



*Minutes of the*

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

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**Date:** Apr 03, 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)

<b>Chair</b>	Dr R.S. Paroda	President
<b>Members</b>	Dr R.K. Tyagi	Vice President
	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 S.K. Barpete*	Councillor (CZ)
	Dr N. Sivaraj*	Councillor (SZ)
	Dr Rose Mary Francis*	Councillor (SZ)
	<b>Member Secretary</b>	Dr Anuradha Agrawal

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\*Attended virtually

**Agenda 1: Welcome Remarks**

- At the outset Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary (GS), welcomed the EC members present. It was informed that Dr G.P. Singh, Director, ICAR-NBPGR, Councillors from WZ (Dr S.K. Bera and Dr Anil Patidar), Councillors from EZ (Dr Mohan Lal and Dr Veerendra Kumar Verma) and Dr Shailesh Tiwari, Councillor (CZ), had expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to other commitments.

**Agenda 2: Introductory Remarks by Chairman**

- Dr R.S. Paroda, President, in his introductory remarks, appreciated the activities being carried out by ISPGR. He emphasized on the finalization of the Proceedings and Recommendations of 1<sup>st</sup> NCPGRM to be taken on priority so that its output could benefit the researchers and other stakeholders.

**Agenda 3: Confirmation of the Minutes of Fourth EC (2022-2024) Meeting**

- The minutes of the fourth EC (2022-24) meeting held on Dec. 14, 2022 were duly confirmed.

- Action Taken Report on recommendations of the fourth EC meeting were presented by General Secretary (*Annexure 2*).

#### Agenda 4: **General Secretary's Report**

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal presented the General Secretary's report (*Annexure 3*).
- She requested that Zonal Councilors submit the complete proposals (including tentative dates, program, list of invitees and resource persons, budget, collaborating partners etc.) for the regional events/ seminars/ conferences based on the concept notes submitted earlier so that events can be scheduled this or next year, accordingly. Regional events were suggested by EC members in collaboration with North East Institutes and Universities, which was agreed upon by the EC and Dr Archak, Dr Sanjeev and East Zone Councilors may submit a concept note for the same.

*(Action : Dr Sunil Archak, Dr Sanjeev Singh, Dr Monica Singh and Dr Kuldeep Tripathi)*

- Necessary action to be expedited for processing of award application and meeting of Award Committee be held at the earliest.

*(Action: Dr 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*).
- Based on the recommendations by the Journal Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr R.K. Tyagi, the IJPGR has collaborated with the M/S MRI Publication, for online paper processing and journal open access system. Dr Archak shared new the webpage
- Further, he informed that the new submissions will be made online and call for the online submission will be made to ISPGR members, ICAR institutes and SAUs through mail. Final launching of webpage/ online portal of IJPGR will be announced during the Award Function or any forthcoming event of ISPGR.
- It was agreed by EC that EIC to inform all about the new website for IJPGR submission. Further, call for invitation for new members of the Editorial Board be communicated and necessary action be taken by EIC to familiarize all the Editorial Members about the new online system of article processing.

*(Action: Dr Sunil Archak)*

- EC suggested that EIC to bring a proposal in the next EC meeting, for taking annual fee from each author and co-author who is not ISPGR member, for publication of the articles in IJPGR. He will also share the proposal of outsourcing of maintenance of ISPGR webpage by the MRI.
- The President congratulated the Journal Committee, especially EIC, and the EC for the efforts made in making IJPGR an open access journal.

*(Action: Dr Sunil Archak)*

#### Agenda 6: **Treasurer's Report**

- Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Treasurer, gave a brief report on the income and expenditure incurred during the financial year 2022-2023 (*Annexure 5*).
- The report was appreciated by the President, ISPGR. He also raised the issue of GST requirement as per the rules and requirement, which may be discussed with the CA.  
(*Action: General Secretary and Treasurer*)

#### **Agenda 7: Amendment in Rules & Regulations of ISPGR**

- Detailed deliberations were held on the Amendment in Rules & Regulations of ISPGR, as suggested by Committee Chaired by Dr BS Dhillon. After deliberation, EC approved the Amendments which were suggested by the above Committee.
- As decided in the last meeting, the condition that EC members would not be considered for the application of ICAR awards while their tenure in order to avoid any conflict of interest, has been implemented since this year onwards.
- It was further decided that the elections will be held in the electronic mode for selection of EC members and any life member can be nominated for different positions of EC irrespective of the number of tenures for the same post.
- The new amendments to be placed in the next GB.

#### **Agenda 8: Any other item**

- The issue of increment of ISPGR staff was flagged by President.
- It was informed that in earlier EC meeting, increment had been set at rate of 5% per annum (rounded off to the nearest hundred). EC agreed for the same to continue.

#### **Agenda 9: Remarks by Vice Presidents**

- Dr J.C. Rana and Dr R.K. Tyagi appreciated the ISPGR activities.

