

Minutes of the

Third Meeting of the Executive Council (2022-2024) of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), New Delhi

Date: October 3, 2022

Time: 12.00 noon onwards

Agenda: Annexure 1

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

Chair	Dr R.S. Paroda	President
Members	Dr J. C. Rana	Vice President
	Dr Sunil Archak	Editor in Chief
	Dr Manjusha Verma	Joint Secretary
	Dr S. K. Singh	Treasurer
	Dr Monika Singh	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Kuldeep Tripathi	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Shailesh Kumar Tiwari	Councillor (CZ)
	Dr S.K. Barpete*	Councillor (CZ)
	Dr Sivaraj N.*	Councillor (SZ)
	Dr Rose Mary Francies*	Councillor (SZ)
	Dr Veerander Kumar Verma*	Councillor (EZ)
	Dr S.K. Bera*	Councillor (WZ)
Ex-Officio Member	Dr Ashok Kumar	Director, ICAR-NBPGR
Member Secretary	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary

Agenda 1: Welcome Remarks

- At the outset Dr Ashok Kumar, Director (Acting), ICAR-NBPGR welcomed the EC members present physically as well as through online mode.
- Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary (GS) informed that Dr R.K. Tyagi, Vice-President, Dr Anil Patidar, Councillor (WZ), and Mohan Lal, Councillor (EZ), had expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to other commitments.
- Dr R.S. Paroda, President, welcomed the EC members. He congratulated ICAR-NBPGR for getting second rank among 93 ICAR institutes, which was indeed very satisfying. It gives credit to all staff for general recognition of their work. He also expressed his appreciation for bringing out a special volume of IJPGR (80 articles) in a very short time and specially congratulated Dr Sunil Archak, Editor-in-Chief, other Guest Editors and the ISPGR staff for their excellent effort. He also desired

that the issue be circulated widely since it contains very valuable information. Further, Dr Paroda appreciated the initiatives taken for the 1st National Conference on Plant Genetic Resources (NCPGRM) and hoped that it is followed in future as a rolling event every 3 years.

Agenda 2: Confirmation of the Minutes of Second EC Meeting held on June 6, 2022 and Action Taken Report

- The minutes of the Second EC (2022-24) meeting held on June 6, 2022 were duly confirmed.
- Action Taken Report on recommendations of the Second EC meeting were presented by General Secretary, Dr Anuradha Agrawal (*Annexure 2*).

Agenda 3: General Secretary's Report

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal presented the General Secretary's report (*Annexure 3*).
- Dr R.S. Paroda, President, ISPGR, complimented Dr Anuradha on the excellent work carried out, as well as her very systematic and thorough report presentation. He also complimented her for the Award function and Lecture organised and said that Dr Kamal Bawa be contacted so that ISPGR Honorary Fellow award is bestowed on him on a suitable occasion when he visits Delhi next.
(*Action: General Secretary, ISPGR*)
- Dr Paroda extended a personal note of thanks to all, especially sincere efforts of General Secretary, ISPGR, Dr Anuradha Agrawal and Dr Bhag Mal for the organization of his 80th birthday celebrations. He also appreciated the efforts of them along with those of Sonal Dsouza, Simmi Dogra and the expert Team from IARI for a short film produced on the occasion of his 80th birthday.
- He also expressed satisfaction on the visibility that ISPGR got through its participation in GB9 of ITPGRFA. Also the efforts of society were praiseworthy regarding revision of Biodiversity Act, besides the active participation in the 2nd International Agrobiodiversity Congress and ensuring that it becomes a rolling event as 3rd IAC will be held in China by Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) and Alliance of Bioversity International & CIAT.

Agenda 4: Update on Organization of National Conference

- Dr Manjusha Verma, Joint Secretary, ISPGR shared progress made in organization of 'National Conference on PGR Management (1st NCPGRM)', to be held on November 22-24, 2022. She informed that all Chairs, Co-Chairs and Speakers had been given invitations as per draft program.

- President, ISPGR suggested necessary technical and logistic arrangements be made for organizing the event nicely.

