

Minutes of the

12th General Body Meeting (GBM) of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), New Delhi

Date : Aug. 20, 2022

Time : 2.30 p.m. onwards

Agenda : Annexure 1

Venue:

Physical Venue: Dr H.B. Singh Committee Room, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi

Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83304254317?pwd=dDhJWFh4ZktjVWVjLjJLV3A3R0NpQT09>

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Chair

Dr R.S. Paroda

President, ISPGR

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Vice-President, ISPGR

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Dr Shailesh Tiwari

Councillor (CZ), ISPGR

Dr S. Bera

Councillor (WZ), ISPGR

Dr Anil Patidar

Councillor (WZ), ISPGR

Ex Officio Member

Dr Ashok Kumar

Director, ICAR-NBPGR

Member Secretary

Dr Anuradha Agrawal

General Secretary, ISPGR

Special Invitee

Dr S.K. Vasal

Chairperson, ISPGR Award Selection Committee (2021)

GB Members

Annexure 2

Agenda 1: Welcome Remarks

- At the outset Dr Ashok Kumar, Director, ICAR-NBPGR, welcomed the Chairman, all the members of Executive Council (EC) and General Body (GB) present physically as well as through online mode.
- He appreciated the continued dynamic leadership provided by Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR, not only for ISPGR activities, but also general PGR activities at national and international level. He looked forward to further collaborative activities between ISPGR and ICAR-NBPGR for the cause of PGR.

Agenda 2: Opening Remarks by Chairman

- While welcoming all GB members again, Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR, also congratulated the ISPGR awardees who were bestowed with awards in a function held on the same day in the forenoon. He placed on record his deep appreciation to the members of the ISPGR Award Selection Committee, comprising Dr S.K. Vasal (Chair), Dr B.S. Dhillon, Dr J.L. Karihaloo, Dr R.K. Tyagi and Dr Anuradha Agrawal (Member Secretary) for sparing their valuable time and effort in selection of candidates; sincere efforts made by General Secretary for timely and efficient conduct of award was recognized. He also extended

grateful thanks to Dr S.K. Vasal and Sh. Raju Barwale, Chairman, MAHYCO, for annual financial support towards award money for 'Dr S.K. Vasal Award for Efficient Use of PGR' and 'Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Excellence/Application of PGR', respectively. He encouraged other ISPGR members to contribute in the area of PGR with greater enthusiasm and dedication.

- He recapitulated and appreciated the activities successfully carried out during the year including the '2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress', National Consultation on 'Plant Based Local Food Systems for Health and Nutrition' and the inputs provided for comments on the Biodiversity Amendment Bill including his presentation to the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) etc. He also expressed satisfaction on the various publications of the Society published periodically.
- He informed the GB that the '1st National Conference on Plant Genetic Resource Management (NCPGRM 2022)' was being organized by ISPGR in collaboration with several other partners as ICAR, NAAS, PPV&FRA, TAAS, Alliance for BI & CIAT, ICRISAT etc. from Nov. 22-24, 2022 at New Delhi. He encouraged all members to participate and contribute in making it a success.
- Dr Paroda appreciated EIC, editors and reviewers in helping to achieve the slightly higher grading by NAAS of IJPGR. Further, he informed the GB that a committee had been formed to discuss the modalities for elevating the stature of IJPGR, including making IJPGR as an open access/hybrid journal, e-publishing, comprising following :
 - Dr. R. K. Tyagi (Chairperson)
 - Dr Anuradha Agrawal (Member)
 - Dr Sunil Archak (Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR & Member)
 - Dr Monika Singh (Member)
 - Dr Kuldeep Tripathi (Member)
 - Dr Manjusha Verma (Member Secretary)

He urged that Committee expedite its action to provide recommendations for improvement of IJPGR, at the earliest.

(Action: Joint Secretary, ISPGR and EIC, IJPGR)

- The 9th meeting of the Governing Body (GB) of the 'International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA)' was scheduled to be held from Sept. 19-24, 2022. He urged that ISPGR take active participation in the GB9 for visibility of its varied activities, including issues directly related to the Treaty.
- Dr Paroda emphasized the need for increasing the number of life members. For increasing the membership, members of other related Societies and PGR students need to be encouraged.

(Action: Treasurer, ISPGR and all Zonal Councillors)

Agenda 3: Confirmation of Minutes of 11th GBM, Action Taken Report (ATR) and Progress Report of ISPGR

- The General Secretary (GS), Dr Anuradha Agrawal, welcomed the Chairman and all members of the General Body (GB) and expressed her gratitude for their presence in the meeting.

- The minutes of the 11th GBM held on August 27, 2021 were confirmed.
- The ATR report on the 11th GBM was presented by GS (*Annexure 3*), followed by progress report of ISPGR since the last GBM (*Annexure 4*).
- The GS placed on record deep gratitude to Dr. S.K. Vasal, for the generous contribution of Rs 10.00 lakhs made by him to the Society as a corpus for a new award for efficient use of PGR w.e.f. 2021. Further, he had agreed to contribute Rs one lakh per annum towards the award money in his lifetime.

Agenda 4: Progress of IJPGR by Editor-in-Chief

- Dr Sunil Archak, Editor-in-Chief, presented the report related to publication of IJPGR (*Annexure 5*). He apprised the status of manuscripts, and as well as printing schedule and progress, NAAS rating of the Journal, citation in Google Scholar etc.
- He also presented the minutes of three meetings of the Journal Committee chaired by Dr R.K. Tyagi wherein it was proposed that the IJPGR be published as an open access journal for increasing the visibility and rating of the Journal. He informed that the Journal Committee had recommended proposal by M/S MRI Publishers for open access, and details of which were shared with GB members.
- The GB agreed with the proposal and asked the EIC and Journal Committee to take necessary action for implementation. President suggested that MoA be drafted at the earliest and placed in EC for its further necessary action.

(Action : Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR and Journal Committee)

- With respect to concern was expressed by members regarding absence of name of IJPGR in the UGC-CARE (Consortium for Academic Research and Ethics) list, Dr Sunil Archak urged GB members from agricultural and central universities to recommend the journal through their respective nodal persons in the university to UGC.
- The President appreciated work done by EIC, Editors, Reviewers and ISPGR staff in journal updating.

