

Minutes of the

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

Date: August 7, 2023

Time: 3.00 p.m. 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
Member Secretary	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary
Members	Dr R.K. Tyagi	Vice President
	Dr Manjusha Verma	Joint Secretary
	Dr S. K. Singh	Treasurer
	Dr Monika Singh	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Kuldeep Tripathi	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Anil Patidar*	Councillor (WZ)
	Dr S.K. Barpete*	Councillor (CZ)
	Dr Mohan Lal*	Councillor (EZ)
	Dr Veerendra Kumar Verma*	Councillor (EZ)

*Attended virtually

Agenda 1: Welcome Remarks

- At the outset Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary (GS), welcomed the EC members present and informed that Dr G.P. Singh, Director, ICAR-NBPGR, Vice President (Dr J.C. Rana), Editor-in-Chief (Dr Sunil Archak), Councillors from WZ (Dr S.K. Bera), SZ (Dr Rose Mary Francies) and CZ (Dr Shailesh Tiwari), had expressed their inability to attend the meeting due to other commitments. Thereafter, she briefed about the agenda of the meeting.

Agenda 2: Introductory Remarks by Chairman

- Dr R.S. Paroda, President, in his introductory remarks, appreciated the activities carried out by ISPGR during 2022-23. He placed on the record, appreciation to Bioversity International for organization of 1st NCPGRM and financial support provided for printing of "Proceedings and Recommendations of 1st NCPGRM". He urged that regional activities being carried out by ISPGR should focus on local genetic resources. He also appreciated the efforts being carried out for making IJPGR online with MRI publications.

Agenda 3: Confirmation of the Minutes of Fifth EC Meeting held on Apr. 4, 2023 and

Action Taken Report

- The minutes of the fifth EC (2022-24) meeting held on Apr. 4, 2023 were duly confirmed
- Action Taken Report on recommendations of the fifth EC meeting were presented by General Secretary which were approved by the EC (*Annexure 2*), appreciating the efforts by GS.

Agenda 4: General Secretary's Report

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal presented the General Secretary's report (*Annexure 3*).
- President discussed about the preparations of the forthcoming ISPGR Awards Meeting, 5th Dr A.B. Joshi Memorial lecture, and the 13th General Body Meeting (GBM) on August 14, 2023. He conveyed his thanks to the Director, Dr G.P. Singh, for providing the support for holding these events on NBPGR campus. It was suggested that an active program organising team be formed for holding the events.

(Action : General Secretary)

- The EC placed on record its appreciation to all editors, especially Dr Anuradha Agrawal, at the final printing stage of the 'Proceedings and Recommendations of the 1st NCPGRM'. It was suggested that hard copies be released during the forthcoming ISPGR Awards Function on Aug. 14, 2023 and soft copy circulated to all members and participants.

(Action : General Secretary)

- Dr Veerendra Kumar Verma proposed a National Conference at Umiam, Meghalaya. EC suggested that full proposal be submitted at the earliest.

(Action: Dr V.K. Verma, East Zone Councillor)

- Dr N. Sivaraj, expressed his interest in organizing a PGR awareness program for college students at Hyderabad (regional level). EC appreciated the initiative and asked him to proceed suggesting date and program.

(Action: Dr N.Sivaraj, South Zone Councillor)

Agenda 5: Editor-in-Chief's Report

- On behalf of Dr Sunil Archak, Editor-in-Chief (EIC), GS presented the report for status of manuscripts under process and status of publication of Indian Journal of Plant

Genetic Resources (IJPGR) (*Annexure 4*).

- She apprised that EIC has proposed that each author be either life member or annual member, which could be implemented *w.e.f.* 2024. Based on the discussions held, it was recommended that the same may be implemented after the release of upcoming NAAS Score of the Journals, and with the approval of EC.
- Efforts made by Editors, specially Dr Sunil Archak, EIC for journal improvement were appreciated by EC.
- It was recommended that EIC follow-up with MRI publication about the indexing of journal by SCI index and Thomas Reuters.

(Action: Editor-in-Chief)

- It was suggested that new issue of IJPGR and/or new Journal website, be released during the forthcoming ISPGR Awards function on Aug. 14, 2023.

