

Minutes of the

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

Date: Jan 5, 2022

Time: 12.00 noon onwards

Agenda: Annexure 1

Venue: Hybrid mode- Dr R.S. Paroda Room in ICAR-NBPGR and Online (via Zoom)

Chair	Dr R.S. Paroda	President
EC Members (2019-21)	Dr Kuldeep Singh	Vice President
	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary
	Dr Sunil Archak	Editor-in-Chief
	Dr Dinesh Kumar	Treasurer
	Dr Amit Kumar Singh	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Veerendra Kumar Verma	Councillor (EZ)
	Dr Mohan Lal	Councillor (EZ)
	Dr Kartar Singh	Councillor (WZ)
	Dr Ashok Kumar	<i>Ex-offffico</i> Member
EC Members (2022-24)	Dr R.S. Paroda	President
	Dr R.K.Tyagi	Vice President
	Dr J.C. Rana	Vice President
	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary
	Dr Sunil Archak	Editor-in-Chief
	Dr Sanjeev Singh	Treasurer
	Dr Manjusha Verma	Joint Secretary
	Dr N. Sivaraj	Councillor (SZ)
	Dr Monika Singh	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Kuldeep Tripathi	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Veerendra Kumar Verma	Councillor (EZ)
	Dr Mohan Lal	Councillor (EZ)
	Dr Shailesh Tiwari	Councillor (CZ)
	Dr Ashok Kumar	<i>Ex-offffico</i> Member
Special Invitees	Dr Celia Chalam V.	Chairperson, Election Committee
	Dr Kavita Gupta	Member, Election Committee
	Dr Bharat H. Gawade	Member, Election Committee

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary, welcomed the EC members and informed that Drs R.C. Agrawal, Rakesh Singh, Joseph John K., Sarath Babu B., Pramod Wasudeo Ramteke, Jang Bahadur Singh, Mihir Pandya, Rose Mary Francies, had expressed inability to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of Twelfth EC Meeting held on Oct. 1, 2021 and Action Taken Report

- The minutes of the Twelfth EC Meeting held on Oct. 1, 2021 were confirmed. Thereafter, the ATR report was presented by the General Secretary (*Annexure 2*) along with a brief summary of activities undertaken since the last EC meeting (*Annexure 3*).

Agenda 2: Update on ISPGR Election Result and handing over of documents related to elections

- Dr Celia Chalam V., Election Officer, presented a brief overview of the election process (*Annexure 4*).
- She handed over the results of the ISPGR elections to Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR for record and necessary action.
- All the EC members placed on record their appreciation for the excellent efforts of election committee (Drs Celia Chalam V., Kavita Gupta and Bharat H. Gawade) in smooth conduct of elections 2021. After this, the election committee members were presented with a certificate of appreciation by the President.

Agenda 3: Ratification of ISPGR Election Results by EC

- The EC unanimously ratified the election results (*Annexures 5, 6*).

Agenda 4: Handing over of charge by old to new EC members

- Charge was handed over by old to new EC members. All outgoing EC members expressed their satisfaction on the functioning of the Society under the leadership of Dr R.S. Paroda. New incumbents of EC assured their full cooperation for future.

Agenda 5: Remarks by Director, ICAR-NBPGR

- Dr Ashok Kumar, Director (Acting), ICAR-NBPGR, congratulated the new EC on taking charge. He also placed on record the commendable work undertaken by the Society for the cause of PGR under the dynamic leadership of Dr R.S. Paroda.
- Further, he suggested that the new EC may give greater responsibility to the Councillors to carry out events such as Brainstorming Sessions, Workshops, Conferences etc. at the zonal level.

Agenda 6: Remarks by Vice President (2019-21), ISPGR

- Dr Kuldeep Singh, Genebank Consultant, ICRISAT, Hyderabad, expressed his satisfaction on the election of the new EC members and conveyed his full support in taking forward all the proposed activities of the Society.

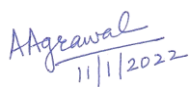
Agenda 6: Remarks by Vice Presidents (2022-24), ISPGR

- Dr J.C. Rana, Regional Coordinator, Alliance for Bioversity International & CIAT, expressed his pleasure for getting the opportunity to serve the PGR community through the new EC of ISPGR. He assured his full support for all the activities of the Society.
- Dr R.K. Tyagi, Coordinator, APCoAB, APAARI, recounted his along association with ISPGR and thanked all the members for once again reposing confidence in him by electing him in the new EC. He shared some of his vision for ISPGR in the next phase, especially regarding the improvement of IJPGR through clear cut terms of reference for both Editorial team and Reviewers.