(Action: Drs Manjusha Verma, Sanjeev Singh, J.C. Rana, R.K. Tyagi and Anuradha Agrawal)

Agenda 5: Editor-in-Chief's report

- Dr Sunil Archak, Editor-in-Chief (EIC), presented the report for status of manuscripts under process and status of publication of Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources (IJPGR) (*Annexure 4*).
- Further, Dr Archak sought approval of EC for signing contract with M/s MRI Publications for hosting the IJPGR issues on an open access website offered by them, along with signing of contract with them for online publication, as approved by the Journal Committee constituted for the purpose. EC accordingly endorsed the proposal that IJPGR issues from Volume 36 (1), 2023 to be hosted in the new website. Also, the new Editorial Board be suggested by EIC in the next EC meeting.

(Action: Editor-in-Chief)

Agenda 7: Treasurer's report

- Dr S.K. Singh, Treasurer, presented the status of accounts (*Annexure 5*). President desired that efforts be made in NCPGRM for increased participation and registration of new members.

(Action : Treasurer)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all EC members by Dr Kuldeep Tripathi, Councillor (NZ).



Anuradha Agrawal
(General Secretary)



R.S. Paroda
(President)

Date: Dec. 10, 2022

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

Monday, Oct. 3, 2022

Hybrid mode

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

Zoom Link :

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82196320003?pwd=YzZSVjRTOEszWnBkSnJvRkN3LzArZz09>

Meeting ID: 821 9632 0003

Passcode: 405307

AGENDA

12.00 – 12.05 p.m.	Welcome Remarks	Ashok Kumar Director, ICAR_NBPGR
12.05 – 12.10 p.m.	Introductory Remarks by Chairman	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
12.10 – 12.20 p.m.	Confirmation of the Minutes of Second EC (2022-24) Meeting held on June 5, 2022 Action Taken Report General Secretary's report	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
12.20 – 12.30 p.m.	Update on Organization of National Conference	Manjusha Verma Joint Secretary, ISPGR
12.30 – 12.40 p.m.	Editor-in-Chief's report, including progress on open access system for IJPGR	Sunil Archak Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR
12.40 – 12.45 p.m.	Treasurer's report	S.K. Singh Treasurer, ISPGR
12.45 – 12.50 p.m.	Any other item, with the permission of Chair	
12.50 – 1.00 p.m.	Remarks by Vice Presidents	J.C. Rana R.K. Tyagi Vice-President, ISPGR
1.00 – 1.10 p.m.	Concluding remarks by Chairman	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
1.10 – 1.15 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	Kuldeep Tripathi Councillor (NZ), ISPGR

Action Taken Report of the Second EC Meeting held on June 6, 2022

	Recommendation	Action Taken
1.	<p>Committee be constituted for revising the ISPGR Rules & Constitution and the criteria for nominations of awards comprising the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr B.S. Dhillon (Chairperson) • Dr Bhag Mal (Member) • Dr R.K. Tyagi (Member) • Dr Anuradha Agrawal (Member Secretary) <p>The key recommendations from the committee to be placed in EC and General Body (GB) for implementation. (Action: General Secretary)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISPGR Constitution shared by email with all the EC members seeking the required modifications/changes, especially with respect to ISPGR awards and terms for election to various positions. • All Committee members informed and consent sought. • Relevant documents shared with all members. • First meeting to be held on Oct. 7, 2022.
2.	<p>With respect to renewal of contract with Diva Enterprises, EC suggested that before signing the new contract, decision regarding open access publication of IJPGR to be finalized, which was currently under review of the Journal Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr R.K. Tyagi. (Action: General Secretary and Journal Committee)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The contract with open access publication is almost final and to be approved in the 3rd EC meeting. • Thereafter, the contract with DIVA Enterprises to be renewed.
3.	<p>Regarding Proceedings and Recommendations of the National Consultation on 'Plant-based Local Food Systems for Health and Nutrition', President, ISPGR urged that copies be printed at the earliest and circulated amongst all concerned participants and members of ISPGR. (Action: General Secretary)</p>	<p>Proceedings published and released on Aug 20, 2022.</p>
4.	<p>Organization of National Conference President, ISPGR suggested that a core group of EC members to critically check the proposal and develop a final program and circulate to all members. First circular to be shared at the earliest (July 2022) and necessary arrangements be made for organizing it suitably.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A core organizing committee formed. Dr Manjusha Verma identified as Organizing Secretary. • Coorganizers identified and first circular was drafted and issued in mid August. • Technical program committee formed under Chairmanship of Dr PL Gautam. Three Meetings held. • Details of technical program to be