(Action : Editor-in-Chief)

Agenda 6: Treasurer's Report

- Dr Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Treasurer, presented the draft audit report (2022-23) and also gave a brief report on the income and expenditure incurred during the current financial year 2023-2024 (*Annexure 5*). The report was accepted and the President, ISPGR appreciated the efforts of Treasurer.
- The final audited report for 2022-23 and financial status of ISPGR during 2023—24 to be presented in the forthcoming GBM.

(Action : Treasurer)

Agenda 7: Update on 'Seminar on Plant Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Health Security in North-West Himalayas

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal informed the EC that a national seminar was being planned for North West Himalayan region, on Nov 3-4, 2023 at Shoolini University, Solan, as a regional activity in the north zone. Three meetings had already been held by the core organising committee. A first draft of the circular has already been prepared by Dr R.K. Tyagi (*Annexure 6*), which was appreciated.
- Drs Monika Singh and Kuldeep Tripathi briefed about the logistics and registration details of the Seminar. Based on the discussion, it was proposed that Registration charges will be revised and reduced to Rs 3000 (for ISPGR members), Rs 4000 (for non-members), Rs 1500 (for students/ research fellows), after due calculations of budget Further the sponsorship may be categorized into four: Diamond Sponsorship (2.0 lakhs), Platinum Sponsorship (1.5 lakhs), Gold Sponsorship (1.0 lakhs), and

Silver Sponsorship (0.5 lakhs), keeping in view the requirement at the regional level.

- It was advised by EC that first circular and formulation of technical program be expedited with guidance from Drs P.L. Gautam, Dr G.P. Singh and Mohar Singh in consultation with Dr P.K. Khosla, Chancellor, Shoolini Univ., Solan. Letters to the Convenors, invitation to potential partners for technical and funding support for organizing the event need to be sent at the earliest.

(Action: Vice Presidents, General Secretary, Editor-in-Chief, Joint Secretary, NZ Councillors and Treasurer)

Agenda 8: Any other Item

- President, ISPGR appreciated the hard work of the ISPGR office assistants and urged that Society give suitable remuneration on timely basis. He suggested that medical insurance for full-time assistant be extended for all family members and a committee under Dr Tyagi, with GS and Treasurer may review and suggest appropriate salary revision structure and associated benefits like annual raise in salary, honorarium, overtime or transportation charges etc.

(Action: General Secretary and Treasurer)

Agenda 9 : Remarks by Vice Presidents

- Dr R.K. Tyagi appreciated the ISPGR activities. He suggested that the EIC and the Editorial Board can identify and list the active reviewers for timely and rapid publication of manuscripts in IJPGR.

Agenda 10: Concluding Remarks by Chairman

- In the concluding remarks, Dr R.S. Paroda stressed on the active involvement of the organisers and members in organising the Seminar on Plant Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Health Security in North-West Himalayas. He desired an online meeting on zoom with Dr PL Gautam and Dr P.K. Khosla after the GB meeting and Award function.

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



Anuradha Agrawal
(General Secretary)



R.S. Paroda
(President)

Date: August 12, 2023

Agenda of Sixth Meeting of ISPGR Executive Council (2022-2024)

Monday, Aug. 7, 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/82526268770?pwd=Q0FpVmQxWktUczErRnhVZGNFT1dXZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 9149 4920

Passcode: 187757

AGENDA

12.00 – 12.05 p.m.	Welcome Remarks	G.P. Singh 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 Fifth EC (2022-24) Meeting held on Apr 4, 2023 Action Taken Report General Secretary's Report	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
12.20 – 12.25 p.m.	Editor-in-Chief's report	Sunil Archak Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR
12.25 – 12.30 p.m.	Treasurer's Report	S.K. Singh Treasurer, ISPGR
12.30 – 12.45 p.m.	Discussion for 'Seminar on Plant Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Health Security in North-West Himalayas, Nov. 1-2, 2023	
12.45 – 12.50 p.m.	Any other item, with the permission of Chair	
12.50 -01.00 p.m.	Remarks by Vice Presidents	J.C. Rana R.K.Tyagi Vice-President, ISPGR
01.00– 01.10 p.m.	Concluding remarks by Chairman	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
01.10– 01.15 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	Manjusha Verma Joint Secretary, ISPGR