Agenda 5: Financial Report of ISPGR by Treasurer

- Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Treasurer, presented financial status of ISPGR, including the audited reports for the FY 2021-22 (*Annexure 7*).
- The President placed on record his appreciation Bioversity International and ICRISAT for the financial support for the National Consultation meeting and.

Agenda 8: Remarks by Vice President

- Dr J.C. Rana, Vice President, ISPGR appreciated the activities of ISPGR and thanked the President for his guidabnce and support.
- He also expressed full support in organization of the '1st National Conference on Plant Genetic Resource Management (NCPGRM 2022)' scheduled later in the year.

Agenda 9: Remarks by Chairman

- Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR expressed his satisfaction on the overall activities of the Society.
- He suggested that Zonal Councillors take a more pro-active role in not only increasing membership of the Society but also initiating seminar/symposia at regional level.
- He placed on record thanks to the Director, ICAR-NBPGR for formalizing the office space of ISPGR at NBPGR through a rent agreement.

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



Anuradha Agrawal
(General Secretary)



R.S. Paroda
(President)

Place : New Delhi

Date : September 13, 2022

12th General Body Meeting (GBM) of the ISPGR

August 20, 2022

AGENDA

2.30 – 2.35 p.m.	Welcome remarks	Ashok Kumar Director, ICAR-NBPGR
2.35 – 2.40 p.m.	Opening remarks by Chairman	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
2.45 – 2.55 p.m.	Confirmation of Minutes of 11th GBM ATR and Progress Report of ISPGR	Anuradha Agrawal General, ISPGR
2.55 – 3.05 p.m.	Progress of IJGR, including change of IJGR to open access journal	Sunil Archak Editor-in-Chief, ISPGR
3.05 – 3.10 p.m.	Financial Report of ISPGR	Sanjeev Kumar Singh Treasurer, ISPGR
3.10 – 3.15 p.m.	Any other item, with the permission of chair	
3.15 – 3.25 p.m.	Remarks by Vice President, ISPGR	J.C. Rana Vice President, ISPGR R.K. Tyagi Vice President, ISPGR
3.25– 3.35 p.m.	Chairman's Address	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
3.35 – 3.40 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	Manjusha Verma Joint Secretary, ISPGR

List of Participants of 12th GBM of ISPGR

S.No.	Name of ISPGR member	Affiliation
	EC Members	
1	R.S. Paroda	President, ISPGR
2	J.C. Rana	Vice-President, ISPGR
3	Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary
4	Sunil Archak	Editor-in-Chief, IJGR
5	Manjusha Verma	Joint Secretary, ISPGR
6	Sanjeev Kumar Singh	Treasurer, ISPGR
7	N. Sivaraj	Councillor (SZ), ISPGR
8	Monika Singh	Councillor (NZ), ISPGR
9	Kuldeep Tripathi	Councillor (NZ), ISPGR
10	S. Bera	Councillor (WZ), ISPGR
11	Anil Patidar	Councillor (WZ), ISPGR
12	Ashok Kumar	Director, ICAR-NBPGR
	Physical - ISPGR Members	
13	Anoop Mishra	ICAR, New Delhi
14	Gayacharan	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
15	M.C. Yadav	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
16	P. Saidaiah	CoH, SKLTSHU, Mojerla
17	Padma Gore	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
18	Pratibha Brahmi	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
19	R. Gowthami	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
20	R.K. Gautam	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
21	Rakesh Singh	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
22	S. Rajkumar	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
23	S.R. Pandravada	ICAR-NBPGR, Hyderabad
24	S.K.Vasal	CIMMYT (Retd)
25	Sandhya Gupta	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
26	Subash Chander	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
27	Sunil Neelam	ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad
28	V. Celia Chalam	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
29	Vandana Tyagi	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
30	Veena Gupta	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
	Online	
31	Amish K Sureja	ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
32	Bharat Gawade	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
33	E. Roshini Nayar	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi (Retd)
34	G. D. Sharma	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi (Retd)
35	J L Karihaloo	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi (Retd)
36	Jyoti Kumari	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi

37	K Pradheep	ICAR-NBPGR, Thrissur
38	Lalit Arya	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
39	Latha M.	ICAR-NBPGR, Thrissur
40	Manish Kumar Mittal	ICAR-DMAPR, Anand
41	Narender Negi	ICAR-NBPGR, Shimla
42	Neelam Sharma	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi (Retd)
43	Padma Gore	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
44	Pankaj K. Kannuajia	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
45	Parimalan Rangan	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
46	Pavan Kumar Mallav	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
47	Praveen Singh	ICAR-NBPGR, Thrissur
48	Rakesh Kumar Bairwa	ICAR-DMR, Solan
49	Ramya K Ramasamy	ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
50	Rohini M.R	ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru

ATR and Report of General Secretary

Action Taken Report on the 11th GBM held on Aug 27, 2021

	Recommendation	Action Taken
1.	For publication of IJPGR, it was suggested to drop the idea of tie up with international publishing house. Instead, emphasis be given for open access publication to increase the readership.	<p>The new EC constituted a Committee in its first meeting for elevating the stature of IJPGR, formulating it as an open access/hybrid journal, e-publishing, etc. :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) <p>Many deliberations were held and recommendations of the committee to be placed in the GB for approval (EIC)</p>
2.	Concerted efforts be made to increase the membership (institutional and individual), to reach at least 1,000.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership reached ~870 so far. • All Zonal Councillors have been entrusted with the task of membership drive and likely to meet target by year-end.
3.	GB agreed that elections be announced and conducted as per schedule. Arrangements may be made for logistic support for conducting online mode of elections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Election Committee was nominated by ISPGR EC to conduct elections (Sept-Dec) of ISPGR EC (2022-24). • Election schedule prepared as per Rules and Guidelines and elections held during Nov. 12 –Dec. 15, 2021, in a hybrid mode. • Ballots were counted on December 18, 2021 and results announced the same day .
4.	ISPGR may consider holding a National Dialogue on Local Food System for Health and Nutritional Security. This event may be planned in collaboration with ICAR-NBPGR, and Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Consultation on 'Plant-Based Local Food Systems for Health and Nutrition' (Oct 22, 2021), was held virtually, which also featured as a side event of the 2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress (IAC 2022)

Progress Report of ISPGR

1. Meetings Held

- The 11th General Body Meeting (GBM) of the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR) was held on August 27, 2021 via online mode, under the Chairmanship of Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR (2019-2021).
- Since the last GBM, two meetings of the EC (2019-21) were held on Oct. 1, 2021 and Jan. 5, 2022 and two meetings of the EC (2022-24) were held on Feb. 28, 2022 and June 5, 2022 to discuss and decide the various issues related to activities and growth of the Society. Based on the decisions and suggestions of GB and EC meetings, the activities held and proposed are enumerated hereunder.