Agenda 7: Remarks by President, ISPGR

- Dr R.S. Paroda, Chairman, TAAS, thanked the outgoing EC members for their immense contribution and support for the various activities of ISPGR, besides the generous words of appreciation bestowed on him. He congratulated and welcomed the new EC members. He also expressed appreciation for the Election Committee for their professional approach in smooth conduct of ISPGR elections (2021).
- While recapitulating the various activities and output of ISPGR during 2019-21, Dr Paroda placed on record gratitude to the Alliance of Bioversity International & CIAT for their support in successfully organizing the 2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress (Nov 15-18, 2021), as also the National Consultation of Local Food Systems for Health and Nutrition (Oct 22, 2021).
- He suggested that the new EC may soon draw its program of activities for 2022 and benefit from experience of both Vice Presidents to organize regional and global consultations/workshops/brainstorming on topics of current interest, especially focussing on the role of PGRs to diversify our food basket in the light of current pandemic. He also proposed that an event like IAC be organized also at the national level.
- He suggested that Editor-in-Chief and his editorial team develop better strategies to improve the standard of IJPGR.
- He urged that further mobilization of funds be explored to increase the overall financial resources of ISPGR.
- The first meeting of the new EC (2022-24) to be convened at the earliest for early action on all the above matters.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all EC members by the Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary.


11/1/2022

Anuradha Agrawal
(General Secretary)



R.S. Paroda
(President)

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

January 5, 2022 (12.00 noon onwards)
(Hybrid meeting)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82571260344?pwd=dmlsbkRRZnRGOG8vVU9CaIp2bmFuUT09>

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AGENDA

12.00 – 12.10 p.m.	Welcome remarks, confirmation of the Minutes of 12th EC Meeting held on Oct. 1, 2021 and Action taken report	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
12.10– 12.15 p.m.	Update on ISPGR Election Result and handing over of documents related to elections	Celia Chalam V. Election Officer, ISPGR
12.15– 12.18 p.m.	Ratification of ISPGR Election Results by EC	President and EC Members (2019-21) of ISPGR
12.18-12.20 p.m.	Handing over charge by old to new EC members	
12.20-12.25p.m.	Remarks by Director, ICAR-NBPGR	Ashok Kumar <i>Ex Officio</i> Member, ISPGR
12.25-12.35 p.m.	Remarks by Vice Presidents (2019-21)	Kuldeep Singh Vice-President, ISPGR R.C. Agrawal Vice-President, ISPGR
12.35-12.45 p.m.	Remarks by Vice Presidents (2022-24)	J.C. Rana Vice-President, ISPGR R.K. Tyagi Vice-President, ISPGR
12.45– 12.55 p.m.	Remarks by President	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
12.55– 1.00 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	Rakesh Singh Joint Secretary (2019-21), ISPGR
1.00 p.m.	Lunch	

ATR on the Twelfth EC Meeting of ISPGR

	Recommendation	Action
1.	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>(Action : General Secretary)</i></p>	<p>Call for applications of all awards (including the new one for Dr SK Vasal Award for PGR Utilization) was announced on Nov 15, 2021.</p>
2.	<p>Treasurer, ISPGR to collect the corpus from Dr Vasal and deposit the money as FD in the bank.</p> <p><i>(Action : Treasurer)</i></p>	<p>Needful has been done.</p>
3.	<p>During the inaugural function of IAC Dr R.S. Paroda to give the statement on behalf of ISPGR and 'Rome Declaration" draft approval to be given by Oct 8, 2021.</p> <p><i>(Action: President and General Secretary)</i></p>	<p>Needful was done.</p>
4.	<p>For the side event in the 2nd IAC, ISPGR to organize a 'National Consultation on Plant-based local food systems for Health and Nutrition' on Oct. 22, 2021.</p> <p><i>(Action: General Secretary and Editor-in-Chief)</i></p>	<p>Needful was done.</p>
5.	<p>Regarding letter received from ICAR-NBPGR Estate (Sept 27, 2021) for rent recovery for the office room H-204 EC 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..</p> <p><i>(Action: General Secretary and Treasurer)</i></p>	<p>Reply was sent to Director, NBPGR. Accordingly, a revised rent demand received from NBPGR for Rs 59850.00 for last three years vide letter dated Dec. 5, 2021. A draft MoA provided to Director, NBPGR for consideration before payment.</p>
6.	<p>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.</p> <p><i>(Action: Secretary, Joint Secretary and Election Committee)</i></p>	<p>Needful was done</p>

Activities undertaken by ISPGR since last EC Meeting (Oct. 1, 2021)

- **2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress (IAC) (Nov 15-18, 2021)** hosted by the Government of Italy and Alliance for Bioversity International & CIAT (<https://whova.com/portal/webapp/devgo 202107/>).
- National Consultation on **Plant-Based Local Food Systems for Health and Nutrition** (Oct 22, 2021), held virtually, which also featured as a side event of the 2nd IAC.
- Call for ISPGR Awards (Nov 15, 2021, last date of receiving applications-Jan 15, 2022)
- ISPGR Elections (Sept-Dec 2021)
- Publication of IJPGR Vol 34(2), 2021
- Filing of Income Tax Returns (AY 2021-22)