Action Taken Report of the Fifth EC Meeting held on April 4, 2023

	Recommendation	Action Taken
1.	Necessary action to be expedited for processing of award application and meeting of Award Committee be held at the earliest. (Action: Dr Anuradha Agrawal)	Meeting of Award Committee held on May 17, 2023; EC ratified the recommendations of the committee and results of ISPGR Awards were announced on June 13, 2022.
2.	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 Monika Singh and Dr Kuldeep Tripathi)	One Seminar has been planned for NW Himalayan region for Nov 3-4, 2023.
3.	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)	Three new editors were invited (Drs Somnath Roy, Rajiv Kumar & Kuldeep Tripathi) based on their service to IJPGR as reviewer, their expertise in PGR research, publications, etc. A preliminary exposure to system was done. However, all editors require full demonstration of the online system. It will be done in Aug 2023.
4.	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. (Action: Dr Sunil Archak)	EIC proposes that each author be either life member or annual member. If approved, this will be implemented wef 2024. Maintenance outsourcing may be taken care by General Secretary & Treasurer. EIC shall focus on publication activity.
5.	President raised the issue of GST requirement as per the rules and requirement, which may be discussed with the CA. (Action: General Secretary and Treasurer)	The same was discussed, and it was informed by CA that ISPGR does not require to register for GST.



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Meeting of the Executive Council (2022-2024)

EC Meeting # 6

Date : August 7, 2023

Report of General Secretary, ISPGR

1. **Minutes of 5th EC meeting** were circulated on April 21, 2023, by email.
2. The meeting of **Award Selection Committee** was held on May 17, 2023, in hybrid mode*, at NAHEP Committee Room, KAB-2, ICAR. The Committee comprised following members:

Dr S.K. Vasal, World Food Laureate and Distinguished Scientist, CIMMYT	Chairman
Dr R.C. Agrawal, DDG (Education) & ND, NAHEP, ICAR	Member
Dr G.P. Singh, Director, ICAR-NBPGR*	Member
Dr Viswanathan C., Joint Director (Research), ICAR-IARI*	Member
Dr Malavika Dadlani, Former Joint Director (Research), ICAR-IARI*	Member
Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary, ISPGR	Member Secretary

A total of 44 applications were received for various awards. Following have been recommended by committee and ratified by EC:

I	Dr H.B. Singh Memorial Award (2021-22) (Jointly awarded)
	i. Dr Umesh Srivastava , Former ADG (Horticulture), ICAR, New Delhi
	ii. Dr Pratibha Brahmi , Principal Scientist, Germplasm Exchange and Policy Unit ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi
II	Dr S.K. Vasal Award for Efficient Use of PGR (2022)
	Dr Deepak Sharma , Head, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chattisgarh Team Members: Dr Parmeshwar K. Sahu and Dr B.K. Das
III	Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Excellence/Application in PGR (2022)
	Dr Tusar Kanti Behera , Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
IV	Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award (2022)
	Dr Vetriventhan Mani , Senior Scientist, (Genetic Resources), Genebank, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid

	Tropics, Hyderabad, Telangana
V	Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award (2022)
	P Govindaraj and V.A. Amalraj (2022) Expedition collection, characterization and diversity analysis of the new wild sugarcane germplasm from Manipur. <i>Indian J. Plant Genet. Resour.</i> 35(2): 199-208.
VI	Dr KL Mehra Award for Best PGR Student (2022)
	Mr Latif Bashir , M.Sc . (PGR) Student, PG School, IARI, New Delhi
VI	Fellows (2022)
	i. Prof. Sanjay Vasant Deshmukh , Professor of Life Sciences (Formerly Vice-Chancellor), Dept. of Life Science, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, Maharashtra
	ii. Dr Ashutosh Kumar Mall , Principal Scientist, Crop Improvement Division, ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
	iii. Dr Amish Kumar Sureja , Principal Scientist, Division of Genetics, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
	iv. Dr Amit Kumar Singh , Senior Scientist, Division of Genomic Resources, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi-
	v. Dr Sherry R. Jacob , Senior Scientist, Division of Germplasm Conservation, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi

In addition, **Prof. P.L.Gautam** has been nominated as Honorary Fellow (2022) by the EC.

