Minutes of the Second Meeting of Executive Council (2019-21) of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi

Date : March 26, 2019	Time : 10.30 a.m. onv	wards Agenda : Annexure 1
Venue: Dr H.B. Singh Co Resources (NBPGR), Nev		-National Bureau of Plant Genetic
Chair Members	Dr R.S. Paroda Dr Kuldeep Singh Dr R.C. Agrawal Dr Dinesh Kumar Dr Rakesh Singh Dr Pramod W. Ramteke Dr Amit Kumar Singh Dr Sanjeev Singh	President, ISPGR Vice President (VP), ISPGR Vice President (VP), ISPGR Treasurer, ISPGR Joint Secretary (JS), ISPGR Councillor (CZ) Councillor (NZ) Councillor (NZ)
Member Secretary	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary (GS), ISPGR

Agenda 1 & 2: Welcome and Introductory Remarks

- The General Secretary (GS), Dr Anuradha Agrawal, welcomed all the members of the EC and expressed her gratitude for their presence in the meeting.
- Dr R.S. Paroda, President, urged that ISPGR should actively contribute in promoting PGR science and application for the benefit of agriculture, besides providing policy inputs whenever required. The efforts made by GS and help extended by Director, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi, for renovation of ISPGR office were greatly appreciated.

Agenda 3: Confirmation of the Minutes of last EC Meeting held on Dec. 31, 2018 and Action Taken Report

- The minutes of the EC Meeting held on Dec. 31, 2018 were unanimously confirmed.
- The GS presented the ATR report (*Annexure 2*).

Agenda 4: Report of General Secretary

• The report of the GS was presented by Dr Anuradha Agrawal (*Annexure 3*).

Agenda 5: Approval for balance payment of IAC 2016 to BISA

 The GS informed that the Borlough Institute of South Asia (under CIMMYT) as coorganizers of the IAC2016, had paid for certain services/works on behalf of ISPGR (e.g. food, exhibition hall, mementoes etc.). On Feb 10, 2017, ISPGR had reimbursed Rs 1,14,05,023 to BISA towards organization of IAC 2016, based on the invoice of the same amount raised by BISA.

- On Feb 25, 2019, BISA office informed that there was an error in the calculation (detected by external audit) and that ISPGR was actually required to pay Rs 1,16,07,272 (instead of Rs 1,14,05,023).
- ISPGR records and BISA bills were tallied, with the help of Treasurer as well the Charted Account of ISPGR. It was found that ISPGR is required to pay a balance of Rs 2,02,249.
- The EC agreed that a cheque for Rs 2,02,249 be paid to BISA to settle the account.

(Action : General Secretary & Treasurer)

Agenda 6: Ratification of Proceedings of ISPGR Awards (2018) Committee and finalisation of Award Function

- Proceedings of the ISPGR Award Committee were presented to the EC (*Annexure 4*). The same were duly ratified as such by the EC. The EC placed on record the appreciation for all the members of the ISPGR Award Committee for their efforts in selecting the awardees. The GS may accordingly take action to inform all the awardees.
- It was suggested that ISPGR award function be held in May, in which Dr B.S. Dhillon, VC PAU & Former President ISPGR, be felicitated for receiving the Padma Shri this year. Dr Dhillon may also be requested to Deliver the Dr A.B. Joshi Memorial Lecture 2019, on a suitable topic of his choice.
- The GS, Treasurer and Joint Secretary were asked to review the budget and explore the possibility of increasing the award money of Dr H B Singh life time achievement award to at least Rs 2 lakhs and Dr R S Paroda Young Scientist award to some reasonable level. A proposal accordingly be put up in the next EC meeting.

(Action : General Secretary, Joint Secretary & Treasurer)

Agenda 7: Report of Editor-in-Chief regarding progress of the journal

- Dr Sunil Archak, Editor-in-Chief, could not attend the meeting as he was on deputation abroad. However, the report prepared by him was presented by the GS (*Annexure 5*).
- While appreciating the progress made so far, the EC suggested that next meeting be focussed on developing measures to raise the impact and visibility of IJPGR, including expansion of Editorial Board, broadening the scope of the journal to include invited reviews, commentary, personal opinions, important policy related circulars, news items etc., online submission, publishing, NAAS rating and on-line access systems. (*Action : Editor-in-Chief & General Secretary*)

Agenda 8: Treasurer's report

- Dr Dinesh Kumar, Treasurer, presented the status of accounts of ISPGR (*Annexure 6*).
- The EC expressed satisfaction over the status and requested the Treasurer to further increase the revenue through membership drive, involving all zonal councillors.
- It was also decided that ISPGR should open another account in a private bank (e.g. HDFC) to avail better banking services. Members agreed in principle to deposit around 50% of the funds as FDs, once the current FDs get matured. A resolution to this effect be drafted to obtain signatures from all EC members to facilitate opening of new bank account.

