

*Minutes of the*

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

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**Date:** September 18, 2024      **Time:** 2.30 PM onwards

**Agenda:** *Annexure 1*

**Venue:** Virtual mode

<b>EC</b>	Dr R.S. Paroda	President
<b>Members</b>	Dr R.K. Tyagi	Vice President & Editor-in-Chief
<b>(2022-2024)</b>	Dr Kuldeep Tripathi	Treasurer & Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Monika Singh	Councillor (NZ)
	Dr Mohan Lal	Councillor (EZ)
	Dr Veerendra Kumar Verma	Councillor (EZ)
	Dr N. Sivaraj	Councillor (SZ)
	Dr Surendra Kumar Barpete	Councillor (SZ)
<b>Member Secretary</b>	Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary

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**Agenda 1: Welcome Remarks**

- Dr. Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary (GS), welcomed the Executive Committee (EC) members attending the meeting. She then presented an outline of the agenda (*Annexure 1*).
- She also informed that Drs G.P. Singh, J.C. Rana, Manjusha Verma, S.K. Bera, Anil Patidar, Shailesh Kumar Tiwari and Rose Mary Francies were unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments.

**Agenda 2: Introductory Remarks by Chairman**

- In his opening statement, President Dr. R.S. Paroda expressed his satisfaction on the on-going and planned activities of ISPGR. He urged that all out efforts be made for the success of symposium at Umaim. He also stressed on increasing the impact of ISPGR.

**Agenda 3: Confirmation of the Minutes of Tenth EC (2022- 24) Meeting held on July 11, 2024 and Action Taken Report**

- The Minutes of Tenth EC (2022-24) meeting held on July 11, 2024, were unanimously approved.
- Action Taken Report on the recommendations of the Tenth EC Meeting was presented by Dr Anuradha Agrawal, GS (*Annexure 2*). These were duly approved by the EC.

#### **Agenda 4: Progress on National Conference on Management of Agrobiodiversity in North-Eastern India, Oct 23-25, 2024 at Umaim, Meghalaya**

- Dr Veerendra Verma, Councilor, EZ, presented an overview of the progress on preparations of National Conference in Umaim, covering the tentative technical program, details of abstracts shortlisted for Poster and Oral Presentations, financial expenditure requirement, booking of accommodation, exhibition etc.
- It was suggested that single publication, that is, Abstracts Book be compiled. A committee comprising of Drs Veerendra Verma, Monika Singh and Kuldeep Tripathi (along with other scientists from ICAR-RC-NEH) to do the needful.

*(Action: All concerned)*

#### **Agenda 5: General Secretary's Report**

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal presented the General Secretary's Report (*Annexure 3*).
- The GS informed that an invitation had been received from Executive Secretary, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), for ISPGR to be a Co-organizer in the "National Symposium on Hybrid Technology for Enhanced Crop Productivity", being organized by the TAAS, jointly with ICAR, International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT), International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) with the support of Federation of Seed Industry of India (FSII), Maharashtra Hybrid Seed Company (MAHYCO), Rasi Seeds and Bayer Crop Science Limited, in AP Shinde Symposium Hall at National Agriculture Science Complex (NASC), Pusa Campus, New Delhi, from 2-4 December 2024. Around 300 stakeholders including researchers, policymakers, post-graduate researchers, representatives of CG centers and the private sector are expected to participate. The major focus of the Symposium would be on scaling hybrid technology in major food and horticultural crops. The EC unanimously agreed for ISPGR to be a Co-organizer, and to provide financial support of Rs 3.00 lakhs to TAAS for this event. The GS to inform accordingly and seek free registration for 5-6 EC members of ISPGR.

*(Action: General Secretary)*

- The GS informed that ISPGR EC elections for the 16 posts of EC (2025-27) were due as per schedule of ISPGR constitution. Thus, nomination of Election Officer was sought from EC. The name of Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Executive Secretary, Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA) & Former ADG (FFC), ICAR, was approved by EC as Election Officer. Accordingly, formal invitation to be sent to him at the earliest and election schedule be drawn in consultation with President and GS, ISPGR. The elections to be done using electronic voting, as was done last time.