3. The **ISPGR Award function** is scheduled to be held on **Aug. 14, 2022**. The same day, the **5th Dr A.B. Joshi Memorial Lecture** shall be delivered by **Prof. Sanjay Deshmukh**, Former Vice-Chancellor University of Mumbai.
4. The **11th AGM** is scheduled for **Aug 14, 2023**, in the afternoon.
5. The **Proceedings and Recommendations** of the **1st NCPGRM**, was printed on July 27, 2023 and soft copy circulated to all. The ISPGR places on record the financial support received from Bioversity International for printing of the document.
6. **Dr Rajeev Varshney** was felicitated for being elected as Fellow of Royal Society (FRS), the fourth elected Indian agricultural scientist, by Padma Bhushan Dr RS Paroda, President, ISPGR and Dr PL Gautam on behalf of ISPGR at ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi on 6th June 2023, in the presence of Delhi-based EC members.

7. Three meetings held for planning of organizing a '**Seminar on Plant Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Health Security in North-West Himalayas**', tentatively scheduled during Nov 3-4, 2023 Organizers would be Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), New Delhi, ICAR- National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi and Shoolini University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh and Alliance for Bioversity International and CIAT, New Delhi. For Co-organizers, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Science (TAAS), New Delhi, HP State Council Science, Technology and Environment (HPSCST&E), Shimla, CSKHP Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (CSHPKV), Palampur, Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (YSPUH&F), Solan, and Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Authority (PPV&FRA), New Delhi would be approached. Local institutes in HP, UT, J&K would be approached to join as Knowledge Partners. The venue would be **Shoolini University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh**. Suitable actions are being taken to finalize the concept note, letters and brochure, accordingly.
8. The accounts of ISPGR (2022-23) have been audited by the Chartered Accountant and ITR shall be filed soon.



(Anuradha Agrawal)
General Secretary



Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources

Meeting of the Executive Council (2022-2024)

EC Meeting # 6

Date : August 7, 2023

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

Manuscript current status

- Total Manuscripts = **79**
- No. of MS Under Review = 20
- No. of MS with only one or both referee comments = 10
- No. of MS under editorial process = 11
- No. of MS sent back to authors for revision = 31

Journal publication status

- IJPGR Vol 36 (1) 2023 is already **published**
- IJPGR Vol 36 (2) 2023 is in **press**
- IJPGR Vol 36 (3) 2023, seven articles **accepted**

Actions Taken for Improvement of Journal

- Three new editors (Drs Somnath Roy, Rajiv Kumar and Kuldeep Tripathi) were invited to join the Editorial Board, based on their service to IJPGR as reviewer, their expertise in PGR research, publications, etc.
- A preliminary exposure of all editors to the new online system of article processing was done. Full demonstration of the online system will be undertaken in Aug 2023.
- EIC proposes that in case of manuscripts received with multiple authors, each author be either life member or annual member. If approved, this will be implemented w.e.f. 2024.

(**Sunil Archak**)
Editor-in-Chief



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Annexure 5

Meeting of the Executive Council (2022-2024)

EC Meeting # 6

Date : August 7, 2023

Report of Treasurer, ISPGR

- The summary of income and expenditure of ISPGR for the period April 1 to Aug. 7, 2023, are as follows:


Bank Balance and Cash in Hand (Till Aug. 7, 2023)	
Source	Amount (Rs)
Fixed Deposit	1,08,82,265.99
Amount in Bank (saving account)	4,83,523.26
Cash in Hand	23,084.00
Total (Rs one crore, thirteen lakhs, eighty eight thousand, eight hundred seventy three, twenty five paise)	1,13,88,873.25

Incomes (From April 1 to Aug. 7, 2023)	
Source	Amount (Rs)
Donation for Dr. B.R. Barwale Award 2022	1,00,000.00
Membership (Institutional)	40,000.00
Membership (Life)	60,000.00
Membership (Annual)	5,000.00
Bank Interest (From saving account)	6,858.00
TOTAL (Rs Two lakhs, eleven thousand, eight hundred, fifty eight only)	2,11,858.00

