

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee for ISPGR Membership of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), New Delhi**

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Date: March 15, 2024

Time: 2.30 p.m. onwards

Venue: NAHEP Committee Room, KAB 2, Pusa Campus, New Delhi

**Committee**

Dr G.P. Singh (Chairman)

Dr R.K. Tyagi

Dr Anuradha Agrawal

Dr Kuldeep Tripathi

Dr G.P. Singh, Director, NBPGR, being busy, could not attend but desired committee members to proceed and discuss with him before finalization of proceedings.

- Agenda
- (1) To revise the rates of ISPGR Membership
  - (2) To suggest revenue generation models for ISPGR
  - (2) To develop guidelines for salary of Office Assistant of ISPGR
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**Agenda 1. Rates of ISPGR Membership**

- The committee reviewed the rates of several sister Scientific/Academic Societies related to agriculture (*Annexure 1*).
- Based on the NAAS rating of Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources (IJPGR) and number of members of the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), it was agreed to revise the Membership Fee of ISPGR, as follows:

	Current Rate (Rs)	Proposed Rate (Rs)	Current Rate (USD)	Proposed Rates (USD)
Individual (Annual)	1,000.00	<b>1,500.00</b>	100.00	<b>120.00</b>
Individual (Life)	5,000.00	<b>6,000.00</b>	1500.00	<b>2,000.00</b>
Institutional/Corporate (Annual)	20,000.00	<b>30,000.00</b>	1,000.00	<b>1,500.00</b>
Institutional/Corporate (5 years)	90,000.00	<b>2,00,000.00</b>	4,500.00	<b>5,000.00</b>
Institutional/Corporate (10 years)	1,75,000.00	<b>4,00,000.00</b>	8,500.00	<b>10,000.00</b>

- Once the NAAS rating of IJPGR is achieved to > 6.0; the membership fee may be revised later.

### Agenda 3: Revenue Generation

- To boost revenue, the suggestion was made to invite interested publishers to compile previous proceedings and other publications into reference books or notes useful for students. For instance, the Special Volume of IJPGR published after the International Agrobiodiversity Congress (2016) and the publications of National Conference on PGR Management (2022) contain highly sought-after information that is beneficial for students.
- Future proceedings and other documents could also be released as priced publications, with complimentary copies provided to annual/life/corporate members. If approved by the EC, publishers could be approached accordingly.

### Agenda 3: Salary and other benefits for ISPGR office staff

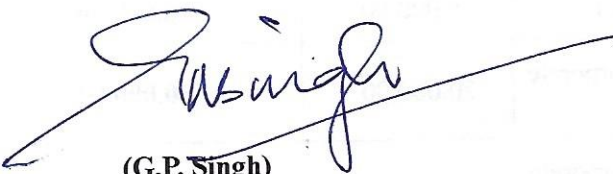
- Based on the workload, the EC may appoint Office Assistants or Multitasking Staff (MTS) either on a full-time or part-time basis. Presently, there are two Office Assistants employed, one working full-time and the other part-time.
- The salary of newly appointed full-time Office Assistant/MTS should be as per prevailing salary rate of highly skilled staff/ unskilled staff, respectively, in central government offices. For part-time staff, the same may be calculated on a pro-rata basis.
- Full-time staff to be provided medical insurance for self, spouse and children (max 2), with a maximum upper limit of Rs 10,000 per annum (as per current prices). This may be amended in future, if required by the EC.
- In future, an annual increment of 8% to be added to the salary of ISPGR staff, w.e.f. the month of April each year, commencing only after completion of full one year service. With this rate of increment, the salary of staff will increase about INR 2,000 per year and will be almost double in 10 years, if a staff continues to work without break.
- If required, the EC may decide or change in the benefits, based on the performance of the staff and financial health of the Society

Above recommendations are submitted to ISPGR EC for kind consideration.

  
(Kuldeep Tripathi)

  
(Anuradha Agrawal)

  
(R.K. Tyagi)

  
(G.P. Singh)



## Membership of Some Scientific Societies

Type	Inland (Rs)	Foreign (US \$)
<b>Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development (ISPRD), Kanpur</b>		
Annual	850.00	95.00
Life	7,600.00	770.00
Institutional	7,600.00	770.00
Corporate	10,100.00	-
<b>Indian Society of Plant Physiology (ISPP), New Delhi</b>		
Ordinary	4,000.00	75.00
Life	15000.00	550.00
Institutional	-	-
Corporate	40,000.00	1000.00
<b>Indian Phytopathological Society (IPS), IARI, New Delhi</b>		
Admission Fee	118.00	11.80
Annual	1,770.00	70.80
Life Membership fee	12,000.00	-
<b>Indian Society of Seed Technology (ISST), New Delhi</b>		
Individual Annual	500.00	30.00
Individual Life	6,000.00	400.00
Associate	10,000.00	500.00
<b>Society for Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology (SPBB), New Delhi</b>		
Life	5,900.00	600.00
Annual (Student)	1,180.00	60.00
Annual (Ordinary)	1,180.00	100.00
Institutional	47,200.00	1,000.00
<b>Nematological Society of India (NSI), New Delhi</b>		
Annual	50.00	35.00
Life membership fee	10,000.00	-
Admission fee	25.00	35.00
<b>Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE), New Delhi</b>		
Life member	4,000.00	250.00
Institution	5,000.00	
Ordinary member (annual)	3,000.00	
<b>Indian Academy of Horticultural Sciences (IAHS), New Delhi</b>		
Patron	1,00,000.00	

Corporate membership	5,00,000.00	
Life membership	10,000.00	
Individual Subscription	2,000.00	
<b>Indian Society of Weed Science (ISWS), Jabalpur</b>		
Individual (Annual)	500.00	60.00
Individual (Life)	6,000.00	300.00
Sustaining industries (Annual)	20,000.00	-
Sustaining industries (Life)	50,000.00	-
<b>Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA), New Delhi</b>		
Annual membership	2,500.00	250.00
Life Membership	12,000.00	1500.00
<b>Indian Society of Genetic and Plant Breeding (ISGPB), New Delhi</b>		
Annual Membership	2000.00	100.00
Life Membership	7000.00	300.00
<b>Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), New Delhi</b>		
Individual (Annual)	1,000.00	100.00
Individual (Life)	5,000.00	1,500.00
Institutional (Annual)	20,000.00	1,000.00
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