*(Action: General Secretary)*

- The date, venue and agenda of the next General Body Meeting (GBM) to be held alongwith national symposium at Umiam, needs to be circulated soon giving one month notice.

*(Action: General Secretary)*

#### Agenda 6: Editor-in-Chief's Report

- Dr. R.K. Tyagi delivered the Editor-in-Chief's report, providing an update on the articles received and reviewed, along with the expected publication timelines for the forthcoming two issues of the IJPGR (*Annexure 4*).
- Dr. R.S. Paroda expressed his appreciation for Dr. Tyagi's dedicated efforts as Editor-in-Chief, which would significantly contribute in increasing the journal rating and impact of IJPGR.
- The EC suggested that EIC may consider exploring the possibility of shifting to the e-pubs platform of ICAR-DKMA, after it upgrades to the new version, ensuring the all archival data on IJPGR website is also available on ISPGR website.

*(Action: Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR and General Secretary)*

#### Agenda 7: Treasurer's Report

- The GS presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Dr Kuldeep Tripathi (as the later had to attend another meeting), detailing the income and expenditure incurred in the current financial year (*Annexure 5*). It was confirmed that all grants from the previous year have been received, income tax returns filed and application for the filing of ICAR grants for the current year are in progress.
- The EC expressed satisfaction over the financial status.

#### Agenda 8: Concluding Remarks by Chairman

- In his concluding remarks, Dr. Paroda encouraged everyone to work together to ensure the successful organization of the upcoming seminar in Umam.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all EC members by Dr Monika Singh, Councilor (NZ).



**Anuradha Agrawal**  
(General Secretary)



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

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

September 18, 2024 (Wednesday), 2.30 p.m.

### Online Meeting

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88548552863?pwd=Fuk37CIVZfs0H6LackrXJCpXftZjkx.1>

Meeting ID: 885 4855 2863

Passcode: 444661

2.30 – 2.35 p.m.	Welcome	<b>Anuradha Agrawal</b> General Secretary, ISPGR
2.35 – 2.40 p.m.	Introductory Remarks by Chairman	<b>R.S. Paroda</b> President, ISPGR
2.40 – 2.55 p.m.	Progress on National Conference in Umam, Meghalaya	<b>Virendra Verma</b> Councilor, East Zone
2.55 – 3.00 p.m.	General Secretary Report	<b>Anuradha Agrawal</b> General Secretary, ISPGR
3.00 – 3.05 p.m.	Editor-in-Chief Report	<b>R.K. Tyagi</b> EIC, IJPGR
3.05 – 3.10 p.m.	Treasurer Report	<b>Kuldeep Tripathi,</b> Treasurer, ISPGR
3.10 – 3.15 p.m.	Special Remarks	<b>G.P. Singh</b> Director, ICAR-NBPGR
3.15 – 3.25 p.m.	Remarks by Vice Presidents	<b>J.C. Rana</b> <b>R.K. Tyagi</b> Vice-President, ISPGR
3.25 – 3.35 p.m.	Chairman's Remarks	<b>R.S. Paroda</b> President, ISPGR
3.35 – 3.40 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	<b>Manjusha Verma</b> Joint Secretary, ISPGR

### Action Taken Report of the Tenth EC Meeting held on July 11, 2024

	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
1.	ISPGR Awardees (2023) to be invited for ISPGR Award function at Umaim. <i>(Action : General Secretary)</i>	Invitations sent. All except two (Dr Gowthami and Dr Satinder Kaur) have confirmed participation. Some have sought support for free accomodation during the stay at Umaim.
2.	ISPGR Awardees (2023) to be invited for ISPGR Award function at Umaim. <i>(Action : General Secretary)</i>	Invitations sent. All except two (Dr Gowthami and Dr Satinder Kaur) have confirmed participation. Some have sought support for free accomodation during the stay at Umaim.
3.	EIC may consider exploring the possibility of shifting from MRI to the e-pubs platform of ICAR-DKMA. The decision on this to be made in the next meeting after a review of the pros and cons.  <i>(Action: Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR and General Secretary)</i>	The e-pubs platform is being upgraded. We may consider shifting therefater, after ensuring the website of IJPGR is intergarted with ISPGR website.