Expenditures (From April 1 to Aug. 7, 2023)			
Head	Details	Amount (Rs)	Total amount (Rs)
Office expenses	<i>Salary, honorarium, arrears</i>	<i>1,30,585.00</i>	1,64,621.00
	<i>Rent of ISPGR Office</i>	<i>19,950.00</i>	
	<i>Miscellaneous expenditures (Stationery, postage, local travel, tea and refreshment, etc.)</i>	<i>9,086.00</i>	
	<i>Website maintenance</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>	
ISPGR Award Function	<i>Shawls for Guests</i>	<i>5,760.00</i>	5,760.00
Publications	<i>MRI Publishers (IJPGR Web and review platform development)</i>	<i>92,040.00</i>	1,02,040.00
	<i>Designing of Proceeding NCPGRM 2022</i>	<i>10,000.00</i>	
Grand Total (Rs two lakhs, seventy two thousand, four hundred and twenty one only)			2,72,421.00

- The ISPGR membership details are as follows:
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Total ISPGR life members	935
Institutional membership (April 1 to Aug. 7, 2023)	2
Life membership (April 1 to Aug. 7, 2023)	12
Annual membership (April 1 to Aug. 7, 2023)	5


(Sanjeev Kumar Singh)
 Treasurer, ISPGR

Seminar on
Plant Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Health Security in
North-West Himalayas (PBFSNWH)
November 3-4, 2023

Organizers

Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), New Delhi
Shoolini University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh
ICAR- National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi

Co-organizers

Alliance for Bioersity International and CIAT, New Delhi
Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Science (TAAS), New Delhi
HP State Council Science, Technology and Environment (HPSCST&E), Shimla
CSKHP Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (CSHPKV), Palampur
Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (YSPUH&F), Solan
Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Authority (PPV&FRA), New Delhi

Knowledge Partners (*Potential*)

ICAR-Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture (CITH), Srinagar
ICAR-Vivekanand Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan (VPKAS), Almora
CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (*IHBT*), Palampur
CSIR-Regional Research Lab, Jammu
CSRI-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP), Nagla, Pantnagar
Defence Institute of High Altitude Research (*DIHAR*), Leh
Defence Institute of Bio-Energy (DIBER), Pithoragarh
ICFRE- Himalayan Forest Research Institute is a Research institute (HFRI), Shimla
Govind Ballabh Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (NIHE), Almora
Himalayan Environmental Studies And Conservation Organization (HESCO), Dehradun
G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (GBPUAT), Pantnagar
University of Horticulture and Forestry, Bharsar Pauri, Uttrakhand
Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST-K), Jammu
Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST-K), Srinagar
HN Bahguna Garhwal University, Srinagar
National Innovation Foundation (NIF), Ahmedabad, Gujrat
Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla
Career Point University, Hamirpur
Central University, Dharmshala
Patanjali University, Haridwar

LOGOS of ORGANIZERS/CO-Organizers

Venue

University Auditorium
Shoolini University, Village Bajho, PO Sultanpur, Bajhol Solan-173229, Himachal

Pradesh

About PBFSNWH

The challenges like overcoming hunger, achieving food security and eliminating all forms of malnutrition keep on growing; the COVID-19 pandemic has further highlighted the fragilities in our agrifood systems, increasing further the number of food insecure people from 800 to now 957 million globally. A renewed focus on plant biodiversity becomes imperative, especially around local food systems (LFS) to achieve resilience against COVID-19 and to avoid future pandemics as well as to contribute significantly towards sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly, No poverty (1), Zero hunger (2), Good health and well-being for people (3), and Responsible consumption & production (12). In this context, UN Food Systems Summit held on 23 September, 2021 launched bold new actions as part of the UN's Decade of Action to achieve SDGs by 2030, wherein, the need for renewed focus on regenerative agriculture and the LFS was highlighted. The UN General Assembly at its 75th session in March 2021 declared 2023 the '**International Year of Millets (IYM 2023)**' **while** highlighting their potential to provide new sustainable market opportunities for producers and consumers.