(Action : Treasurer & General Secretary)

Agenda 9: Discussion concerning organization of a National Symposium in early 2020

- A National Symposium to be organised by society was discussed and it was decided to hold the same in New Delhi sometime during October 2019 February 2020.
- A concept note be got developed jointly by Dr R.C. Agrawal and Dr Kuldeep Singh, both Vice-Presidents.
- Possible themes be around status and strategy for in situ/on-farm conservation, with focus on role of farming communities in operationalising effective use, access and benefit sharing mechanisms, effective involvement of private sector, role of youth (including women) for genetic resource conservation through use.
- Possibilities may also be explored to conduct a satellite symposium in NEH, in collaboration with institutes located in the region.
- Also a concept note on useful shrubs of Himalayas be attempted under the leadership Dr Kuldeep Singh and shared with Prof. P.K. Khosla, Vice-Chancellor, Shoolini University, who has offered to host a regional conference on his campus.

(Action : Drs R.C. Agrawal, Kuldeep Singh and General Secretary)

Agenda 10: Nomination of Councillors from West Zone

- Names of Dr Kartar Singh, Scientist, ICAR-NBPGR, Jodhpur and Dr Mihir K. Pandya, Assistant Professor, Anand Agriculture University, Anand were proposed for the posts of Councillors (West Zone). The EC unanimously agreed to their names.
- During the discussion it was realized that the area of west zone (Rajasthan and Gujrat) as defined in the ISPGR Rule Book needs to be extended. It was agreed that Maharashtra and Goa could henceforth be added in future.

(Action : General Secretary)

Agenda 11: Any other Item

- The EC suggested that "Certificate of Membership" be issued to the Life Members at the time of their enrolment. A small souvenir (mug/key chain) could be ordered by the society and given in future.
- ISPGR website should develop soon a payment gateway on its website for relative ease and quick enrolment of the new life members.

(Action : General Secretary)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Chair and all EC members by Dr Rakesh Singh, JS.

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R.S. Paroda (President)

Anuradha Agrawal (General Secretary)

Annexure 1

Second Meeting of the ISPGR Executive Council (EC) (2019-2021) March 26, 2019 (10.30 a.m.)

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

AGENDA

10.30 – 10.35 a.m.	Welcome Remarks	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
10.35 – 10.40 a.m.	Introductory Remarks by Chairman	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
10.40 – 10.50 a.m.	Confirmation of the Minutes of last EC Meeting held on Dec. 31, 2018 and Action Taken Report	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
10.50 - 10.55 a.m.	Report of General Secretary	
10.55 - 11.00 a.m.	Approval for balance payment of IAC 2016 to BISA	
11.00-11.10 a.m.	Ratification of Proceedings of ISPGR Awards (2018) Committee and finalisation of Award Function	
11.10 - 11.15 a.m.	Report of Editor-in-Chief regarding progress of the journal	Sunil Archak Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR
11.15 - 11.20 a.m.	Treasurer's report	Dinesh Kumar Treasurer, ISPGR
11.20 - 11.30 a.m.	Discussion concerning organization of a National Symposium in early 2020	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
11.30-11.35 a.m.	Nomination of Councillors from West Zone	
11.35-11.40 a.m.	Any other item, with the permission of Chair	
11.45 - 11.55 a.m.	Concluding remarks by Chair	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
11.55 – 12.00 noon		

Action Taken Report of the First EC (2019-12) Meeting Held on Dec. 31, 2019

	Agenda	ATR
1.	Organization of mini- symposium during 13th International Conference on Dryland Development (ICDD), Jodhpur, Feb. 11-14, 2019	A Satellite Symposium on 'Dryland Agrobiodiversity for Adaptation to Climate Change' was organized on Feb. 13, 2019, at Jodhpur, during the 13 ICDD. Rs 2 lakhs was given towards sponsorship for the event.
2.	Nomination of Councillors from West Zone	Scientists were identified are Dr Kartar Singh, ICAR- NBPGR, Jodhpur and Dr Mihir Pandya, AAU, Anand.
3.	ISPGR Awards	Application date was extended to Jan 31., 2019, and ~41 applications were received. A Selection Committee was constituted with approval of President which met on March 16, 2019. Results to be ratified by EC. Details of Award function to be discussed in current EC meeting.
4.	ISPGR Accounts	Signatures of new EC members bearers for operation of the bank account in Syndicate Bank (# 91212010004780) have been changed and account is now operational.
5.	Assessment of the status and quality of research on PGR being undertaken in the country	An expert group of past directors of NBPGR and few other peers need to be being formed to have a brainstorming/round table dialogue.

