

Minutes of the

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

Date: July 24, 2021

Time: 2.30 p.m. onwards

Agenda: Annexure 1

Venue: Dr R.S. Paroda Room and online (via Zoom)

Chair	Dr R.S. Paroda	President, ISPGR
Members	Dr R.C. Agrawal	Vice President, ISPGR
	Dr Kuldeep Singh	Vice President, ISPGR
	Dr Sunil Archak	Editor-in-Chief
	Dr Rakesh Singh	Joint Secretary, ISPGR
	Dr K. Joseph John	Councillor (SZ)
	Dr Amit Kumar Singh	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Kartar Singh	Councillor (WZ)
Member Secretary	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of Ninth EC Meeting held on April 7, 2021 and Action Taken Report

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary, welcomed the EC members and thanked them for their presence.
- Dr R.C. Agrawal, Vice President, was felicitated by the ISPGR for being bestowed with the prestigious Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award 2020 by ICAR on July 16, 2021. ISPGR also placed on record appreciation for two other members of ISPGR, namely Dr OP Yadav for being bestowed with Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award 2020 and Dr G.J. Randhawa for getting DR Panjabrao Deshmukh Outstanding Women Scientist Award 2020.
- The minutes of the Ninth EC Meeting held on April 7, 2021 were confirmed.
- Thereafter, the ATR report was presented by the General Secretary (*Annexure 2*).
- It was suggested that proceedings of brainstorming meeting on “Digital Sequencing Information and ABS” should be printed (500 hard copies), so that it can be shared with participants of GB9 meeting of the ITPGRFA, scheduled in Delhi. For printing the hard copies, sponsor(s) could possibly be identified from seed companies who participated in the meeting.

(Action: General Secretary and Editor-in-Chief)

Agenda 2: General Secretary’s Report

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal presented the General Secretary’s report (*Annexure 3*).
- Dr R.S. Paroda advised that GS take proactive role in the IAC2021 preparation with respect to invitation from Congress Secretariat to Indian speakers, co-organizers etc. Further, inputs should go to Rome Declaration by circulating the document amongst ISPGR EC members.

(Action: General Secretary)

- With respect to organization of side event during IAC2021, EC decided that a National Symposium to be organized by ISPGR in the first fortnight of October, 2021 and recordings/proceedings be shared with IAC organizers for circulation during the congress.
(Action: General Secretary and Editor-in-Chief)
- The ISPGR award function for 2019 and 2020 to be organized on 7th August, 2021 in hybrid mode (physical and virtual mode).
(Action: General Secretary and Joint Secretary)
- It was decided that Dr Dilbag Singh Athwal Memorial lecture and General Body Meeting of ISPGR may be organized on August 27, 2021. Information to be circulated accordingly.
(Action: General Secretary and Joint Secretary)

Agenda 3: Editor-in-Chief's Report

- Dr Sunil Archak presented the EIC's report (*Annexure 4*). He apprised the status of manuscripts, and printing of IJPGR.
- For inclusion of the IJPGR in UGC care list, follow-up with NAAS was suggested for Editor-in-Chief. A letter from President, ISPGR to President, NAAS in connection with UGC care list inclusion was suggested.
(Action: Editor-in-Chief)

Agenda 4: Treasurer's Report

- In the absence of Dr Dinesh Kumar, Treasurer's Report was presented by the GS (*Annexure 5*).
- It was decided that based on verification by the Chartered Accountant, the money should be returned to BISA, on account of excess payment for IAC2016.
(Action: General Secretary and Treasurer)

Agenda 5: Remarks by Vice-Presidents, ISPGR

- Dr R.C. Agrawal, Vice President, thanked the EC for felicitating him. He gave credit to NBPGR and ISPGR for mentoring him during his long association and contributing to his achievements.
- He assured to extend his full support for all the activities in the calendar year, especially with respect to 2nd IAC and Award function.
- It was suggested by Dr R C Agrawal, to explore the possibility of taking membership of the society for the India Habitat Centre and/or India International Centre.
- Dr Kuldeep Singh, Vice President, appreciated the work being undertaken by ISPGR under the dynamic leadership of Dr R.S. Paroda.
- He assured his full support in all activities during the year, especially symposia and 2nd IAC.

