

*Minutes of the*

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

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**Date:** Oct. 1, 2021    **Time:** 3.00 p.m. onwards

**Agenda:** *Annexure 1*

**Venue:** Online (via Zoom)

<b>Chair</b>	Dr R.S. Paroda	President, ISPGR
<b>Members</b>	Dr Kuldeep Singh	Vice President, ISPGR
	Dr Dinesh Kumar	Treasurer, ISPGR
	Dr Rakesh Singh	Joint Secretary
	Dr Amit Kumar Singh	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Veerendra Kumar Verma	Councillor (EZ)
	Dr Mohan Lal	Councillor (EZ)
<b>Member Secretary</b>	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary

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- Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary, welcomed the EC members and informed that Drs R.C. Agrawal, Sunil Archak and Joseph John had expressed inability to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

**Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of Eleventh EC Meeting held on Aug. 24, 2021 and Action Taken Report**

- The minutes of the Eleventh EC Meeting held on Aug 24, 2021 were confirmed. Thereafter, the ATR report was presented by the General Secretary (*Annexure 2*).

**Agenda 2: Discussion on institution of a new ISPGR Award**

- General Secretary informed that Dr Surinder Kumar Vasal, World Food Laureate (2000) and Distinguished Scientist (Retd) of International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Mexico, had expressed his desire to contribute a corpus to ISPGR for instituting an award. This is to recognize those who have shown professional excellence in the utilization of plant genetic resources, including areas of pre-breeding, genetic enhancement, use of germplasm or crop wild relatives for breeding, widening genetic base of crops etc. Dr Vasal wants to encourage a scientist (or team of 2-4 scientists) who have dedicatedly used PGR for developing advanced materials, that have impacted agricultural growth/ sustainability, similar to his own lifetime work on use of maize germplasm for developing quality protein maize.

- During a meeting held on Sept 14, 2021, Dr Vasal met President, General Secretary and Treasurer of ISPGR and informed that an initial corpus of Rs 10 lakhs would be provided to the Society. Further he informed that he would also provide the annual amount of the award (Rs 1 lakh), during his lifetime.
- The EC unanimously agreed with the proposal and recommended that the award be given w.e.f 2021. Draft guidelines of the award to be circulated amongst EC members who may give their comments latest by Oct 25, 2021.  
*(Action : General Secretary)*
- Treasurer, ISPGR to collect the corpus from Dr Vasal and deposit the money as FD in the bank.  
*(Action : Treasurer)*

### **Agenda 3: Update on 2nd IAC and associated side event by ISPGR**

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal, who is member of the International Steering Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> IAC, informed that during the 6th ISC meeting held on Sept 25, 2021, following updates were given by the Congress Secretariat:
  - (i) The speaker invitation process was completed by September 30, 2021. Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR and Dr T Mohapatra, Secretary DARE & DG, ICAR were invited for presentations during the inaugural Session on Day 1 (Nov 15, 2021). The Congress Secretariat would facilitate rehearsals/pre-recording of the presentations.
  - (ii) The notification of acceptance for abstract submissions is expected to be completed Oct 8, 2021.
  - (iii) During the inaugural function, time slots have been dedicated to “Statement from Partners”, to give a statement as to why they endorse the Congress. Dr R.S. Paroda to give the statement on behalf of ISPGR.  
*(Action: President and General Secretary)*
  - (iv) The ‘Rome Declaration’ draft is shared with all partners and approval to be given by Oct 8, 2021.  
*(Action: General Secretary)*
  - (v) For the side event in the 2<sup>nd</sup> IAC, ISPGR to organize a ‘National Consultation on Plant-based local food systems for Health and Nutrition’ on Oct. 22, 2021.  
*(Action: General Secretary and Editor-in-Chief)*

### **Agenda 4: Any other item**

- It was informed by the General Secretary that a letter was received from ICAR-NBPGR Estate on Sept 27, 2021 stating that rent recovery for the office room H-204 is to be paid by ISPGR for Rs 2,95,626 (w.e.f 2004), to be paid within 30 days.
- EC members expressed surprise that rent was being sought from back date without any MoU and agreement in place. Dr Kuldeep Singh, Vice-President informed that as during his

tenure Director ICAR-NBPGR (up to Aug 10, 2021), he had strongly supported to waiver the rent for ISPGR. It was advised that discussion be held with present Director, ICAR-NBPGR to reconsider that matter and not to charge rent from back date. Accordingly, a reply be sent to the Director, ICAR-NBPGR..