	<i>(Action: Drs R.K. Tyagi, J.C. Rana, Anuradha Agrawal and Sunil Archak)</i>	discussed in present EC
5.	Dr Sunil Archak, EIC, suggested that to coincide with the 80 th birthday (August 28, 2022) of Padma Bhushan Dr R.S. Paroda, Founder & Current President, ISPGR, a special issue of IJPGR is proposed to be brought out. EC approved the proposal, in principal, and suggested that expeditious action may be taken accordingly. <i>(Action: Editor-in-Chief)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A special issue of IJPGR with 80 articles was prepared, published and released in a function held on August 29, 2022.
6.	EC approved the Auditor's Report. President desired that report be signed and ITR submitted well in time. Treasurer proposed that around 50% Fixed Deposits, that are for one year each, could be converted into five year FDs to get better rate of interest. EC appreciated the proposal and suggested that few FDs with large amount be converted into 5-year FDs at the time of next renewal. Caution, however, be taken to ensure availability of funds for operational expenses. <i>(Action: Treasurer and General Secretary)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit report signed and presented in GBM • ITR filed • Three FDs (Rs 12.33 lakhs each) matured in June 2022, fixed for 5 years.
7.	EC suggested that the Journal Committee should take the decision to go for selection of a suitable publisher or platform for making IJPGR open access to increase impact and visibility. The EC opined that the option may be involving a financial expenditure but should be sustainable as ISPGR is to bear the cost of publication. It was desired that the Committee may take a final decision soon, preferably within a month.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal Committee has identified M/S MRI Pvt Ltd, Lucknow. • MoA details to be discussed in 3rd EC meeting.
8.	Regarding activities to be facilitated by the Zonal Councillors, EC suggested that detailed proposals comprising concept note, program outline, registration fee and financial estimate be obtained for examining the proposal.	Detailed proposals are awaited as yet.

Report of the General Secretary

- Minutes of 2nd EC meeting were circulated on June 19, 2022. All ISPGR awardees were informed about their results, thereafter.
- The 3rd Dr D.S. Athwal Memorial Lecture planned and organized on August 20, 2022 (speaker invitation, memento, leaflet printing). Lecture was delivered by Dr Usha Barwale Zehr, Chairman and Executive Director, Grow Indigo Pvt. Ltd, entitled “Agriculture sustainability and carbon markets”.
- Award function planned and organized on August 20, 2022 (citations, plaques, certificates, etc.). It was presided by Dr RS Paroda, President, ISPGR and Dr T. Mohapatra, Ex Secretary DARE and DG, ICAR was the Chief Guest. The latest volume of IJPGR 35(2) was released on the occasion. Also released was the “Proceedings and Recommendations of the National Consultation on Plant-based Local Food System”.
- Organized the 12th General Body Meeting of ISPGR on August 20, 2022 in a hybrid mode. Minutes of meeting shared on Sept. 13, 2022.
- ISPGR co-organized the National Symposium on ‘Food, Nutrition, Health and Environmental Security: Aiming to Achieve SGDs’ (organized by TAAS, in collaboration with ICAR, NAAS etc.) during Aug 29-30, 2022.
- During ‘National Symposium on Food, Nutrition and Environmental Security’ dedicated to Dr Raj Paroda on his 80th birthday, TAAS, NAAPS, ISPGR and Alliance of Bioversity International & CIAT jointly organized a felicitation function in the evening of 29 August, 2022. On this occasion, a Special issue of IJPGR Vol 35(3), 2022, comprising 80 articles on agrobiodiversity was released. A special film entitled ‘Transformation of Agricultural Research System’ depicting Dr Paroda’s contributions was screened, which had been jointly made by ISPGR, TAAS and IARI.
- ISPGR EC representatives (Drs Anuradha Agrawal, Kuldeep Singh, Sanjeev Kumar Singh) and few other members participated in the Ninth Governing Body Meeting (GB9) of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources (ITPGRFA) held in Delhi from 19-24 Sept, 2022. ISPGR participated in the exhibition held on the occasion.
- Facilitated in seeking yearly contributions (Rs 1 lakh each) from Dr S.K. Vasal and Dr Raju Barwale towards the ISPGR awards.
- Audit report for FY 2021-22 arranged through CA office.
- Three Fixed Deposits of Rs 13,22,029.85 each were placed for 5 years renewal in June 2022, instead of the usual one year, as per decision of EC in last meeting.
- Proposed Calendar of Events (2022) of ISPGR