Agenda 6: Remarks by President, ISPGR

- Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR, remarked that he was happy to see the growth of the Society which he initiated in 1987.
- He expressed satisfaction on the financial health of the Society, as well as the progress made by IJPGR.
- He suggested that all should work cohesively to take Society to newer heights. He urged that immediate action be taken to announce GBM meeting and initiate process thereafter for ISPGR elections..

- Dr Paroda placed on record his appreciation to EC members, especially Drs R.C. Agrawal, Kuldeep Singh, Anuradha Agrawal, Dinesh Kumar and Sunil Archak for their untiring efforts to execute various Society activities.

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

Anuradha Agrawal
(General Secretary)

R.S. Paroda
(President)

Tenth Meeting of the ISPGR Executive Council (EC) (2019-2021)

July 24, 2021 (11.00 a.m.)

Dr R.S. Paroda Room (+ VC)

AGENDA

2.30 – 2.32 p.m.	Welcome Remarks	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
2.30 – 2.40 p.m.	Opening remarks by President	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
2.40 – 2.45 p.m.	Confirmation of the Minutes of Ninth EC Meeting held on April 6, 2021 and Action Taken Report	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
2.50 – 2.55 p.m.	General Secretary's report	
2.50 – 3.00 p.m.	Editor-in-Chief's report	Sunil Archak Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR
3.00 – 3.05 p.m.	Treasurer's report (including Audit Report)	Dinesh Kumar Treasurer, ISPGR
3.05– 3.10 p.m.	ISPGR Award Function, GBM and 2 nd Dr D.S. Athwal Memorial Lecture	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
3.05– 3.10 p.m.	Organization of Side Event for 2 nd IAC	Sunil Archak Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR
3.10 – 3.15 p.m.	Any other item	
3.15 – 3.20 p.m.	Remarks by Vice President	Kuldeep Singh Vice President, ISPGR
3.20 – 3.25 p.m.	Remarks by Vice President	R.C. Agrawal Vice President, ISPGR
3.25 – 3.35 p.m.	Remarks by President	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
3.35 – 3.40 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	Rakesh Singh Joint Secretary, ISPGR

ATR on the Ninth EC Meeting of ISPGR

	Recommendation	Action
1.	<p>With respect to inviting virtual symposia on topical issues related to PGR, Dr Paroda suggested that a committee of Drs RC Agrawal, Dinesh Kumar, Anuradha Agrawal, and Sunil Archak may like to review the possible theme and the guidelines suitably. Further, invitation to specific institutes could go and Zonal Councillors and Joint Secretary could proactively coordinate the activity.</p> <p><i>(Action: Joint Secretary & Zonal Councillors)</i></p>	Action pending due to COVID pandemic lockdown during April-June 2021. This action will be pursued now onwards.
2.	<p>President advised that proceedings of National Webinar on “Virtual Brainstorming on Digital Sequence Information and Germplasm Sharing’,” held on March 1, 2021, be expedited and uploaded on ISPGR website.</p> <p><i>(Action: General Secretary)</i></p>	Draft is ready. Final version is expected to be completed by end of July, 2021.
3.	<p>President advised ISPGR EC to take a proactive role and suggest suitable names for various committees, identify suitable leading topics along with scientists from India who could be invited as speakers.</p> <p><i>(Action: General Secretary and Editor-in-Chief)</i></p>	Needful has been done
4.	<p>The President appreciated work done by EIC, Editors, Reviewers and ISPGR staff in journal updating and congratulated all for increase in NAAS rating (from 5.12 to 5.54). With regard to UGC Care list, he suggested that the matter may be taken up with NAAS in writing to have the issue resolved.</p> <p><i>(Action: Editor-in-Chief)</i></p>	Matter communicated to NAAS
5.	<p>It was urged that checking of accounts of IAC2016 by Chartered Accountant of ISPGR be expedited to settle that matter with BISA at the earliest.</p> <p><i>(Action: General Secretary and Treasurer)</i></p>	Needful has been done by the Chartered Accountant. ISPGR needs to return Rs 4,51,337.00 to BISA, due to excess payment of VAT amount.
6.	<p>Membership drive to continue, with a target of at least 1,000 members. Scientists and post-graduate students need to be approached individually.</p> <p><i>(Action: Councillors and Treasurer)</i></p>	So far 801 members enrolled