2. ISPGR Elections

- An Election Committee was nominated by ISPGR EC to conduct the elections of ISPGR for EC (2022-24) during Sept. – Dec. 2021. Committee comprised **Dr V. Celia Chalam** (Election Officer), **Dr Kavita Gupta** and **Dr Bharat H Gawade** (Co-Opted members).
- Election schedule prepared as per Rules and Guidelines and elections for 16 posts of EC , which were announced on October 7, 2021.
- Total nominations received = 24, of which 2 found invalid, 2 were withdrawn. Candidates for the posts of President, Treasurer and Councillor (CZ) were elected unopposed. No nominations were received for 3 posts (2 Councillor WZ and 1 Councillor CZ).
- For remaining 10 posts elections held during Nov. 12 –Dec. 15, 2021, in a hybrid mode. Ballots were counted on Dec. 18, 2021 and results announced the same day.
- The new EC nominated Councillors from West Zone (2) and Central Zone (1). The Editor-in-Chief from the last EC was requested to continue for another term.
- Results of the Election and names of EC (2022-24) were communicated to the office of Registrar of Societies, as under:

ISPGR EC (2022-24)

President	R. S. Paroda
Vice-Presidents (2)	R.K. Tyagi and J.C. Rana
General Secretary	Anuradha Agrawal
Editor-In-Chief	Sunil Archak
Joint Secretary	Manjusha Verma
Treasurer	S. K. Singh
Councillors (North Zone) (2)	Monika Singh and Kuldeep Tripathi
Councillors (South Zone) (2)	N. Sivaraj and Rose Mary Francies
Councillors (East Zone) (2)	Mohan Lal and Veerendra Kumar Verma
Councillors (Central Zone) (2)	Shailesh Tiwari and Surendra Kumar Barpete
Councillors (West Zone) (2)	Sandip K. Bera and Anil Patidar
<i>Ex-Officio Member</i>	Ashok Kumar (Director, ICAR-NBPGR)

3. ISPGR Awards

- Based on approval from EC (2019-2021), Dr Surinder Kumar Vasal, World Food Laureate (2000) and Distinguished Scientist (Retd) of International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Mexico, contributed a corpus of Rs 10 lakhs to ISPGR for instituting an award 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. Further, Dr Vasal agreed to provide the annual amount of the award (Rs 1 lakh), during his lifetime.
- Accordingly for 2021, besides the regular awards, 'Dr S.K. Vasal Award for Efficient Use of PGR' was announced.
- A total of 43 applications were received, which were processed and documents prepared for scrutiny by the ISPGR Award Committee. The Committee comprised following members:

Dr S.K. Vasal, Eminent Scientist (Retd.), CIMMYT (Chair)

Dr B.S. Dhillon, Former VC, PAU

Dr J.L. Karihaloo, Ex-Director, NBPGR & Ex-Coordinator, APCoAB, APAARI

Dr R.K. Tyagi, Coordinator, APCoAB, APAARI & Former Head, Division of Germplasm Conservation, ICAR-NBPGR

Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary, ISPGR, Delhi (Member Secretary)

- ISPGR Award Committee meeting was held on May 10, 2022 in a hybrid mode. Award recommendations of the Committee were ratified by EC held on June 5, 2022.
- The ISPGR award function was held on August 20, 2022 (forenoon) held at ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi. Dr T. Mohapatra, President NAAS and Former Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR was Chief Guest and Dr R.S. Paroda, President ISPGR, Presided the function. Following awards were given during the ISPGR Award function:

	Name of the Award	Awardee (s)
1.	Honorary Fellows of ISPGR (2021)	Professor Kamal Bawa Department of Biology, University of Massachusetts 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125, USA Dr S.K. Vasal World Food Laureate & Distinguished Scientist, CIMMYT C2-2394, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110070
2.	Dr S.K. Vasal Award for Efficient Use of PGR (2021)	Team-1: Drs A.K. Roy, D.R. Malaviya, P. Kaushal and A. Chandra ICAR-Indian Grassland & Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi-284 003, Uttar Pradesh Team-2: Drs N. Sivaraj, S.R. Pandravada, V. Kamala and P. Saidaiah ICAR-NBPGR Regional Station, Hyderabad-500 030, Telangana
3.	Dr B.R. Barwale Award for	Dr Sujay Rakshit Director

	Application/ Excellence in PGR (2021)	ICAR-Indian Institute of Maize Research PAU Campus, Ludhiana-141 004, Punjab
4.	Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award (2021)	Dr Gayacharan Scientist (Plant Genetic Resources) Division of Germplasm Evaluation ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012 and Dr. Somnath Roy Scientist (Plant Breeding) ICAR-National Rice Research Institute (Central Rainfed Upland Rice Research Station) Post Box 48, Hazaribag-825 301, Jharkhand
5.	Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award (2021)	Drs Anil Patidar, Mahesh C Yadav, Jyoti Kumari, Shailesh Tiwari, Munesh K Kushwah, Mohammed Harun, Vijay Paul and BS Tomar ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012
6.	Dr K.L. Mehra Memorial Award (2022)	Mr Sandip Kumar Panigrahi M.Sc. (PGR) Student ICAR-NBPGR, IARI PG School, New Delhi
7.	Fellows (2021)	Dr. G.P. Rao Senior Scientist C. Germplasm Division, Rubber Research Institute of India, Rubber Board, Kottayam-686 009, Kerala
		Dr. L.V. Subba Rao Principal Scientist & Head, Crop Improvement Section ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500 030, Telangana
		Dr Manjusha Verma Principal Scientist Division of Genomic Resources ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110 012
		Dr Neelam Sunil Principal Scientist, Winter Nursery Centre ICAR-Indian Institute of Maize Research Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500 030, Telangana
		Dr Satish Kumar Yadav Principal Scientist, Division of Germplasm Exchange & Policy Unit ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110 012

4. Events Organized

- The '4th Dr A.B. Joshi Memorial Lecture' was delivered by Professor Anil Gupta, CSIR Bhatnagar Fellow, Founder, Honey Bee Network, SRISTI, GIAN & NIF, Visiting Faculty, IIMA & IITB., on Aug 7, 2021. 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.

