



Date: Feb 28, 2022 **Time:** 12.00 noon onwards

Agenda: Annexure 1

Venue: Hybrid mode- Dr H.B. Singh Committee Room in ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi and Online (via Zoom)

Chair	Dr R.S. Paroda	President
Members	Dr R.K.Tyagi	Vice President
	Dr Manjusha Verma	Joint Secretary
	Dr Monika Singh	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Kuldeep Tripathi	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Shailesh Tiwari*	Councillor (CZ)
	Dr Mohan Lal*	Councillor (EZ)
	Dr Rose Mary Francies*	Councillor (SZ)
Member Secretary	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary

Agenda 1: Welcome Remarks

- At the outset Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary (GS), welcomed the EC members present physically as well as through online mode*.
- She informed that Drs Ashok Kumar, J.C. Rana, Sunil Archak, Sanjeev Kumar Singh, N. Sivaraj and Veerendra Kumar Verma had expressed inability to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

Agenda 2: Introductory Remarks

- Dr R.S. Paroda, President, congratulated all the newly elected EC members and also welcomed those present in the meeting.
- He recapitulated and appreciated the activities successfully carried out by the previous EC, including the '2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress', National Consultation on 'Plant Based Local Food Systems for Health and Nutrition', Virtual Brainstorming meeting on 'Digital Sequence Information and Germplasm Sharing' etc.
- Inputs provided by ISPGR for the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (BDA) were also highlighted. He informed that the Joint Parliamentary Committee examining the amendments was sensitized about the important issues such as exchange and utilization of plant genetic resources and the need for delegation of powers to ICAR/DARE regarding regulation of agrobiodiversity under the BDA.
- For the forthcoming year, he suggested that new EC needs to focus on

catalyzing the membership of the Society, elevating the status of the IJPGR, organizing the 1st National Agrobiodiversity Congress, and organizing regional level activities with emphasis on local food systems, underutilized crops, minor millets and medicinal plants for food and nutritional security.

- Dr R.K. Tyagi, Vice-President, appreciated the general activities of the Society and placed on record very significant contribution of Dr R.S. Paroda in infusing visibility and vibrancy to ISPGR. He assured his full cooperation in taking the activities of the Society in the new EC, to greater heights.

Agenda 3: Update on ISPGR activities and Calendar of activities proposed in 2022

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal presented the General Secretary's report (*Annexure 3*).
- EC suggested that Zonal Councillors should be pro-active in organizing regional activities keeping in view the importance of local food basket for health and immunity. Proforma for organizing the regional or zonal events to be shared by General Secretary, ISPGR.

(Action: General Secretary)

- Regarding screening and selection of Awards, EC suggested that besides the regular awards, Honorary Fellows may be nominated by the Award Committee, to recognize senior and reputed scientists who have contributed immensely in the field of PGR who may possibly not apply for ISPGR awards/Honorary Fellow.

(Action: General Secretary)

- President, ISPGR suggested that a Committee be constituted for revising the ISPGR Rules & Constitution and the criteria for nominations of awards comprising the following members:

Dr. B. S. Dhillon (Chairperson)

Dr. Bhag Mal (Member)

Dr. R. K. Tyagi (Member)

Dr Anuradha Agrawal (Member Secretary)

The key recommendations from the committee to be placed in EC and General Body (GB) for implementation. GS to inform the committee members and seek their approval and thereafter suitably fix meetings.

(Action: General Secretary)

Agenda 4: Nomination of Councillors from West Zone (2) and Central Zone (1)

- Two posts of Councillors from West Zone, and one from Central Zone were vacant due to absence of nominations by any candidates during the ISPGR elections held in 2021.
- As per Rules of ISPGR, EC is empowered to nominate suitable members for the above posts.

- Nomination of Councillors from West Zone (2) and Central Zone (1) was discussed based on members' specialization, institutional diversity and association of the prospective candidates with ISPGR from the two zones. Thereafter, EC unanimously nominated the following members:

Councillor – Central Zone (1 post)		Dr Surendra Kumar Barpete Grasspea and Faba Bean Breeder, ICARDA-FLRP, Amlaha, Sehore, Madhya Pradesh
Councillor – West Zone (2 posts)	1	Dr Sandip K. Bera Acting Director & Principal Scientist ICAR-Directorate of Groundnut Research, Junagadh, Gujarat
	2	Dr Anil Patidar Scientist, ICAR- Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Regional Research Station, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

- The GS to inform the nominated Councillors accordingly.
(Action: General Secretary)