7.	<p>GS to send letters of appreciation to Award Committee members and inform all the awardees about their selection.</p> <p><i>(Action: General Secretary)</i></p>	Needful has been done
8.	<p>It was suggested that ISPGR award function be held in May, in virtual or hybrid mode, along with General Body Meeting of ISPGR. It was also agreed by EC members that awardees of HB Singh Award, Barwale Award and RS Paroda Award make brief presentations of their achievements during the ISPGR Award function, provided time permits.</p> <p><i>(Action : General Secretary & Treasurer)</i></p>	Due to lockdown , Award function is planned in mid August, along with GBM.
9.	<p>Dr R.S. Paroda President suggested that visibility of Society be increased by improving its website, printing new brochure/flier and increasing membership drive.</p> <p><i>(Action: General Secretary and Joint Secretary)</i></p>	New website template is ready. Data entry will be completed soon. Can be launched at next ISPGR function/event.

Report of the General Secretary

2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress (IAC 2021)

- The GS apprised the EC on the preparations of the 2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress (IAC 2021) scheduled from Nov. 15-18, 2021, as a Virtual Congress. The theme of the Congress is ‘Transforming food systems and delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through the use and conservation of agrobiodiversity’ and ISPGR is one of the partners in its organization.
- Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR, invited as Member of International Advisory Board of 2nd IAC; Dr Anuradha Agrawal, nominated by ISPGR to be Member of International Steering Committee (ISC) and Communication Committee (CC) of IAC2021.
- As a member of the ISC, the GS attended three meetings (April 1, May 26, June 23, 2021) with the Congress Secretariat. One meeting as member of CC was also attended on June 9, 2021. Details about program and inputs from ISPGR were shared with the EC members., besides the details about the governance, themes and structure of the 2nd IAC.
- It was informed that IAC2021 website (<https://www.eatgrowsave.org/>) was recently made live and ISPGR logo included in it.
- On the inaugural day, Dr R.S. Paroda shall be invited for giving an overview on the 1st Agrobiodiversity Congress, and Dr T. Mohapatra, DG ICAR shall be giving a talk on the follow up action on the Delhi Declaration on Agrobiodiversity Congress. Dr Kuldeep Singh, Vice-President, ISPGR, shall be the Co-Convenor for the session on ex situ conservation.
- Names of scientists have been provided from ISPGR/NBPGR/other institutes for three scientific sub-committees (consumption, production, and conservation) to help in selection of abstracts. Call for abstracts was closed on July 7, 2021 and 638 abstracts received.
- A side event by ISPGR was earlier proposed on the topic “Agricultural biodiversity for diversified and sustainable food systems: Current status and preparedness for post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework”.
- EC members were informed about ‘Rome Declaration’ which builds on the Delhi Declaration, to be adopted in the IAC 2021. This document is in draft mode and circulated amongst partners for providing inputs.