- A **National Consultation on 'Plant-Based Local Food Systems for Health and Nutrition'** was held virtually on Oct. 22, 2021. This also featured as a side event of the 2nd IAC 2022.
- **2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress (IAC)** (Nov 15-18, 2021) was hosted by the Government of Italy and Alliance for Bioversity International & CIAT (<https://whova.com/portal/webapp/devgo.202107/>). ISPGR invited to partner in the 2nd IAC and Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR, invited as Member of International Advisory Board of 2nd IAC. Dr Kuldeep Singh, Vice President, invited as Co-Chair of Scientific Committee (Conservation theme). Dr Anuradha Agrawal, Member of International Steering Committee (ISC), Scientific Committee and Communication Committee (CC) of IAC2021. Several ISPGR members participated and presented oral/poster presentations.
- A virtual '**Peer Group Meeting on Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021**' was held on Jan. 22, 2022 to deliberate on proposed Amendments to the Biological Diversity Act. The outputs from the meeting shaped the inputs to the Joint Parliamentary Committee examining the amendments. The JPC 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. ISPGR and TAAS jointly presented oral evidence relating to Biological Diversity (Amendment) Bill, 2021 before the JPC on Feb. 21, 2022
- The **3rd Dr Dilbagh Singh Athwal Memorial Lecture** entitled "Agriculture sustainability and carbon markets" was delivered by Dr Usha Barwale Zehr, Director and Chief Technology Officer at the Jalna-based Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Company Ltd (Mahyco) and Chairperson and Executive Director at Grow Indigo Private Limited. The lecture was delivered on Aug. 20, 2022 during the ISPGR Award function.

Forthcoming events

- A **National Symposium on "Food, Nutrition and Environmental Security: Towards Achieving SDGs"** at New Delhi (29-30 August 2022) to be organized by TAAS, ICAR, NAAS and ISPGR in collaboration with BI & CIAT, ICRISAT, CIMMYT and IRRI.
- A '**National Conference on Plant Genetic Resources Management**' to be organized by ISPGR in collaboration with ICAR, NBPGR, Bioversity International and PPV&FRA, from Nov 22-24, 2022 . First circular announced and can be accessed from ISPGR website.

5. Publications

- Three issues of IJPGR published since the last GBM; fourth to be published within a week, comprising special issue with 80 articles from eminent and expert scientists from all genetic resource components.
- Proceedings and Recommendations of the National Consultation on 'Plant-based Local Food Systems for Health and Nutrition', October 22, 2021. Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi, India, x+50 p. ISBN No.: 978-81-950114-2-1
- Proceedings of the Virtual Brainstorming on 'Digital Sequence Information and Germplasm Sharing'. Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi, India, p. 32+x. ISBN No.: 978-81-950114-1-4
- New ISPGR flier for membership.

6. Administrative matters

- Accounts of ISPGR audited and Income tax return filed for the FY 2021-22.
- ISPGR entered into agreement to pay annual rent of Rs 19,950 .00 (subject to revision in future), for occupying office space in ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi.

I place on record gratitude to President and all EC and GB members of ISPGR for support in all matters of the society



(Anuradha Agrawal)

General Secretary, ISPGR

Report by Editor-in-Chief, IJGR, ISGR

Respected Members of ISGR,

I am happy to present before you the EIC report for the period 2021-22.

The publication status of IJGR is as follows:

Volume	No. of article published	Issue	Due date	Publication date
34	45	1	1 Apr, 2021	01 August, 2021
		2	1 Aug, 2021	03 Dec, 2021
		3	1 Dec, 2021	15 Mar, 2022
35	30	1	1 Apr, 2022	02 June, 2022
		2	1 Aug, 2022	17 August, 2022
	80	3*	1 Dec, 2022	In press

* Total no. of accepted papers for 35 (3) 2022 (Special issue): 80

The number of manuscripts received, processed and published of IJGR publication for the period under report (2021-22) is as follows:

Year	MSS received	MSS rejected	MSS under review	MSS accepted
2021	113	42 (32%)	33	38
2022	64+80 (including special issue articles)	22 (15%)	30	12 +80 (including special issue articles)

Year	2021	2022
Research	31	25
Review	-	02
Short Communication	09	02
Special Issue Articles	-	80
PGR Note	03	01
Debate	01	-
Commentary	01	-
Meeting Report	-	-

The manuscript processing and hosting was done on <http://www.indianjournals.com/> and had following features:

- Average time taken for processing of manuscripts 6.5 months
- Manuscripts submitted ONLY via online channel
- Published articles are immediately available
- Current NAAS rating of IJPGR is 5.54 (2022)
- Indian Citation Index – Research Impact Indicator: 0.096
- Indexed/Abstracted on Google Scholar
- PDF copies of all issues from 1988 till date are available at this site.

To enhance the IJPGR quality/rating, a committee was formed and proceedings are appended as *Annexure 6*.

GB's approval requested for:

1. Open Access publishing
2. Enter into contract with MRI Publishers (Considering the publication expenditure and comparative advantages, Journal Committee recommends)
2. Revision of editorial board based on the revised ToRs as per recommendations of Journal Committee and approval of EC

All the changes will be notified to honorable members via email immediately instead of waiting for the next GB.

I acknowledge the contribution of my fellow editors

Thank you one and all.



(Sunil Archak)
Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR

Minutes of the 1st & 2nd Meetings of the Journal Committee [Executive Council (2022-2024)] to Discuss the Modalities for Elevating the Stature of Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources (IJPGR)

1st Meeting Date: April 13, 2022

Time: 3.00 pm onwards

Venue: Dr R. S. Paroda Committee Room, Division of Germplasm Conservation, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi

Journal Committee Members (2022-2024)	Dr R.K.Tyagi	Vice President	Chairperson
	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary	Member
	Dr Sunil Archak	Editor-in-Chief	Member
	Dr Monika Singh	Councilor (NZ)	Member
	Dr Kuldeep Tripathi	Councilor (NZ)	Member
	Dr Manjusha Verma	Joint Secretary	Member Secretary
	Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh	Treasurer	Special Invitee

Agenda:

Welcome remarks	Dr Manjusha Verma (Member Secretary)
Introductory Remarks	Dr R. K. Tyagi (Chairperson)
Current status of IJPGR: Achievements and Gaps and steps taken for improving IJPGR visibility	Dr Sunil Archak (Chief Editor, IJPGR & Member)
Financial availability	Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Treasurer, ISPGR and Special Invitee
Discussion and recommendations	All members
Vote of Thanks	Dr Manjusha Verma (Member Secretary)

The 1st meeting of the constituted committee to discuss the modalities for elevating the stature of Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources (IJPGR) was held under the chairmanship of Dr. R. K. Tyagi, Vice President, Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), New Delhi.