Himalayas are one of the 36 hotspots of biodiversity identified globally particularly for its richness and representativeness with tremendous variation in agrobiodiversity including traditional crops due to diverse agro-climatic conditions. The region is a hotspot for species diversity of cereals, millets, pseudo-cereals, pulses, oilseeds, vegetables, fruits, spices and condiments, herbs and fibres, *etc.*, which need to be researched, used and conserved sustainably for increasing food production as well as nutritional and health security. As far as local foods are concerned, their importance is increasingly being appreciated as best options for food, nutritional and health security of people residing in these regions. There is need to review the status of plant biodiversity in N-W Himalayan region, their production potential, current status of research relating to genetic improvement, their conservation through use, nutritional and medicinal values, value chain options, socio-economic dimensions (consumption pattern, cost and affordability), and enabling policy support relating to their promotion as alternative sources of food, nutrition and health security. Hence, the above-mentioned issues need to be deliberated and addressed in a Seminar involving all stakeholders (researchers, intellectuals, regulators, policy makers, farmers, NGOs, and private sector) on a neutral platform. The Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, Shoolini University, Solan, ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, in collaboration with Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT, TAAS and PPV&FRA and other Knowledge partners are organizing a *Seminar on Plant Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Health Security in North-West Himalayas (PBFSNWH)* on November 3-4, 2023, by engaging stakeholder like researchers, experts from public and private sectors, CG Centers, NGOs, representatives of Farmers Organizations, NGOs, progressive farmers/entrepreneurs, faculty and students to provide opportunity to present their research results, views and suggestions relating to the themes of the seminar. This would help in developing a Roadmap for optimal, efficient and sustainable use of N-W Himalayan agrobiodiversity and also ensuring in place the enabling policies to conserve, use and mainstream the N-W Himalayan agrobiodiversity for increased food and nutritional security and improved

health.

Thematic Sessions

1. Status, threat and distribution of N-W Himalayan plant biodiversity (with special reference to nutri-food crops)
2. Revisiting the needs and reorientation of collection, conservation and evaluation strategies (including application of biochemical and biotechnological tools)
3. Nutritional profile and medicinal uses of Himalayan nutri-crops
4. Capacity Building and role of Himalayan communities including youth and women in conservation and sustainable use
5. Entrepreneurship for development of value-added products and marketing including success studies
6. Enabling policies to facilitate conservation and sustainable use, responsible consumption, access, exchange and benefit sharing and IPR systems

Calls for Abstract

The Organizing Committee invites the participants to contribute abstracts for rapid oral and poster presentation. The Abstract not exceeding 300 words should have a title followed by the name of the author(s), affiliation and e-mail address of the corresponding author. It should contain a brief Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion; and be in font—Times New Roman; size 12. Name of the presenting author must be underlined.

The Abstracts may be submitted to **pbfsnwh2023@gmail.com** on or before **September 30, 2023**. Acceptance will be communicated to the presenting author by **October 15, 2023**. There will be separate “Poster Sessions” for each technical session to encourage wider interaction and sharing of the information. Best poster and oral presentation in each session will be awarded.

Registration

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/pvdxuckj9dLR2Ra29> Registration fee should be paid either through demand draft or NEFT in favour of the ISPGR, New Delhi to the following account number:

Name of the Bank & Branch: Canara Bank, Beej Bhawan, New Delhi

Account No.: 91212010004780 IFSC – CNRB0019121

Registration Fee

Categories	Registration Fee (INR)	
	Before Due Date	After Due date or On Spot
ISPGR Member	4000	5000
Non-ISPGR Member	5000	6000
Students/Research Fellows	2000	3000
Industry and Private Organization	7000	8000

- Participants are expected to make their own arrangements for accommodation
- The accompanying person who wishes to attend the symposium has to pay extra INR 2500

Sponsorship — Diamond, Gold and Silver

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Exemption of registration fee for three participants

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Silver Sponsorship (INR 2 Lakhs)

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Venue

University Auditorium,
Shoolini University,
Village Bajho, PO Sultanpur, Bajhol
Solan-173229, Himachal Pradesh

Important Dates

Call for abstracts: August 20, 2023; Registration opens: August 20, 2023

Last date for abstract submission: September 30, 2023

Date to Communicate Abstract Acceptance: October 10, 2023

Patrons

1. Dr RS Paroda, Chairman, TAAS and President, ISPGR, New Delhi
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