Agenda 5: Update regarding Journal of ISPGR

- In the absence of Dr Sunil Archak, Editor-in-Chief, the GS presented the report for status of publication of Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources (IJPGR) (Annexure 4).
- Dr R.K. Tyagi expressed his concern for further improvement of IJPGR to increase its impact and visibility by moving towards open-access publication model. Based on his past experience as Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR, for many years he suggested that Editorial Board needs to include committed members with clear terms of reference (TOR) who are ready to accept role/responsibilities of Editor as per TOR and possess required expertise and experience in subject areas. Incentives need to be made to encourage young scientists and research scholars to submit more good quality publications to IJPGR.
- Dr Paroda endorsed the views of Dr Tyagi and suggested following committee may discuss the modalities for elevating the stature of IJPGR, have a relook into formulating IJPGR as an open access/hybrid journal, e-publishing, etc:

Dr. R. K. Tyagi (Chairperson)
Dr Anuradha Agrawal (Member)
Dr Sunil Archak (Chief Editor, IJPGR & Member)
Dr Monika Singh (Member)
Dr Kuldeep Tripathi (Member)
Dr Manjusha Verma (Member Secretary)

Committee to meet at the earliest and provide recommendations in the next EC meeting.

(Action: Joint Secretary & Editor-in-Chief)

Agenda 6: Update regarding accounts

- In the absence of Dr S.K. Singh, Treasurer, the GS presented by status of accounts (*Annexure 5*).
- The EC expressed concerns that no increment in pay of Assistants were considered since 2019 till 2021. Considering the hardships due to pandemic and inflation rate, the EC sanctioned increment of pay to the full time assistant of ISPGR to ₹ 22,000 per month and part time assistant to ₹ 8,000 per month w.e.f. January 1, 2022 with a provision of an annual increment to be decided by EC. Further, the full-time Assistant may also be entitled for re-imburement of Mediclaim Insurance on annual basis.

(Action: General Secretary & Treasurer)

Agenda 7: Any other Item

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal informed that a rent agreement was received from ICAR-NBPGR (*Annexure 5*).
- Due to certain inconsistencies and ambiguities in the agreement, EC suggested that the terms be re-negotiated with the Director, ICAR-NBPGR, before same is signed and executed.

(Action: General Secretary & Treasurer)

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



Anuradha Agrawal
(General Secretary)



R.S. Paroda
(President)

First Meeting of the ISPGR Executive Council (2022-2024)

Monday, Feb. 28, 2022

Hybrid mode

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

Zoom Link :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83113891899?pwd=Wk5kQzcyY1N3NXR4aWNOanhKek1VQT09>

Meeting ID: 831 1389 1899

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AGENDA

12.00 – 12.05 p.m.	Welcome Remarks	General Secretary, ISPGR
12.05 – 12.10 p.m.	Introductory Remarks by Chairman	President, ISPGR
12.10 – 12.25 p.m.	Update on ISPGR activities and Calendar of activities proposed in 2022	General Secretary, ISPGR
12.25 - 12.30 p.m.	Nomination of Councilors from West Zone (2) and Central Zone (1)	General Secretary, ISPGR
12.30-12.35 p.m.	Update regarding Journal of ISPGR	Chief Editor, IJPGR
12.35 - 12.40 p.m.	Update regarding accounts	Treasurer, ISPGR
12.40 - 12.45 p.m.	Any other item, with the permission of Chair	
12.45 - 12.55 p.m.	Concluding Remarks by Chair	President, ISPGR
12.55 – 1.00 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	Joint Secretary, ISPGR

Report of the General Secretary

- The new EC (2022-24) of ISPGR took charge on Jan. 5, 2022. Thereafter, necessary actions taken for change in signatures in bank account of ISPGR (Canara bank) and also information communicated to Registrar of Society for change of EC members.
- A press communique from the Lok Sabha Secretariat issued on Jan 16, 2022 had invited written memoranda/suggestions for the proposed 'Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021' under scrutiny by a select Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC). A preliminary vetting of the Bill showed that there was need to include further changes in the amendment, especially with respect to definitions and delegation of powers for exchange of agrobiodiversity for R&D, etc. Based on guidance and advise of Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR, the Society organized a virtual **Peer Group Meeting** of some selected experts on the matter on **Jan. 22, 2022** (see program details at <http://ispgr.nbpgr.ernet.in/UploadImg/637781893978901729.pdf>). The recorded proceedings of the meeting are available at <https://www.youtube.com/embed/zftQgvmbNmY>. Based on the deliberations of the meeting, a comprehensive note was prepared and sent to the JPC on Jan 29, 2022. The details can be viewed on <http://ispgr.nbpgr.ernet.in/UploadImg/637794828740672153.pdf>.
- The JPC invited ISPGR (along with TAAS) to provide Oral Evidence on the suggestions made for the changes in the 'Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021'. Dr R.S. Paroda and Dr Anuradha Agrawal appeared before the JPC on Feb 21, 2022 and had suitable discussion with members of the JPC. The presentation details can be viewed on <http://ispgr.nbpgr.ernet.in/NewsEvents.aspx?NEid=43>
- Based on this pro-active initiative of ISPGR, it is expected that germplasm exchange of genetic resources for food and agriculture would be better facilitated under the new amendments of the Biodiversity Bill.
- A total of 43 applications received for the various awards of ISPGR (2021), by the last date of applications (Jan. 31, 2022). These are under process for evaluation by expert committee.