- Dr Manjusha Verma welcomed the members and invitees, and briefed about the agenda of the meeting.
- Dr. R. K. Tyagi, in his opening remarks, shared the background information of the IJPGR and its journey since the publication of first Issue of IJPGR (hereafter referred to as Journal). He also emphasized the requirement of Open Access and other changes in the Journal that are

needed on the priority to elevate its stature.

- Dr Sunil Archak shared the achievements of the Journal and gaps and steps already taken for improving the Journal's visibility. He briefed about the communications earlier made with the Springer and other Publishers, as well as Scopus (an abstract and citation database) where he shared their constructive and critical comments and feedback to further improve the visibility of the Journal.
- Dr Anuradha Agrawal highlighted the gaps in the Journal, which need to be improved on priority before submission of application form for the evaluation of the upcoming NAAS rating.
- Other members, Dr Monika Singh and Dr Kuldeep Tripathi also supported the concept of Open Access or Hybrid mode for the submissions for publications in the Journal, where Article Processing Charges may be applied to the authors who want to publish under Open Access.
- Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh presented the availability of finance with ISPGR for the printing/publication of the Journal.
- During the deliberations and discussions in the meeting, several action points emerged to take action and collect the required information for further deliberations/discussions which are presented below with proposed Action Taken Report:

Action Recommended by the Journal Committee	Action Taken
1. A timeline for the publication in the Journal needs to be prepared (Action: Editor-in-Chief (EIC), IJPGR)	Timeline for final publication including hard copy First Issue: 1 st April Second Issue: 1 st August Third Issue: 1 st December The accepted sets of Manuscripts need to be submitted to Press before one month of the date of publication of a given issue of Journal.
2. Contributions of the handling editors need to be acknowledged in the Published Article (Action: Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR)	With the overhaul of the publishing pattern being deliberated for IJPGR, contributions of the handling editors will be mentioned at appropriate place of the published articles.
3. The comprehensive Terms of Reference (ToR) for the appointment of the Editorial Team needs to be prepared mentioning the responsibilities/roles of the Editors (Action: Vice President, ISPGR, Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR; Joint Secretary, ISPGR)	Comprehensive Terms of Reference (ToR) for the appointment and responsibilities of the Editorial Team has been prepared. (Annexure I)
4. Editors' nominations to be invited in accordance with the ToR to constitute new and expanded editorial team. with assigned responsibilities (Action: Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR)	EIC had sought suggestions from EC members to scout for able editors and the procedure to adopt as suggested by Journal Committee. EIC has already made changes twice in the editorial team earlier.
5. IJPGR's website has scope of	Functionality and design have been overhauled recently. It is

improvement and can be made more presentable and attractive to the readers and the scientific community (Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR; General Secretary and Joint Secretary)	requested that General Secretary and Joint Secretary may keep a tab on the contents and calendar of update regarding the website.
6. Personal contacts in State Agricultural universities (SAUs)/general universities need to be contacted to write to UGC for adding the IJPGR in the UGC ranking list (All member of EC)	Format for Recommendation of a Journal to UGC has been shared with several University faculties to send the form to include IJPGR in UGC ranking list. Four Universities; viz. KAU, CAU, JNU and Amity University are in the process to send it to UGC.
7. DDG (Education), ICAR may be contacted to issue a request letter to VCs/Director (Research) of SAUs for the above purpose. (General Secretary, ISPGR)	A request to DDG (Education), ICAR has been made to contact VCs/Director (Research) of SAUs write to UGC for adding the IJPGR in the UGC CARE list.
8. As the validity of MoU with the Indian Journals is going to be completed in the month of July, so new terms and reference for open access/hybrid mode may be added based on the final decision (Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR and General Secretary, ISPGR).	Indian Journals were contacted and new terms for Open Access were received. (Annexure II)
9. Online publishers may be contacted for exploring possibilities of Open Access/Hybrid mode of publishing journal in view of financial implications [Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR; Treasurer, ISPGR and Councilors (NZ)].	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications have been made by the Councilors (NZ), Joint Secretary and General Secretary for exploring the possibilities of Open Access/Hybrid mode of publication of the journal in view of financial implications as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ARCC Journals: Communication has been made by Dr Kuldeep Tripathi and further details of the journal e.g. website, frequency, number of articles, publication charges <i>etc.</i> need to be shared so that they can discuss with the management. Springer-Nature: It has been observed that most of the Indian Journals with NAAS rating more than 6.0 are with Springer-Nature. Communication has been made by Dr Monika Singh and Dr Manjusha Verma to Springer-Nature seeking the financial details for hosting or collaboration with the Society. Springer is yet to provide contract terms and financial expenditure required. Taylor and Francis: As discussed in the previous meeting, communications with Taylor and Francis has been made. The form shared by them is filled and some additional information needs to be submitted. IndianJournals.com: Indian Journals has provided an

	<p>estimate for transition to Open Access mode. But their journals have technical barrier that needs to be removed by them in order for ISPGR to consider hosting IJPGR as an Open Access journal with them.</p> <p>5. DKMA: More than 40 ICAR society journals are hosted with DKMA(Indian Journal of Agriculture Sciences, Indian Journal of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Indian Journal of Horticulture, Journal of Oilseed Research, Journal of Indian Society of Soil Science Research, <i>etc.</i>). This option involves very little financial expenditure and needs journal staff to be trained in OJS and journal formatting software for hosting on DKMA server.</p> <p>6. MRI Publication: They offer publishing, marketing, and distribution support to more than 100 journals in India (<i>e.g.</i> Indian Journal of Genetics and Plant Breeding). They have offered a publishing proposal to IJPGR in Open Access.</p>
10. In view of consideration to make the IJPGR in Open Access, the previous issues may be made freely available to the readers (General Secretary, ISPGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation is going on with Indianjournals.com and with the contract ending in July; the process for the uploading of the previous issues will begin.
11. The social networking pages of the Journal (Twitter, Facebook, <i>etc.</i>) need to be updated and recent activities of the Journal, including news of the recently published articles regularly (Councilors (North Zone) in coordination with all respective Zonal Councilors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The twitter page (https://twitter.com/IJPGR) has been updated <i>w.e.f.</i> 9th May 2022. As on 14th June 2022, more than 10 tweets have been posted and the number of existing followers has increased from 100 to 124. • Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/Indian-Journal-of-Plant-Genetic-Resources-IJPGR-101706162543600/Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources) has been created on 5th May 2022. As on 14th June 2022, number of followers has reached to over 160, and 15 posts have been uploaded.
12. The publication of Special Issue after a regular interval may be encouraged where renowned national and international authors may be invited to submit the review articles and special articles/ perspectives/ commentaries. A contact list of prospective authors may be prepared (Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR, Joint Secretary, ISPGR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eminent persons have been invited regularly and followed up regularly. • First, NBPGR senior colleagues need to be requested or invited to provide review articles; all EC members may also be approached to publish articles in IJPGR.