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#### Report of General Secretary, ISPGR

- Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> EC meeting were circulated on Sept. 16, 2024, by email.
- Participated in the NAAS-PAAS (Professional Association of Agricultural Sciences) Editors Workshop, (August 7-8, 2024). Aim was to enhance the quality and visibility of research journals of Professional Agricultural Societies.
- Sought annual funds for two ISPGR awards (BR Barwale and SK Vasal Awards).
- Applied online for grant of Financial Assistance to ICAR for journal publication (July 26, 2024).

(Anuradha Agrawal)  
General Secretary



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

##### Manuscript current status (Offline Processing)

- Total Manuscripts = 18
- No. of MS Under Review = 3
- No. of MS under editorial process = 2
- No. of MS sent back to authors for revision = 11

##### Manuscript Current Status (Online Processing)

- Total Manuscripts = 43
- No. of MS under submission=19
- No. of MS under Review/Revision = 21
- No. of MS under copyediting = 3

**Grand Total Manuscripts under Process = 61**

##### Journal publication status

- Second issue of IJPGR Vol 37 (2) 2024 is published.
- Third issue of IJPGR Vol 37 (3) 2024 is due by December 2024; ready to be published by first week of October (15 articles + Germplasm Registration Notice, under copyediting/production)
- 2 (Review) + 2 (Research) articles accepted for IJPGR Vol 38 (1) 2025, targeted to be published by second week of January 2025 (due in April 2025)
- 21 Authors requested for articles from Shoolini Seminar; Only 5 Review Articles received; 3 Edited and finalized for publications
- 9 foreign authors/experts contacted for Review Articles on PGR; 6 (Australia, Malaysia, China, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia) accepted request; 1 from China received.

(R.K. Tyagi)  
Editor-in-Chief



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### Report of Treasurer, ISPGR

- The summary of income and expenditure of ISPGR for the period April 1, 2024 to July 11, are as follows:

#### Bank Balance and Cash in Hand (Till Sept. 18, 2024)

Source	Amount (Rs)
Fixed Deposit	1,05,37,448.44
Amount in Bank (saving account)	10,48,741.31
Cash in Hand	21,098.00
<b>Total</b> (Rs one crore, sixteen lakhs, seven thousand, two hundred and eighty seven, seventy five paise)	<b>1,16,07,287.75</b>

#### Income (From April 1, 2024 to Sept. 18, 2024)

Source	Amount (Rs)
Institutional Membership Fees	20,000.00
Life Membership Fees	1,00,000.00
Annual Membership Fees	24,000.00
IJPGR Subscription for Vol 36 (3), 2023, Diva Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.	35,313.00
Bank Interest (From saving account)	15,212.00
<b>Total</b> (Rs One lakh, ninety four thousand, five hundred and twenty five only)	<b>1,94,525.00</b>

#### Expenditure (From April 1, 2024 to Sept. 18, 2024)

Expenditure Head and Details	Amount (Rs)
Secretarial Fee, Honorarium etc.	2,13,600.00
Rent of ISPGR Office (2023-24)	19,950.00
Printing & Publishing (IJPGR & Others)	95,344.00
Office Expense (Stationery, Cartridge, Paper etc.)	500.00
ISPGR EC & Other Meetings (Refreshment etc.)	5,456.00
Auditor Fee (Conf.)	11,800.00
Auditor Fee (2023-24 Audit)	26,550



ISPGR Website Maintenance	5,000.00
Postage & Courier	2,605.00
Issue new cheque Dr P. Govindaraj for Dr R.K. Arora Best paper award for the year 2022	20,000.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL (Rs Four lakhs, , eight hundred and five only)</b>	<b>4,00,805.00</b>

- The ISPGR membership details are as follows:

Total ISPGR life members	<b>966</b>
Institutional Membership April 01, 2024 to Sept. 18, 2024	1
Life Members, April 01, 2024 to Sept. 18, 2024	17
Annual Members, April 01, 2024 to Sept. 18, 2024	23

*Kuldeep Tripathi*

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Treasurer, ISPGR