III. Separate accounts in respect of profits and gains of business incidental to attainment of objects shall be maintained in compliance to section 11(4A) of the Income Tax Act 1961. IV. The trust/Institution shall furnish a return of income every year within the time limit prescribed under the act. V. The trust/Institution should quote the PAN in all its communications with the Department. VI. The registration u/s. 12AA of the I.T. Act, 1961 does not automatically confer any right on the donors to claim deduction/s. 80G. VII. This certificate cannot be used as a basis for claiming non - deduction of tax at source in respect of investments etc. relating to the Trust/Institution. VIII. All the Public Money so received including for Corpus or any contribution shall be routed through a Bank Account and such Bank Account Number shall be communicated to this office. IX. No change in the terms of Deed of the Trust shall be effected without due procedure of law i.e. by order of the jurisdictional High Court and its intimation shall be given immediately to this office. The registering authority reserves the right to consider whether any such alteration in objects would be consistent with the definition of "charitable purpose" under the Act and in conformity with the requirement of continuity of registration. X. No asset shall be transferred without the knowledge of the undersigned to anyone, including to any Trust / Society / Non profit Company etc. XI. The registered office or the principal place of activity of the applicant should not be transferred outside the national capital territory, Delhi except with the prior approval of the CIT(E), Delhi. XII. If later on it is found that the registration has been obtained fraudulently by misrepresentation or suppression of any fact, the Registration so granted is liable to be cancelled as per provisions u/s section 12AA(3) of the Act. XIII. The registration so granted is liable to be cancelled at any point of time, if the registering authority is satisfied that activities of the Trust/Institution are no genuine or are not being carried out in accordance with the objects of the Trust/Institution. 			
Copy to: 1. The applicant as above 2. The Assessing Officer		 (SANDEEP JAIN) Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions) DELHI  (D BABU RAO)	

ISPGR registration under Section 80 G


Office of the
Commissioner of Income Tax (E),
26th Floor, Tower-E2, Pratyaksha Kar Bhawan
Dr. S.P.Mukherjee Civic Centre, J.L.Nehru Marg, Delhi

NQ.CIT (E) I 2018-19/ DEL - IE28632 - 28062018/10151 Dated 28/06/2018

NAME & ADDRESS: INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
ICAR NATIONAL BUREAU OF PLANT GENETIC
RESOURCES(NBPGR) PUSA CAMPUS NEW DELHI 110012

Legal Status : Society

PAN NO : AAAAI3670F

GIR NO : I-1876

Sub:-ORDER UNDER SECTION 80G (5)(vi) OF THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961

On verification of the facts stated before me/hearing before me, I have come to the conclusion that this organization satisfies the conditions u/s 80G of the Income Tax act, 1961. The institution/Fund is granted approval subject to the following conditions:-

(i) The Donee institution shall forfeit this benefit provided under the law, if any of the conditions stated herein are not complied with/abused/whittled down or in any way violated.

(ii) This exemption is valid for the period from **A.Y.2018-19** onwards till it is rescinded and subject to the following conditions

Conditions:

(i) You shall maintain your accounts regularly and also get them audited to comply with sec. 80G (5)(iv) read with section 12A(1)(b) and 12A(1)(c) and submit the same before the assessing officer by the due date as per section 139(1) of the Income tax Act 1961.

(ii) Every receipt issued to donor shall bear the number and date of this order and shall state the date up to which this certificate is valid. **A.Y.2018-19** onwards till it is rescinded.

(iii) No change in the deed of the trust/association shall be affected without the due procedure of Law and its intimation shall be given immediately to this office.

(iv) The approval to the institution/fund shall apply to the donations received only if the fund/institution, established in India for charitable purpose, fulfills the conditions as laid down in section 80G5(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) & (5B) of the Income Tax Act 1961.

(v) This office and the assessing officer shall also be informed about the managing trustees or Manager of your Trust/Society/Non Profit Company and the places where the activities of the Trust/Institution are undertaken/likely to be undertaken to satisfy the claimed objects.

(vi) You shall file the return of income of your fund/institution as per section 139(1)/(4A)/(4C) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

(vii) No cess or fee or any other consideration shall be received in violation of section 2(15) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

(viii) No deduction shall be allowed u/s 80G in respect of donation of any sum exceeding Rs. 2000/- unless such sum is paid by any mode other than cash, in view of section 80G (5D) of the Act. Any receipt issued in this regard should clearly mention that donation exceeding Rs 2000/- in cash shall not be eligible for deduction u/s 80G of the Act.