Editorial Board Members (Editors) of Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources (IJPGR)

Terms of References (ToR)

Purpose: The Editorial Board (comprised of Editors and chaired by Editor-in-Chief) will provide scientific and scholarly input, oversight, contacts, and moral support for publication of IJPGR publication in coordination with Editor-in-Chief of IJPGR.

Membership: The Editorial Board Membership is made up of individuals possess subject expertise representative across the wide spectrum of the aims and scope of IJPGR. Additionally, Members are committed to publish at least one of their scientific and scholarly manuscripts in IJPGR annually.

Appointment of Editors: The Editorial Board is chaired by the Editor-in-Chief. Expression of Interest along with brief CV will be invited by Editor-in-Chief from the prospective Editors from NBPGR and beyond. Editors will be appointed by the Executive Committee of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR) on recommendations of Editor-in-Chief for a three-year renewable term. The role of Editorial Board Member is voluntary and non-remunerated; however, handling Editor's contribution will be acknowledged on published articles with his/her consent in advance.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Editors in coordination with Editor-in-Chief will act as champions of IJPGR who preserve and enhance the reputation of IJPGR as a trusted source of high-quality scientific information, including:

1. Journal Development

- a) Assisting to create a database of scholarly but active reviewers in areas of your expertise.
- b) Attending and contributing to periodical Editorial Board meetings.
- c) Discuss and advice Editor-in-Chief, drawing upon their particular expertise, for improvement of IJPGR, *e.g.* editorial scope and focus of the journal, relevant conferences and promotional opportunities, *etc.*
- d) Identifying and suggesting new topics for the journal to explore – commissioning opportunities, special series, advances in the field.

2. Peer Review and Editing

- a) Review manuscripts (maximum 5 in a year) in area of your expertise when requested by the Editor-in-Chief in case of Reviewer failed to meet the timeline or reviewing delayed for unforeseen/unknown reason or where conflicts of interest exist.
- b) Demonstrate confidentiality and objectivity regarding the manuscripts and the peer review process.
- c) Provide recommendations to the Editor-in-Chief regarding the suitability of the manuscript for publication in the IJPGR, if requested.

- d) Editor-in-Chief will assign the manuscript in accordance with the expertise to the Editors for processing of publication; Editor will assess the initial content and quality check, suitability of publication of manuscript as per the scope of IJPGR, facilitate the reviewing process with reviewers, gentle reminders to reviewers (in case reports are delayed) to maintain the timeline, submit the reviewers' report along with recommendations (including own) to Editor-in-Chief to take final decision of acceptance/rejection of the manuscripts.
- e) In addition to assigned manuscript and irrespective of editors' expertise, each Editor to edit and read press page proofs (maximum 8 manuscripts in a year) to ensure the standard format of IJPGR (e.g. format, font size, style, uniformity in general and references in particular, etc.) and citation of latest relevant publications.

3. Ethical and Moral Responsibilities

- a) Protecting the confidentiality of every author's work.
- b) Treating all authors with fairness, courtesy, objectivity, honesty, and transparency.
- c) Promote the journal to their peers, colleagues and students, with the aim of growing the publications community of authors and readers.
- d) Establishing a system for effective and rapid peer review in consultation with Editor-in-Chief.
- e) Represent and promote the journal and advocate for its needs at conferences, seminars and workshops, etc.
- f) Encourage students and colleagues to read and contribute to the journal;
- g) Support the journal by commitment of contributing original scholarly research content where applicable (e.g. research articles, short reports, etc.) at least one manuscript in a year.
- h) Being vigilant in avoiding the possibility of reviewers delaying the assigned manuscript.

4. General

- a) Editors will report and make aware any significant conflict of interest to the Editor-in-Chief.
- b) To deliver publication services effectively, a degree of flexibility is needed and Editors may be requested to perform work not specifically referred to above.
- c) To maintain the highest standards of peer review, Editors are required to follow standard best practice guidelines.

Annexure

Expenditure on Journals Printing(2020-21)			
Issue	No of printed copies	Amount (Rs)	
IJPGR Vol 33(3), 2020	320	67,133	
IJPGR Vol 34(1), 2021	320	1,02,648	
IJPGR Vol 34(2), 2021	150	1,21,748	
Total		2,91,529	
Total Estimated Cost of an open access Issue (Proposed by Diva/ Indian Journals.com)			
Items	Article No's	Amount/Items	Total
Plagiarism check	15 MS	500	7500*
Editing Cost	150 pages	50/page	7500
Pagination Cost	150 pages	50/ page	7500
DOI Cost	15 articles	125 / article	1875
JATS	150 pages	15 / page	2250
Open Access hosting	10,000/issue	10,000	10,000
Printing Cost (100 Pages with 4 colour page, art paper etc	50 copies	235	11,750
Annual maintenance cost	5,000	01	5,000
		Total	53,375
		GST@18%	9,607
		Grand Total	62,982
Total Estimated Cost of an open access Issue (Proposed by MRI Publication)			
Services	Amount (INR)	Remarks	
Web Development+ Online Manuscript Review System	84,000/-	One-time payment only	
Issue processing	200/- per page	Copyediting, proofreading, formatting, XML based process, typesetting, metadata formation, Metadata hosting, Advanced search, etc.	
DOI generation	150/- per article	XML-based submission at CrossRef with dedicated pre-fix.	
Plag check (Similarity check)	125/- per article		
Annual web Maintenance charges (AMC)	30,000/- (annual)		
Archival hosting	50/- per article	XML-bases process	
Note:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Any change in the specifications will change the price.The mentioned price is exclusive of all taxes (GST, if applicable) & freight cost (on actuals, if applicable) and subjected to increase by 10% per annum.Print charges on copies/ specifications will be shared on-demand.			