Calendar of events of ISPGR

- The GS proposed following events for the year 2021 and sought suggestions from all EC members for the same:

Date	Venue	
August 2021 (2nd/3 week)	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	ISPGR Award Function (2019, 2020) 2nd Dr D.S. Athwal Memorial Lecture Prof. Anil Gupta, IIM (A) “Grassroot innovations in PGR management” 11th General Body Meeting (GBM) of ISPGR.
Oct (First week), 2021	NASC/NBPGR, New Delhi	National Symposium on ‘Role of PGR in Sustainable Food Systems’ To be organized by ISPGR in collaboration with ICAR-NBPGR, PPV&FRA, NBA, TAAS, MS Swaminathan Research Foundation etc.
Nov 15-18, 2021	Rome/VC	2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress 2021 (IAC2021) Side Event on "Agricultural biodiversity for diversified and sustainable food systems: Current status and preparedness for post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework"
Sept-Dec 2021		ISPGR Elections

(Anuradha Agrawal)
General Secretary

Report of the Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR

1. Status of Publication of Journal

- First issue of 2021 Vol 34 (1) soft copy published - The issue has 15 articles (2 PGR Note; 1 debate; 1 commentary; 6 research articles; 5 short communications)
- From Vol 34 (1), new team of editors is in place.
- For Vol 34 (2) accepted articles and 41st PGR registration notes are ready for press.

2. Current status of manuscripts

i.	Total number of manuscripts	60
ii.	Number of manuscripts under Review	22
iii.	Number of manuscripts with only one referee comments	15
iv.	Number of manuscripts under editorial process	11
v.	Number of manuscripts under authors' revision	12

(Sunil Archak)
Editor-in-Chief

Report of the Treasurer

- The duly signed Audit Report of ISPGR for the FY 2020-2021 is shown in *Annexure 6*.
- The BISA query regarding return of VAT payment was verified by the CA, based on:
 1. Verification of Ledger account of ISPGR in the books of BISA from F.Y. 2016-17 till date.
 2. Ledger account of IAC Event in the Books of BISA from F.Y. 2016-17 till date.
 3. Bank statement page of BISA reflecting the receipt of amount from the ISPGR on account of full and final settlement.
 4. All Invoices of the vendors contracted by BISA for the IAC 2016.
 5. Invoice/intimation raised by BISA on ISPGR for final settlement.

Accordingly, ISPGR to return Rs 4,51,337.00 (Rs four lakhs fifty one thousand three hundred and thirty seven only) to BISA, due to excess payment of VAT amount.

- Updation of KYC details of the ISPGR saving account of Bank (after merging of Syndicate Bank with Canara Bank), for the purpose of Income Tax Refund was carried out.
- For Re-registration of Exemption Certificate (u/s 12 A and 80G) forms 10A/10AB were filled, providing all details of ISPGR (including self-attested copies Pan Card of key EC members). Digital Signature Certificate (DCS) of General Secretary was generated on the Income Tax portal in order to validate the Forms. Work completed with help from CA (last date was June 30, 2021).
- The financial status of ISPGR (as on July 23, 2021) is as follows:

Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
Bank: Fixed Deposit	70,63,409.55
Bank: saving account	4,07,697.04
Cash in hand	13,900.00

- The income details for FY 2021-2022 (as on July 23, 2021) are as follows:

Source	Amount (Rs.)
IJPGR Subscription Diva Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.	95,501.00
Membership (Life)	55,000.00
Membership (Institutional)	80,000.00
Membership (Annual)	3,000.00
TOTAL	2,35,501.00

- The expenditure details for FY 2021-2022 (as on July 23, 2021) are as follows:

Head	Amount (Rs.)
IJPGR printing Vol 33(3), 2020	67,133.00
Salary & honorarium	76,500.00
Postage and stationery	872.00
Travel (local)	3,400.00
Total	147,905.00

- ISPGR Membership details**

Total ISPGR life members	801
Life Members (April 01, 2021 to July 20, 2021)	11
Institutional Members (April 01, 2021 to July 20, 2021)	4
Annual Members (April 01, 2021 to July 20, 2021)	3



(Dinesh Kumar)
Treasurer, ISPGR

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, 2021 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 opine 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 misstatements.