Report of the General Secretary

- The current EC (2019-21) took charge w.e.f. Dec. 31, 2019.
- The ISPGR website was updated with information of new EC. Website is being redesigned for improved content matter by outsourcing the work to a professional.
- Infrastructure of ISPGR office was upgraded (purchase of new printer, refrigerator and microwave oven) to increase the functionality and efficiency.
- Membership drive given thrust and some ~30 members inducted.
- 'Satellite Symposium on Dryland Agrobiodiversity for Adaptation to Climate Change', was organized by the ISPGR on Feb., 13, 2019, Jodhpur. The event was co-organized with 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 held during the 13th International Conference on Development of Drylands (13ICDD-2019), Jodhpur, Rajasthan, India. The main objectives were (i) to examine the current threats to dryland agrobiodiversity, deliberate upon the opportunities and challenges due to climate change, and the required policy interventions to overcome the threats and challenges; (ii) to take stock of agrobiodiversity in the Indian, Central and West Asian, and North African dryland regions and management strategies of their genetic resources; (iii) to identify the possible role of regional and international organizations in management of dryland agro-ecosystems through R&D, in partnership mode for harnessing agrobiodiversity to address the global challenges being faced by dryland communities. The symposium was successfully concluded and proceedings are under preparation, likely to be completed by July 2019.

Annexure 4



Proceedings of ISPGR Award Selection Committee

		Horticulture (Rtd.)	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, 479-F, Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar, Pakhowal Road, Ludhiana-141 013, Punjab	(67 years 3 months 23 days)
6.	J.S. Sandhu	Vice- Chancellor	ND University of Agril. & Tech. Kumarganj, Falzabad-224229, Uttar Pradesh	1-08-1955 (63 years 7 montha)
7.	Joseph John K.	Principal Scientist & OIC	ICAR-NBPGR, Regional Station, Thrissur, Vellanikkara, KAU P.O., Thrissur-680 656, Kerala	20.03.1960 (58 years 10 months 11 days)
8.	O.P. Yadav	Director	ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute Jodhpur- 342 003, Rajasthan	16-05-1963 (53 years 8 months 15 days)
9.	R. R. Hanchinal	Consultant- Genetic Resources Conservation & Use, Bioversity International	G1, B-Block, NASC Complex, DPS Marg, Pusa, New Delhi-110012, INDIA	01.06.1952 (66 years 7 months 30 days)
10,	Rishi Kumar Tyagi	Coordinator, APCoAB,	APAARI, Bangkok, Thailand	10-07-1959 (59 years 6 months 21 days)
n.	Salil Kumar Tewari	Professor - Genetics & Plant Breeding	Program Coordinator- Agroforestry Dept. of Genetics & Plant Breeding, College of Agriculture, G.B. Pant University of Agricultural & Technology. Pantnagar-263145, Uttarakhand	30-07-1958 (60 years 6 months 1 days)
12.	Tadimalla V.R.S. Sharma	Retired Principal Scientist, Emeritus Scientist (Formerly) ICAR- CIARI, Port Blair	H.No. 1732, Road No. 19/C, W-24, Lotus Colony, Behind Mahendra Show room, Port Blair – 744 105	03-01-1948 (71 years (months 25 days)
IJ.	Umesh Chand Srivastava	Former Assistant Director General (Horticulture), ICAR	A 503, Arvind Apartments, Plot No 9, Sector 19B,Dwarka Phase II, New Delhi 110075	20-2-1951 67 years II months II days
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S. No.	Name	Current Position	Address	Date of Birth (Age)
1	Aakor Agarwal	Scientist 'E'	Defence Institute of Bio-Energy Research (DIBER) DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Haldwani, P.O. Arjunpur, Distt Nainital-263 139, Uttarkhand	18-06-1976 (42 years 6 months 13 days)
2	Bidhan Roy	Associate Professor and Head	Department of Seed Science and Technology, Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Pundibari, Cooch Behar 736165, West Bengal	05.10.1973 (45 years, 2 months, 26 days)
3	Elangovan Maruthamuthu	Principal Scientist (Economic Botany)	ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Rajendranagar, Hyderahad 500030 (TS)	05.06.1968 (50 years 6 months, 26 days)
4	K. Govinda Raj*	Rice Breeding Lead/Advisor	Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Co. Pvt Ltd Village: Kallakal, Mandal: Toopran, Dist: Medak-502 336, Telengana	8/08/1956 (62 years, 4 months 23 days)
5	Partap Bhan Singh	Assistant Professor & Project Incharge	AICRP on Groundnut and Nodal Scientist to AD (Seed & Farms), Dept. of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Rajasthan College of Agriculture (MPUAT), Udaipur-313 001, Rajasthan	01/05/1973 (45 years 8 months)
6	S. Ganesh Ram	Professor and Head	Department of Plant Genetic Resources, Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics Coimbatore-641 003	01/03/1969 (49 years 10 months)
7	S.K. Bera	Principal Scientist	ICAR-Directorate of Groundnut Research, PB#05, Ivnagar Road, Junagadh, Gujarat	19/10/1967 (51 years 2 months 12 days)
8	S.V. Sai Prasad	Principal Scientist & Head	ICAR-IARI, Regional Station Induce 452 001, Madhya Pradesh	21/06/1967 (51 years 6 months 10 days)
9	Shivapriya M.	Assistant Professor	Dept. of Biotechnology & Crop Improvement College of Horticulture UHS campus, GKVK post Bangalore 560 065. Karnataka	06/07/1975 (43 years 5 months 25 days)