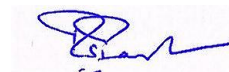
#### **Agenda 10: Concluding Remarks by Chairman**

- In the concluding remarks, Dr R.S. Paroda proposed that the interest earned needs to be reflected with each FD. He said that timely publication of the Proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> NCPGRM be ensured

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all EC members by Dr. Manjusha Verma.



**Anuradha Agrawal**  
(General Secretary)



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

Date: April 20, 2023

## Fifth Meeting of the ISPGR Executive Council (2022-2024)

Monday, April 3, 2023

Hybrid mode

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

**Zoom Link :** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81091494920?pwd=Y1E3dUxScmZQVlJoSjdoMWF5Rjd2dz09>

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### AGENDA

12.00 – 12.05 p.m.	Welcome Remarks	<b>G.P. Singh</b> Director, ICAR-NBPGR
12.05 – 12.10 p.m.	Introductory Remarks by Chairman	<b>R.S. Paroda</b> President, ISPGR
12.10 – 12.20 p.m.	Confirmation of the Minutes of Fourth EC (2022-24) Meeting held on Dec. 22, 2022 Action Taken Report General Secretary's report	<b>Anuradha Agrawal</b> General Secretary, ISPGR
12.20 – 12.25 p.m.	Editor-in-Chief's report	<b>Sunil Archak</b> Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR
12.25 – 12.30 p.m.	Treasurer's report, including contract of online publisher	<b>S.K. Singh</b> Treasurer, ISPGR
12.30 – 12.35 p.m.	Discussion on Revised Rules and Regulations of ISPGR	
12.35 – 12.40 p.m.	Any other item, with the permission of Chair	
12.40 -12.50 p.m.	Remarks by Vice Presidents	<b>J.C. Rana</b> <b>R.K. Tyagi</b> Vice-President, ISPGR
12.50- 12.55 p.m.	Concluding remarks by Chairman	<b>R.S. Paroda</b> President, ISPGR
12.55- 1.00 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	<b>Manjusha Verma</b> Joint Secretary, ISPGR

### Action Taken Report of the Fourth EC Meeting held on Dec 14, 2022

	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
1.	<p>Regarding revision of constitution of ISPGR, President suggested that the final report of the Committee be circulated amongst all EC members and discussed in the next EC meeting. (Action : General Secretary)</p>	<p>Report was shared with all EC members on Jan 9, 2023.</p>
2.	<p>With respect to awards, it was unanimously agreed that current EC members will not be considered for the ISPGR awards, so as to avoid any conflict of interest. For Dr Harbhajan Singh Award, nominations will henceforth be invited from the EC members, ISPGR Fellows, Head/Directors of Institutions, Vice Chancellors of the Universities or Dean of the Colleges, instead of inviting applications. Accordingly, it was desired that the announcement inviting application for various awards be announced at the earliest (Action: General Secretary)</p>	<p>Call for applications for ISPGR awards was announced on Jan 17, 2023 and last date for submission was March 10, 2023. Applications are being processed for Award Selection Committee.</p>
3.	<p>The General Secretary encouraged the Zonal Councillors to strengthen the regional activities by organizing events (workshop, symposia, seminar etc.) in their regions, as discussed in earlier EC meetings. (Action: All Zonal Councillors)</p>	<p>Two proposals were received earlier. Councillors need to submit final program for EC approval.</p>
4.	<p>A committee was constituted for preparation of Proceedings and Recommendations of the NCPGRM comprising Drs R.S. Paroda, G.P. Singh, R.K. Tyagi, J.C. Rana, Anuradha Agrawal, Sunil Archak and Manjusha Verma. President, ISPGR suggested that by Jan 15, 2023 all recommendations be compiled by Dr Tyagi and Dr Archak, and Dr Manjusha to compile the proceedings after suitable inputs from all rapporteurs and convenors. Dr Tyagi may review the compiled draft, edit it and circulate to other members for their input. Efforts be made to send the proceedings to press by Jan. 30, 2023. (Action: All Concerned)</p>	<p>Draft proceedings are under preparation, which got delayed due to unforeseen circumstances.</p>

## Report by the General Secretary

1. Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> EC meeting were circulated on Jan. 8, 2023.
2. To recognize an individual's/team contribution in PGR, following awards of ISPGR were announced on Jan 17, 2023 and widely circulated amongst all ISPGR members, State Agricultural Universities, Central Universities and research institutes:
  - i. Dr H.B. Singh Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievements (2021-22)
  - ii. Dr S.K. Vasal Award for Efficient Use of PGR (2022)
  - iii. Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Application/Excellence in PGR (2022)
  - iv. Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award (2022)
  - v. Fellows of ISPGR (2022)

A total of 25 applications were received and documents prepared for selection by Award Committee.