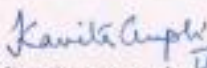
Summary Report by Election Committee (2021)


(Dr V Celia Chalam, Dr Kavita Gupta, Dr Bharat H Gawade)

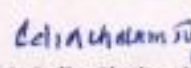
- The Election Committee nominated by ISPGR EC to conduct the 2021 elections of ISPGR EC (2022-24) during September – December.
- Election schedule prepared as per Rules and Guidelines and elections for 16 posts of EC were announced on October 7, 2021.
- Total nominations received = 24
 - 2 found invalid, 2 were withdrawn
- Candidates for the posts of President, Treasurer and Councillor (CZ) elected unopposed.
- No nominations received for 3 posts
 - 2 Councillor WZ and 1 Councillor CZ).
- For remaining 10 posts
 - elections held during November 12 -December 15, 2021, in a hybrid mode.
- Ballots were counted on December 18, 2021 and results announced the same day (see Annexure 4, 5).
- The committee thanked the ISPGR President and EC for reposing faith in them to conduct the ISPGR elections, and the ISPGR Secretariat (especially Mr Sunil Bhardwaj and Mr Arup Das under the supervision of Dr Anuradha Agrawal, GS) for their immense support.

Ballots results (Total ballots = 441 electronic + 3 physical = 444)

Post (No)	Name of elected contestant(s)	Votes obtained
Vice-President	Dr Pratibha Brahmi, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	174
	Dr Ashok Kumar, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	182
	Dr Jai Chand Rana, Bioversity International, New Delhi	205
	Dr R.K. Tyagi, Ex ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	254
General Secretary	Dr Anuradha Agrawal, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	248
	Dr Rakesh Bhardwaj, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	195
Joint Secretary	Dr S.K. Kaushik, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	168
	Dr Manjusha Verma, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	273
Councillors (North Zone)	Dr Sandeep Kumar, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	225
	Dr Monika Singh, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	248
	Dr Kuldeep Tripathi, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	282
Councillors (East Zone) (Two)	Dr Pinaki Acharyya, Dept. of Horticulture Institute of Agriculture Sciences, Kolkata, West Bengal	147
	Dr Mohan Lal, CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat, Assam	266
	Dr. Veerendra Kumar Verma, ICAR-Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya	341
Councillors (South Zone) (Two)	Dr M. Elangovan, ICAR-IIMR, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, Telangana	164
	Dr Rose Mary Francies, KAU, Thrissur, Kerala	229
	Dr Rajappa JJ, ICAR-CTRI, RS Hansur, Mysore, Karnataka	96
	Dr N. Sivaraj, ICAR-NBPGR RS, Hyderabad, Telangana	293


 (Kavita Gupta)
 Member

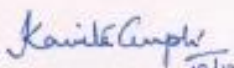

 (Bharat H. Gawade)
 Member

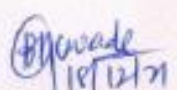

 (V. Celia Chalam)
 Election Officer

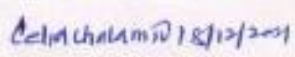
ISPGR Election Results (2021) for EC (2022-24)

Post (No)*	Name of elected contestant(s)	Result
President (One)	Dr R.S. Paroda, TAAS, New Delhi	Elected unopposed
Vice-President (Two)	Dr R.K. Tyagi, Ex ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	254 votes
	Dr Jai Chand Rana, Bioversity International, New Delhi	205 votes
General Secretary (One)	Dr Anuradha Agrawal, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	248 votes
Joint Secretary (One)	Dr Manjusha Verma, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	273 votes
Treasurer (One)	Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	Elected unopposed
Councillor (Central Zone)	Dr Shailesh Tiwari, ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi	Elected unopposed
Councillors (North Zone) (Two)	Dr Kuldeep Tripathi, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	282 votes
	Dr Monika Singh, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi	248 votes
Councillors (East Zone) (Two)	Dr Veerendra Kumar Verma, ICAR-Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya	341 votes
	Dr Mohan Lal, CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat, Assam	266 votes
Councillors (South Zone) (Two)	Dr N. Sivaraj, ICAR-NBPGR RS, Hyderabad, Telangana	293 votes
	Dr Rose Mary Francies, KAU, Thrissur, Kerala	229 votes

*Nominations for two posts of Councillor (West Zone) and one post of Councillor (Central Zone) not received


 (Kavita Gupta) 18/12/21
 Member


 (Bharat H. Gawade)
 Member


 (V. Celia Chalam)
 Election Officer