*(Action: General Secretary and Treasurer)*

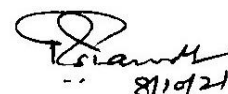
- A demo of the online system for e-ballot of ISPGR elections was given to all the EC members by General and Joint Secretary. After through discussion, EC members expressed satisfaction on the module and approved for its use in the forthcoming ISPGR elections for the new EC (2022-25) which have been announced since Sept 30, 2021. The module to be used by the Election Committee.

*(Action: Secretary, Joint Secretary and Election Committee)*

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

  
4/10/2021

**Anuradha Agrawal**  
(General Secretary)

  
8/10/21

**R.S. Paroda**  
(President)

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

October 1, 2021 (3.00 p.m.)

(VC)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84627704208?pwd=aDBlVFFlOXREeXo1ZlZSbHBjd2NDQT09>

Meeting ID: 846 2770 4208; Passcode: 261706

### AGENDA

3.00 – 3.15 p.m.	Welcome remarks, confirmation of the Minutes of 11th EC Meeting held on Aug. 24, 2021 and Action taken report	<b>Anuradha Agrawal</b> General Secretary, ISPGR
3.15– 3.30 p.m.	Discussion on institution of a new ISPGR Award on efficient use of PGR - sponsored by Dr S.K. Vasal (World Food Laureate 2000)	
3.30– 3.40 p.m.	Update on 2 <sup>nd</sup> IAC and associated side event by ISPGR	
3.40– 3.45 p.m.	Any other item	
3.45– 3.50 p.m.	Remarks by Vice Presidents	<b>R.C. Agrawal</b> Vice President, ISPGR <b>Kuldeep Singh</b> Vice President, ISPGR
3.50– 3.57 p.m.	Remarks by President	<b>R.S. Paroda</b> President, ISPGR
3.57– 4.00 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	<b>Rakesh Singh</b> Joint Secretary, ISPGR

## ATR on the Eleventh EC Meeting of ISPGR

	Recommendation	Action
1.	Amendments in the Rule Book (Clause # 10) shall be made for conducting ISPGR Election 2021 in e-ballot mode. The proposal to be placed for approval in the GBM. (Action : General Secretary)	Proposal was approved by the GBM held on Aug 27, 2021
2.	Announcement of Elections and Election Committee - Formal letter to be sent to Dr Celia Chalam inviting her to conduct the elections and co-opt two members for the Election Committee. (Action : General Secretary)	Election committee constituted*. ISPGR Elections announced on Sept 30, 2021 and would follow the schedule for seeking nominations and conducting e-election.
* <b>Dr Celia Chalam V.</b> <i>Head, Division of Plant Quarantine, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi</i>		<i>Chairperson</i>
<b>Dr Kavita Gupta</b> <i>Principal Scientist, Division of Plant Quarantine, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi</i>		<i>Member</i>
<b>Dr Bharat H. Gawade</b> <i>Scientist (SS), Division of Plant Quarantine, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi</i>		<i>Member</i>
3.	Organization of the 4th Dr A.B. Joshi Memorial Lecture. (Action : General Secretary & Director, ICAR-NBPGR)	Lecture delivered by Professor Anil Gupta, CSIR Bhatnagar Fellow (2018-21), Founder, Honey Bee Network, SRISTI, GIAN & NIF, Visiting Faculty, IIMA & IITB. Lecture was entitled "Farmers' varieties, grassroots innovations and the emerging role of global genebanks". Some 169 participants attended the lecture on zoom, besides many more on youtube.