Copy to:
1 The applicant as above
2. The Assessing Officer

(SANDEEP JAIN)
Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions)
DELHI
(D BABU RAO)
ACIT(Exemp)(HQ)
For Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions) DELHI

AUDITOR'S REPORT (FY 2018-19)**DADU DADOO & ASSOCIATES****CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

AUDITORS REPORT

To The Members of
INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
C/o N.P.G.R., Pusa Campus,
New Delhi

We have audited attached Balance Sheet of INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES as at March 31, 2019 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on a day annexed thereto.

These Financial Statements are the responsibility of the Society's Management. Our responsibility is to opinion on these Financial Statements based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements are free of material mis-statements.

As audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts of disclosures in the Financial Statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management as well as evaluating the overall Financial Statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides our reasonable basis for our opinion.

We further state that :-

1. We have obtained all the information and explanation which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit;
2. In our opinion, proper books of accounts have been kept by the society in so as appears from our examination of the books.
3. The Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account referred to in this report are in agreement with the books of account of the society.
4. In our opinion and the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us the said Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles.

- a. Insofar as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Society as at March 31, 2019; and
- b. Insofar as it relates to the income & Expenditure Account, of the surplus during the year ended that date

For DADU DADOO & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountant
FRN: 00670N

(MAHENDRA DADU)
Partner



M.NO: 083625
New Delhi, Dated 19th JULY 2019

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AUDITOR'S REPORT (FY 2018-19) (contd.)

INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
C/O N.B.P.G.R, PUSA CAMPUS
NEW DELHI - 110012

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2019

PARTICULAR	AMOUNTS
LIABILITIES	
A GENERAL RESERVE	
Balance brought forward	6,260,324.44
Add: Surplus during the year	466,046.71
	6,726,371.15
B CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Auditor's Remuneration payable	26,550.00
	6,752,921.15
ASSETS	
A FIXED ASSETS	
Computer & Allied Accessories	1,163.40
Less: Depreciation	465.36
	698.04
HP Printer	35,400.00
Less: Depreciation	5,175.00
	30,225.00
Office Equipment	5,057.50
Less: Depreciation	758.64
	4,298.86
Office Furniture	330,946.75
Less: Depreciation	33,094.26
	297,852.49
Microwave & Freeze	20,600.00
Less: Depreciation	3,090.00
	17,510.00
Investment	
Fixed Deposit	5,360,108.35
Interest	324,711.45
	5,684,819.80
B CURRENT ASSETS	
TDS on FD (A.Y. 18-19)	38,016.95
TDS on FD (A.Y. 19-20)	36,079.23
	74,096.18
C CASH & BANK BALANCES	
Cash in Hand	2,983.00
Cash at Bank	640,437.77
	643,420.77
	6,752,921.14


(President)


(Secretary)


(Treasurer)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

"As per our separate report of even date attached"
for Dadu Dadoo & Associates

FRN: 006760N


(Mahendra Dadu)
Partner
M.No. 083625




Date: 19th July 2019
Place: New Delhi

AUDITOR'S REPORT (FY 2018-19) (contd.)

INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
C/O N.B.P.G.R, PUSA CAMPUS
NEW DELHI - 110012

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2019

	PARTICULAR	AMOUNTS
A	<u>INCOMES</u>	
	Donation	150,000.00
	Institutional Membership fees	290,000.00
	Life Membership Fees	124,000.00
	Annual Membership Fees	21,300.00
	Balance grant from ICAR /BISA towards IAC	373,187.21
	Interest(bank & FD)	379,941.44
	Sale of periodicals and books	312,894.00
	TOTAL	1,651,322.65
B	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
	Journal and Other Publication Expenses	334,340.27
	Award and Mementos	212,800.00
	Office Expenses	84,594.00
	Printing & Stationery	10,530.00
	Secretarial Expenses/ Honorarium	237,660.00
	Auditor Fees	26,550.00
	Professional Charges	180,000.00
	Postage and Stamps	56,218.00
	Depreciation	42,583.67
	TOTAL	1,185,275.94
C	<u>SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) During the year</u>	466,046.71


(President)


(Secretary)


(Treasurer)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

"As per our separate report of even date attached"

for Dadu Dadoo & Associates

FRN: 006760N


(Mahendra Dadu)
Partner
M.No. 083625



Date: 19th July 2019
Place: New Delhi