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. In so far as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Society as at March 31, 2021; and
- b. In so far as it relates to the income & Expenditure Account, of the surplus during the year ended that date

For DADU DADOO & ASSOCIATES

Chartered Accountants

FRN: 006769


 (MAHENDRA)
 Partner

M.NQ: 083625

Date - 22nd Jul 2021

Place - New Delhi



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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.03.2021

PARTICULAR		AMOUNTS
LIABILITIES		
A	GENERAL RESERVE	
	Balance brought forward	62,97,998.81
	Add: Surplus during the year	6,08,136.20
	Add: IT REFUND	8,98,177.00
		<u>78,04,312.01</u>
B	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
	Auditor's Remuneration payable	26,550.00
		<u>78,30,862.01</u>
ASSETS		
A	FIXED ASSETS	
	Computer & Allied Accessories	4,987.77
	Less: Depreciation	1,565.11
		<u>3,422.66</u>
	HP Printer	29,091.25
	Less: Depreciation	4,109.14
		<u>24,982.11</u>
	Office Equipment	3,654.03
	Less: Depreciation	548.10
		<u>3,105.93</u>
	Office Furniture	2,68,067.24
	Less: Depreciation	26,806.72
		<u>2,41,260.52</u>
	Microwave & Freeze	14,883.50
	Less: Depreciation	2,232.53
		<u>12,650.98</u>
	Hitachi AC	32,500.00
	Less: Dep	13,000.00
		<u>19,500.00</u>
	Investment	
	Fixed Deposit	63,94,521.55
	Interest on FD(A.Y. 20-21)	3,33,738.43
	Interest on FD(A.Y. 21-22)	3,35,149.57
		<u>70,63,409.55</u>
B	CURRENT ASSETS	
	TDS on FD (A.Y. 19-20)	36,079.23
	TDS on FD (A.Y. 20-21)	37,072.00
	TDS on FD (A.Y. 21-22)	27,372.00
	TDS on Donation (A.Y 21-22)	1,500.00
		<u>1,02,023.23</u>
C	CASH & BANK BALANCES	
	Cash in Hand	21,606.00
	Cash at Bank	3,38,901.04
		<u>3,60,507.04</u>
		<u>78,30,862.01</u>

(Signature)
(President)

(Signature)
22/07/2021
(Secretary)

(Signature)
(Treasurer)

AUDITOR'S REPORT
"As per our separate report of even date attached"
for Dadu Dadoo & Associates

Chartered Accountants
FRN: 006760N


(Mahendra Dadoo)
Partner
M.No. 083625

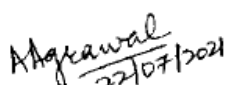
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**INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
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**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2021**

PARTICULAR	AMOUNTS
A INCOMES	
Institutional Membership Fees	60,000.00
Life Membership Fees	2,55,000.00
Annual Membership Fees	16,000.00
IPGR Subscription	1,36,251.00
Donation	3,00,000.00
Redeem Int.	268.09
Interest(Bank)	7,900.67
Interest on FD	362521.57
Interest on I.T Refund	74,453.00
Grant from ICAR for Publication	1,68,074.00
TOTAL	13,80,468.33
B EXPENDITURES	
Publication Expenses of IPGR Journal	1,65,955.00
Other Publication Expenses	91,376.00
National Seminar organization	56,440.00
Office Expenses	1,352.00
Stationery	3,855.00
Travelling Expenses	4,100.00
Professional Charges	59,000.00
Auditor's Fees	26,550.00
Postage and Stamps	13,069.00
Depreciation	48,261.13
Bank Charges	374.00
TOTAL	7,72,332.13
C DEFICIT/ (SURPLUS) During the year	6,08,136.20


(President)


(Secretary)


(Treasurer)

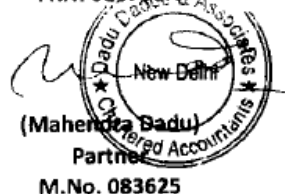
AUDITOR'S REPORT

"As per our separate report of even date attached"

for Dadu Dadoo & Associates

Chartered Accountants

FRN: 006760N


(Mahendra Dadu)
Partner
M.No. 083625

Date: 22nd Jul 2021

Place: New Delhi