3. The EC had constituted the following Committee for Revision of ISPGR Constitution.
  - i. Dr B.S. Dhillon Former Vice Chancellor, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana (Chairperson)
  - ii. Dr Bhag Mal Secretary, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), New Delhi (Member)
  - iii. Dr R.K. Tyagi Coordinator, Asia Pacific Consortium for Agricultural Biotechnology and Biodiversity (APCoAB), Bangkok (Member)
  - iv. Dr Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR, New Delhi (Member Secretary)

The final proceedings of the committee were circulated amongst EC members on Jan 9, 2023 and comments sought. Only comments from Dr JC Rana were received as follows:

- *Tenure of all EC members. The present recommendation says that one can contest election n number of times. If this is the case, we need to debate upon in EC or put up to GB.*
- *Life and Annual member (of that year have voting right..... But next sentence starts with They shall be entitled to contest election..... if this mean that annual member can contest election, if yes, then need to be discussed and, if no, then sentence need to be rewritten.*

The revised rules to be discussed in 5<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting.

4. Regarding preparation of Proceedings and Recommendations of the 1<sup>st</sup> NCPGRM, a committee comprising Drs R.S. Paroda, G.P. Singh, R.K. Tyagi, J.C. Rana, Anuradha Agrawal, Sunil Archak and Manjusha Verma, was constituted. Draft recommendations were compiled by Dr Tyagi and Dr Archak; Dr Manjusha Verma prepared first draft of proceedings after suitable inputs from all rapporteurs and convenors. Dr Anuradha Agrawal prepared the second draft, especially to fill gaps in the document. Document is now in press.



(Anuradha Agrawal)  
General Secretary, ISPGR

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

### 1. Status of manuscripts

- Total manuscripts = 84
  - a. No. of MS under review = 20
  - b. No. of MS which only one or both referee comments = 03
  - c. No. of MS under editorial process = 12
  - d. No. of MS send Back to authors for revision = 37
- IJPGR Vol 36 (1) 2023 is in press and ready to be published
- 12 articles accepted for second issue i.e. IJPGR Vol 36 (2) 2023

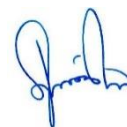
### 2. Status of new journal website



<http://ispgr.in/index.php/ijpgr>

### 3. Yet to be done

- Announcement of new website and submission system
- Call for new editors
- Editor meeting and demo of the new system



(Sunil Archak)

### Report by the Treasurer

The summary of income and expenditure of ISPGR for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 are as follows:

<b>Cash and Bank Balance</b>		<b>(in Rs)</b>
	<i>Fixed Deposit</i>	1,08,82,265.99
	<i>Cash in Bank (saving account)</i>	5,22,260.26
	<i>Cash in Hand</i>	9,395.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,14,13,921.25</b>
<b>Incomes</b>	<b>Membership, donation (including for NCPGRM), sponsorship, registration etc.</b>	<b>66,35,646.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Journal, secretarial expenses, NCPGRM</b>	<b>40,44,647.00</b>

The details of expenditure (in Rs) for the period April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 are as follows:

<b>Expenditure Head</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount (Rs)</b>	<b>Total (Rs)</b>
<b>Office expenses</b>	Salary, honorarium, arrears	4,62,905.00	
	Rent of ISPGR Office	49,994.00	
	Stationery, postage, travel (local) etc.	17,658	
	Chartered Accountant fees (for Audit	26,550.00	
	New Computer for ISPGR Office	1,10,450.00	
	Website maintenance	5,000.00	
	Refreshment and lunch for EC and Committee Meetings	37,449.00	<b>7,10,006.00</b>
<b>ISPGR Award Function</b>	ISPGR cash awards	2,90,000.00	
	Hall arrangements and refreshments	64,750.00	
	Printing, banners, mementoes etc.	59,469.00	<b>4,14,219.00</b>
<b>NCPGRM</b>	Total expenditures in conference	22,85,730	<b>22,85,730.00</b>
<b>Publications</b>	Printing of proceedings on 'National Consultation for Plant based local food systems'	96,536.00	
	IJPGR Vol 34 (3), 2021	69,195.00	
	IJPGR Vol 35 (1), 2022	80,168.00	
	IJPGR Vol 35 (2), 2022	88,777.00	
	IJPGR Vol 35 (3), 2022	3,00,016.00	<b>6,34,692.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>40,44,647.00</b>



The details of income (in Rs) for the period April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 are as follows:

<b>Income Source</b>	<b>Amount (Rs)</b>
Donation from sponsors, co organizers and registration fee for NCPGRM	54,91,000
IJPGR Subscription 2021-22 Diva Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.	1,37,191
Donation for Dr. B.R. Barwale Award 2021	1,00,000
Donation for Dr S.K. Vasal Award 2021	1,00,000
ICAR Grant for IJPGR Publication	2,00,000
Membership (Institutional)	2,00,000
Membership (Life)	3,15,000
Membership (Annual)	23,000
Bank Interest	17,135
Income tax return for the FY 2021-22 and 22-23	38,320
Color Printing charges from authors for MS (IJPGR)	14,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66,35,646</b>

#### **ISPGR Membership details**

Total ISPGR life members	<b>923</b>
Institutional Membership April 01, 2022 to March 31, 2023	10
Life Members, April 01, 2022 to March 31, 2023	63
Annual Members, April 01, 2022 to March 31, 2023	23



**(Sanjeev Kumar Singh)**  
Treasurer, ISPGR