Proposed Calendar of events of ISPGR

Date	Venue	
April - 3 rd Week	NBPGR, New Delhi	ISPGR Award Function (2021) 3 rd Dr AD.S. Athwal Memorial Lecture General Body Meeting
August 2022 (3 week)	NAAS New Delhi	National Symposium on 'Current Paradigms in PGR Access, Conservation and Use'
Nov. (First week), 2022	NASC, New Delhi	National Agrobiodiversity Congress (Commemorating 35 Years of ISPGR)

(Anuradha Agrawal)
General Secretary

Report of the Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR

1. Status of Publication of Journal

- Second issue of 2021 Vol 34 (2) published in first week of Jan 2022 - The issue has 15 articles (13 research articles; 2 short communications, 1 PGRN)
- From Vol 34 (3) is final stages of printing (doi stage).
- For Vol 35 (1) is ready for typesetting.

2. Current status of manuscripts

No. of MS under Review	21
No. of MS which only one or both referee comments	16
No. of MS under editorial process	19
No. of MS sent back to authors for revision	24

3. IJPGR to turn an “Open Access Journal” (Seek advice of EC)

- Points of deliberation:
 - Article processing charges with free access vs. Free publication with access charges
 - Change of printer (print-host facility)
- Overhaul of editorial board



(Sunil Archak)
Editor-in-Chief

Report of the Treasurer

April 01, 2021 – Feb. 28, 2022

Cash and Bank Balance		(in Rs)
	<i>Fixed Deposit</i>	74,84,843.99
	<i>Cash in Bank (saving account)</i>	5,77,571.26
	<i>Cash in Hand</i>	11,855.00
	Total	80,74,270.25
Incomes	Membership, donation etc.	24,41,495.00
Expenditure	Journal, Secretarial expenses	19,23,935.00

Income details (in Rs) are as follows:

Donations received		16,50,000.00
<i>M/s Mahyco (for reward money of Dr B.R. Barwale Award, two years)</i>	2,00,000	
<i>Dr S.K. Vasal (for instituting Dr S.K. Vasal Award)</i>	10,00,000	
<i>Bioversity International (for National Consultation, Oct 22, 2021)</i>	2,50,000	
<i>ICRISAT (for National Consultation, Oct 22, 2021)</i>	2,00,000	
IJPGR based income		3,68,252.00
<i>IJPGR Subscription 2021 Diva Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.</i>	162,252	
<i>IJPGR color printing charges</i>	26,000	
<i>Membership (Institutional)</i>	1,80,000	
Membership		4,13,000.00
<i>Membership (Life)</i>	3,10,000	
<i>BISA (5 Years Institutional Membership)</i>	90,000	
<i>Membership (Annual)</i>	13,000	
Bank Interest		10,243.00
TOTAL		24,41,495.00

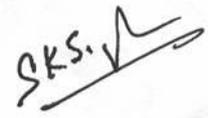
Expenditure details (in Rs) are as follows:

ISPGR Office expenses		3,69,127.00
<i>Salary & honorarium</i>	3,05,300	
<i>Postage</i>	11,328	
<i>Stationery</i>	7,267	
<i>Refreshment for ISPGR EC Meeting</i>	19,478	
<i>Miscellaneous office expenses (Repair and maintenance)</i>	23,401	
<i>Travel (local)</i>	2,353	
ISPGR events		

	<i>ISPGR Award Function (prize money, mementoes, printing. bouquet and banners, photography, etc.)</i>		5,73,588.00
Printing, website			1,52,804.00
	<i>Printing and designing</i>	64,304	
	<i>ISPGR website designing and maintenance</i>	88,500	
IJPGR			2,91,529.00
	<i>IJPGR Vol 33(3), 2020</i>	67,133	
	<i>IJPGR Vol 34(1), 2021</i>	102,648	
	<i>IJPGR Vol 34(2), 2021</i>	121,748	
Chartered Accountant Services			1,56,350.00
Return balance amount of IAC-2016 to BISA			3,80,537.00
		Total	19,23,935.00

ISPGR Membership details

Total ISPGR life members	845
Life Members, April 01, 2021 to Feb 28, 2022	62
Institutional Members, April 01, 2021 to Feb 28, 2022	9
Annual Members, April 01, 2021 to Feb 28, 2022	13



(Sanjeev Kumar Singh)
Treasurer