The applicants fo	ir the 'Dr R.S.	Paroda Young	Scientist Award'	WERE:
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<u>S.</u> No	Name	Present position	Address	Date of Birth (Age)
1.	Akoijam Ratankumar Singb	Scientist (Plant Pathology)	Crop Protection Division ICAR-RC-NEH Region, Umroi Road, Umiam 793103 Meghalaya	02-03-1983 (35 years 10 months 29 days)
2	Amit Kumar Singh	Scientist (SS) (Biotechnology)	ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resource, Pusa Campus, New Delhi 110012	01-01-1980 (39 years)
3.	Arun Kumar	Senior Research Fellow	ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110 012	01.02.1990 (28 years 11 months 30 days)
4.	Dhammaprak ash Pandhari Wankhede	Scientist (SS) (Biotechnology)	ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resource, Pusa Campus, New Delhi 110012	11.01.1979 (40 years 0 months 20 days)
5.	M. Vetriventhan	Senior Scientist (Genetic Resources)	ICRISAT, Patancheru, India	01.06.1984 (34 years 7 months 14 days)
6.	Nitika Sandhu	Assistant Molecular Geneticist	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana	01-07-1983 (34 years, 6 months)
7.	Pratap B Singh*			
8.	Rajappa J.J.	Scientist (Sr. Scale)-	ICAR Research complex for Northeastern Hill Region, Umiam, Meghalaya	23-05-1980 (38 years 8 months 8 days)
9.	Sandeep Kumar	Principal Scientist (Biochemistry)	ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Pusa Campus, New Delhi	12-12-1979 (39 years 1 months 19 days)
10.	Vikendra Kaur	Scientist (Plant Genetic Resources/Eco nomic Botany)	ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Pusa Campus, New Delhi	13-01-1981 (38 years 0 months 18 days)

* Application not considered due to over-age

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The applicants for 'Fellows' were:

S. No.	Name	Current Position and address	Proposer	Seconder	Life member
1.	Amish	Principal Scientist, Division of	A.D.	Rakesh	12-3-2009
	Kumar	Vesetable Science	Munshi	Singh	
	Sureja	ICAR-Indian Agricultural			
	Consider 1	Research Institute, New Delhi			
2.	Anil Kumar	Principal Scientist,	K.C. Bhat	Mukesh	11-01-2005
den .	Singh	ICAR Research Complex for		Kr. Rana	
	C. M. G. M.	Eastern Region Patna (Bihar)			
		India 300 014			
3.	Ankur	Scientist E, Defence Institute			26-10-2005
	Agrawal*	of Bio-Energy Research			
		(DIBER) DRDO, Haldwani,			
		Nainital-263 139, Uttarkhand			
4.	B.C. Patra	Principal Scientist,	R.C.	Sanjeev	04-03-2003
		ICAR-National Rice Research	Agrawal	Savena	
		Institute, Cuttack-753 006,			
		Odisha			
5.	G.	Senior Scientist, Germplasm			
	Prabhakara	Division, RRII, Rubber Board,			
	Rao*	Kottayam-686 009, Kerala			
6.	Salil Kumar	Professor - Genetics & Plant	Anjula	KC Bhat	29-06-2001
	Tewari	Breeding, Dept. of Genetics &	Pandey		
		Plant Breeding, College of			
		Agriculture, GBPUAT			
		Pantnagar-263 145,			
		Uttarakhand			
7.	Sanjay	Principal Scientist (Plant	Rakesh	Arun	08-05-2000
	Kumar	Breeding), ICAR- Indian	Singh	Gupta	
	Singh	Institute of Wheat & Barley			
	-	Research, Karnal, Haryana			
8.	T.V.R.S	Retired Principal Scientist,	Anuradha	Neelam	10-05-1990
	Sharma	H.NO. 1732, Road No 19/C,	Agrawal	Sharma	
		W-24, Lotus Colony Behind			
		Mahendra Show Room, Port			
		Blair-744 105			
9.	Vinod	Principal Scientist, ICAR-	Mukesh	Lalit Arya	24-09-2001
	Kumar	AICRP (Potato), Central	Rana		
		Potato Research Institute,			
		Shimla, Himachal Pradesh			