2nd Meeting Date: June 3, 2022

Time: 10.30 am onwards

Venue: Virtual (ZOOM)

**Journal Committee
Members
(2022-2024)**

Dr R.K. Tyagi	Vice President	Chairperson
Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary	Member
Dr Monika Singh	Councillor (NZ)	Member
Dr Manjusha Verma	Joint Secretary	Member Secretary

Agenda:

Welcome remarks	Dr Manjusha Verma (Member Secretary)
Introductory Remarks	Dr R. K. Tyagi (Chairperson)
Discussion and suggestions based on the information collected from various publishers	All members
Vote of Thanks	Dr Anuradha Agrawal

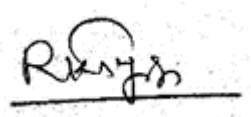
The 2nd meeting of the constituted committee was held to take stock of the available options for publishing IJPGR under the chairmanship of Dr R. K. Tyagi, Vice President, ISPGR, New Delhi.

- Dr Manjusha Verma welcomed the members and briefed about the agenda of the meeting.
- Dr R. K. Tyagi, in his opening remarks emphasized the importance of reaching to a decision for selecting mode of publication (Open Access/Hybrid) and a viable option to select the publisher as the contract with the current publisher is coming to an end in July.
- Dr Anuradha Agrawal stressed upon need to select a publisher that would not drain the society financially and be a sustainable choice.
- Dr Manjusha Verma gave an overview of the alternatives available to be presented before the EC.
- All the committee members made efforts to explore options to make the IJPGR an Open Access Journal in order to enhance its visibility and readership throughout the globe.

Based on the meetings held on April 13, 2022 (physical) and June 3, 2022 (virtual mode), the following suggestions are being submitted to the EC:

1. The Journal Committee members have explored the options for making the IJPGR an Open Access Journal and communicated with the online publishers in view of financial and technical requirements and approval of the Executive Council (2022-2024) is sought to make IJPGR Open Access with one suitable (above listed) publisher on the basis of comparative advantages with a focus on enhancing the visibility of IJPGR.
2. Considering the publication expenditure and comparative advantages, Journal Committee recommends (in preference of order) IJPGR may be published in Open Access with either with DKMA or MRI. However, Journal Committee needs some more time to negotiate with IndianJournal.com to remove the technical barriers, as its MoU is due to end in July 2022.

3. Since Springer has not shared the terms of reference as yet, Journal Committee may be allowed to explore this option also in future.
4. For the time being, IJGR need not have any publication fees and the cost of publication is to be borne by the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources as practiced in the past.
5. ToRs for appointment of Editors may be approved as per recommendations of Journal Committee (Annexure 1)



RK Tyagi
(Chairman)



Anuradha Agrawal
(Member)



Sunil Archak



(Member)

Monika Singh
(Member)



Kuldeep Tripathi
(Member)



Manjusha Verma
(Member Secretary)

Minutes of the

3rd Meeting of the Journal Committee constituted by the Executive Council (2022-2024)] to discuss the modalities for elevating the stature of IJPGR

Date: July 27, 2022

Time: 11.00 am onwards

Agenda: Discussion with MRI

Publication and decision amongst
Journal Committee members
thereof

Venue: ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi(virtual mode)

Following members of Journal Committee and special invitees attended the meeting:

	Dr R.K. Tyagi, Vice President	Chairperson
	Dr Manjusha Verma, Joint Secretary	Member Secretary
	Dr Sunil Archak, Editor-in-Chief	Member
	Dr Monika Singh, Councillor(NZ)	Member
	Dr Kuldeep Tripathi, Councillor (NZ)	Member
	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Treasurer	Special Invitee
Representatives from MRI Publication	Mr. Ashwani Shukla	Special Invitee
	Mr. Pradeep Tiwari	Special Invitee

As suggested by EC, a meeting of the duly constituted Journal Committee to discuss the modalities for elevating the stature of Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources (IJPGR) was held under the chairmanship of Dr. R. K. Tyagi, Vice President, Executive Council, ISPGR. This was third meeting in series to identify suitable publisher for consideration of EC. All members of the Journal Committee were present, except Dr. Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary, ISPGR due to prior commitments. All members of Journal Committee were of the opinion that a representative of MRI Publication Pvt. Ltd, Lucknow, who quoted competitive price, should also be invited to make a presentation on functionality of online system and further detailed discussion. Therefore, in this meeting, representatives from MRI Publication were also invited to present the functionality of MRI Publication (OJS) Open Journal Systems.

- Dr Manjusha Verma welcomed the members and invitees, and briefed about the agenda of the meeting.

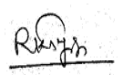
- Dr. R. K. Tyagi, in his opening remarks, shared that this is the phase to re-craft IJPGR as an open access to increase the visibility globally. He also suggested that since representatives of MRI Publications are also present, we need to discuss with them the technical and financial part of their proposal in detail.
- Mr. Ashwani Shukla from MRI Publication gave a detailed presentation on MRI Publication (OJS) Open Journal Systems. He shared the strengths of MRI including collaborative access, high end web services, automation, global reach with high readership, *etc.* He presented the standard services provided and that so far more than 2400 research oriented corporate are working in collaboration with MRI. He also explained the financial specifications and proposal.
- Dr Sunil Archak (Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR) raised few queries on the plagiarism checking, webpage, proof reading of format after submission of an article, article processing charges and modalities of open access that were deliberated by the MRI representatives. Other members – Dr Manjusha and Dr Monika also participated in the discussion and raised pertinent questions and queries related to the global reach of the journal, open access, indexing and citations, charges for DOI assigning, *etc.* Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh (Treasurer, ISPGR) also discussed some financial queries.
- All Committee members were satisfied with the functionality of MRI Publication (OJS) Open Journal Systems and the professional approach with adequate experience to handle the system and other related operations of MRI Publications.
- Dr Tyagi was of the opinion that although we need to enhance the visibility of the IJPGR but at the same time the competitive advantages *vis-à-vis* the expenditure to be incurred for bringing IJPGR in Open Access to be weighed thoroughly. He discussed that the costs proposed (originally) by the MRI Publications for Web Development + Online Review System (one time cost), Archival hosting of old papers, Plagiarism check, and Annual Web maintenance cost (annual) are on higher side which can be rationalized by the MRI Publications. Also, he pointed out that the annual increment of cost (10%) should be done away from the proposal. Dr Tyagi requested that the price of a hard copy (approximately 15 articles; 100 pages; *pro rata* per page cost) also should also be quoted by the MRI Publications. Mr Pradeep Tiwari, Representative of MRI Publications, agreed to discuss the above suggestions with his team and will rationalize the above cost and submit revised financial proposal.
- In the revised quote, MRI Publications has reduced the cost of Web Development + Online Review System (one time cost) to INR 78,000 from INR 84,000, Archival hosting of old papers to INR 40/article from INR 50/article, Plagiarism check to INR 110/article from INR 125/article, and Annual Web maintenance cost (annual) to INR 28,000 from INR 30,000. Also, MRI has also agreed to propose that there will be no annual increment (which was originally proposed as 10%/ annum) for three years.