Date	Venue	Event
Nov. 22-24, 2022	NASC, New Delhi	1 st National Conference on PGR Management (NCPGRM)

Anuradha Agrawal

(Anuradha Agrawal)
General Secretary

Report of Editor-in-Chief, Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources

Publication status				
Volume no	No of articles published	Issue	Due date	Publication date
35	15	1	1 Apr, 2022	02 June, 2022
	15	2	1 Aug, 2022	17 August, 2022
	80	3	1 Dec, 2022	29 August, 2022

1. IJPGR 35 (1) and 35 (2) 2022 published on time.
2. Third issue of the year 2022, IJPGR 35 (3) 2022 published in advance as a special issue as a mark of 80th Birth Anniversary celebration of the founder and the current president of ISPGR, Dr RS Paroda.
3. I thank the section editors PGR: Dr Anuradha Agrawal; FGR: Dr Kuldeep Lal; AGR: Dr. B. P. Mishra; IGR: Dr M. Nagesh; MGR: Dr AK Saxena as well as all the contributors.
4. The special issue is available at <http://ispgr.nbpgr.ernet.in/80.html>

(Sunil Archak)
Editor-in-Chief

Report of the Treasurer

Summary of Financial Status of ISPGR is as follows:

Cash and Bank Balance		(in Rs)
	<i>Fixed Deposit</i>	76,84,547.99
	<i>Cash in Bank (saving account)</i>	2,91,414.26
	<i>Cash in Hand</i>	14,000.00
	Total	79,89,962.25
Incomes	Membership, donation etc.	7,06,118.00
Expenditure	Journal, secretarial expenses	11,28,011.00

Expenditure details (in Rs) are as follows:

	Salary, arrear & honorarium of staff	2,78,905	
	Rent of ISPGR Office	49,994	
	Printing of Proceedings of National Consultation	96,536	
	Stationery	4,555	
	Postage	3,033	
	ISPGR award function	4,30,298	
	Audit fess for CA 2021-22	26,550	
Journal	IJPGR Vol 34(3), 2021	69,195	
Journal	IJPGR Vol 35 (1), 2022	80,168	
Journal	IJPGR Vol 35 (2), 2022	88,777	
Journal	IJPGR Vol 35 (3), 2022	1,50,000	Advance
Total		12,78,011	

Income details (in Rs) are as follows:

IJPGR Subscription 2021-22 Diva Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.	1,37,191
Donation of Dr. B.R. Barwale Awards 2021	1,00,000
Donation of Dr S.K. Vasal Awards 2021	1,00,000
Registration fee for NCPGRM 2022	32,000
Membership (Institutional)	1,00,000
Membership (Life)	2,00,000
Membership (Annual)	13,000
Bank Interest	9,927
Color Printing of IJPGR	14,000

TOTAL	7,06,118
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ISPGR Membership details:

Total ISPGR life members	900
Institutional Membership from 1 st April to 3 rd Oct 2022	5
Life Members from 1 st April to 3 rd Oct 2022	40
Annual Members from 1 st April to 3 rd Oct 2022	13



(Sanjeev Kumar Singh)

Treasurer