*Life membership of 10 years not complete * Application not forwarded by any ISPGR Fellow

For the 'Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award' (2018), all research papers published in the three issues of Volume 31, were considered.

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	Name of the Award	Awardee(s) Recommended
	Dr H.B. Singh Memorial Award (2017-18)	Dr Rishi Kamar Tyagi, Former Head, Division of Germplasm Conservation, ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi (presently Coordinator, APCoAB, APAARI, Bungkok, Thailand)
1	Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Excellence/Application in PGR (2018)	Dr Elangovan Maruthamuthu, Principal Scientist, ICAR- Indian Institute of Millets Research, Rajendranagar, Hyderabod 500030, Telangana
0	Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award (2018)	Dr Amit Kumar Singh, Scientist (SS), ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resource, Pusa Campus, New Delhi 110012
ш	Fellows (2018)	 Dr T.V.R.S. Sharma, Retired Principal Scientist, H.NO. 1732, Road No 19/C, W-24, Lotus Colony Behind Mahendra Show Room, Port Blair-744 105
- ti		2 Dr B.C. Patra, Principal Scientist, ICAR-National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack-753 006, Odisha
		3 Anil Kumar Singh, Principal Scientist, ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region Patna (Bihar) India 800 014
IV	Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award (2018)	Sukhjeet Kaur, S.S. Kang, Abhishek Sharma, Salesh Kumar Jindal and M.S. Dhaliwal (2018) Evaluation of Hot Pepper Gemplasm for Multiple Disease Resistance against Root Knot Nematode and Viruses. Indian J. Plant Genet. Resour. 31(3): 243-250

The committee scrutinized the applications submitted for consideration. Keeping in view the contributions in PGR science and service, the committee recommended the following:

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all Members.

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Report of the Treasurer*

The status of ISPGR accounts (as on 25.03.2019) is as follows:

Cash and Bank Balance		(in Rs)
	Fixed Deposit	54,85,562.58
	Cash-in Hand	5,400.00
	Cash in Bank (saving account)	6,56,326.49
	Total	61,47,289.07
Incomes	Membership, donation etc.	16,00,281.71
Expenditure	Journal, award function, secretarial expenses, satellite symposium	10,10,170.00

Expenditure details (in Rs) are as follows:

ISPGR Elections	Postage	37,626	
	Refreshment	7,790	
	Stationery	4,715	
	Travel (local)	1,623	51,754
ISPGR Office	Capital (fridge, microwave etc.)	56,000	
	Salary & honorarium	2,30,000	
	Stationery	6,440	
	Postage	44,297	
	Refreshments for meetings	14,080	
	Printing of letterheads	6676	
	Travel (local)	1,965	
	CA services	206550	5,66,008
IJPGR	Vol 31(3)	96,958	
	Vol 31(2)	70,941	1,67,899
Satellite Symposium	Sponsorship	2,00,000	
	Mementoes	9,200	
	Printing of circular etc.	15,309	2,24,509
			10,10,170

Expenditure details (in Rs) are as follows:

Vat Refund from BISA for IAC 2016	4,51,337*
Fund from ICAR for IAC2016 and IJPGR	4,00,000
Bank interest + book sale	45,862.77
Membership (Institutional)	5,94,894
Membership (Life)	1,15,988
Membership (Annual)	12,200
TOTAL	16,00,281.71

*Figures to be checked and finalized by CA at end of financial year