Based on the discussions held during the meeting, following recommendations are made for consideration of the EC:

13. As the Committee has explored some publishers, discussed their scope of functioning along with the financial considerations from each and as per the discussion held in the three meetings and during the intervening period, it is now proposed that the Society may proceed for publication with MRI Publication (OJS) Open Journal Systems for open access,

subject to approval of EC. (All EC members)

14. On the basis of the revised financial proposal submitted by the MRI representatives considering the negotiations done by the Committee, based on which a contract will be drafted for a period of 5 years between ISPGR and MRI Publication (OJS) Open Journal Systems. (All EC members)



(R.K. Tyagi)



(Sunil Archak)



(Manjusha Verma)



(Monika Singh)



(Kuldeep Tripathi)



(Sanjeev Kumar Singh)

Report by Treasurer, ISPGR

- The Audited Report of accounts of ISPGR for the FY 2021-22 are attached as *Annexure 8*. The summary of accounts are as follows:

BANK BALANCE AND CASH	
Fixed Deposit	74,84,843.99
Amount in Bank (Saving account)	7,38,640.26
Cash in Hand	703.00
Total	82,23,187.25
INCOMES	
Memberships, journal subscription and donations	31,20,473.29
EXPENDITURE	
ISPGR Office expenses, publications, award function, postage, TA, etc.	21,75,852.12

- A summary of the financial status of ISPGR for the current FY (2022-2023) for the period April 1 to Aug. 19, 2022 is given below:

BANK BALANCE AND CASH	
Fixed Deposit	76,84,547.99
Amount in Bank (saving account)	8,66,675.26
Cash in Hand	10,500.00
Total	85,61,723.25
INCOMES	
Membership, journal subscription and donations	4,92,118.00
EXPENDITURE	
ISPGR Office expenses, publications, postage etc.	4,84,211.00

- The ISPGR Membership details are as follows:

Total ISPGR life members	860
Annual/Institutional Members (2022)	9
Organizations	132



(Sanjeev Kumar Singh)

Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT (FY 2021-22)



DADU DADOO & ASSOCIATES

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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, 2022 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, 2022; 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: 006760N

(MAHENDRA DADU)
 Partner
 M.NO: 083625
 Date - 27.7.2022
 Place - New Delhi

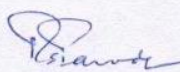


AUDITOR'S REPORT (FY 2021-22) (contd.)

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2022

	PARTICULAR	AMOUNTS
LIABILITIES		
A	GENERAL RESERVE	
	Balance brought forward	78,04,312.01
	Add: Surplus during the year	9,44,621.17
		87,48,933.18
B	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
	Auditor's Remuneration payable	26,550.00
		87,75,483.18
ASSETS		
A	FIXED ASSETS	
	Computer & Allied Accessories	3,422.66
	Less: Depreciation	1,369.06
		2,053.60
	HP Printer	24,982.11
	Less: Depreciation	3,747.32
		21,234.80
	Office Equipment	3,105.93
	Less: Depreciation	465.89
		2,640.04
	Office Furniture	2,41,260.52
	Less: Depreciation	24,126.05
		2,17,134.46
	Microwave & Freeze	12,650.98
	Less: Depreciation	1,897.65
		10,753.33
	Hitachi AC	19,500.00
	Less: Dep	7,800.00
		11,700.00
	Investment	
	Fixed Deposit	74,84,843.99
	Interest on FD (A.Y. 22-23)	1,77,640.48
		76,62,484.47
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
	TDS on FD (A.Y. 22-23)	6,116.00
		1,08,139.23
C	CASH & BANK BALANCES	
	Cash in Hand	703.00
	Cash at Bank	7,38,640.26
		7,39,343.26
		87,75,483.18


(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: 27.7.2022


Place: New Delhi

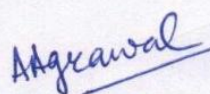
AUDITOR'S REPORT (FY 2021-22) (contd.)

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

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2022

PARTICULAR	AMOUNTS
A INCOMES	
Institutional Membership Fees	3,35,000.00
Life Membership Fees	3,30,000.00
Annual Membership Fees	16,000.00
IJPGR Subscription	1,62,253.00
Donation	6,50,000.00
Interest(Bank)	10,243.00
Interest on FD	3,69,197.29
Grant from ICAR for Publication	2,00,000.00
Cost of Colour Printing	44,000.00
Corpus for Dr. SK Vasal Award	10,00,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	3,780.00
TOTAL	31,20,473.29
B EXPENDITURES	
Publication Expenses of IJPGR Journal	3,60,724.00
Other Publication Expenses	81,085.00
Office Expenses	1,33,921.15
Stationery	8,507.00
Secretarial Expenses	3,88,644.00
Professional Charges	1,29,800.00
Auditor's Fees	26,550.00
Depreciation	39,405.97
Bank Charges	1,714.00
ISPGR Award Function	5,36,464.00
Website Expenses	88,500.00
VAT Payment - BISA	3,80,537.00
TOTAL	21,75,852.12
C SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) During the year	9,44,621.17


(President)


(Secretary)


(Treasurer)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

"As per our separate report of even date attached"

for Dadu Dadoo & Associates

Chartered Accountants

FRN: 006760N

