



Minutes of the

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

Date: April 29, 2024

Time: 2.30 PM onwards

Agenda: Annexure 1

Venue: NAHEP Committee Room, Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan 2 and online (Hybrid mode)

**EC Members
(2022-2024)**

Dr R.S. Paroda	President
Dr R.K. Tyagi	Vice President & Editor-in-Chief
DR J.C. Rana	Vice President
Dr Manjusha Verma	Joint Secretary
Dr Monika Singh	Councillor (NZ)
Dr Mohan Lal	Councillor (EZ)
Dr Veerendra Kumar Verma*	Councillor (EZ)
Dr Shailesh Kumar Tiwari	Councillor (CZ)
Dr Rose Mary Francise*	Councillor (SZ)
Dr Anil Patidar*	Councillor (WZ)
Member Secretary Dr Anuradha Agrawal	General Secretary

*Online participants

Agenda 1: Welcome Remarks

- At the outset Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary (GS), welcomed the EC members present physically as well as through online mode* and briefed about the agenda of the meeting (*Annexure 1*).
- She also informed that Drs G.P. Singh, Kuldeep Tripathi, S.K. Bera, Surendra Kumar Barpete and N. Sivaraj 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 commended the activities carried out at the regional and national levels during the FY 2023-24.

Agenda 3: Confirmation of the Minutes of Eighth EC (2022- 24) Meeting held on Jan. 18, 2024 and Action Taken Report

- The Minutes of Eighth EC (2022-24) meeting held on January 18, 2024 were confirmed.
- Action Taken Report on the recommendations of the Eighth EC Meeting was presented by Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary (*Annexure 2*). These were duly approved by the EC.

Agenda 4: General Secretary's Report

- Dr Anuradha Agrawal presented the General Secretary's Report (*Annexure 3*).
- She informed that procedure for application of grants from ICAR has become online. Accordingly, background data of Society was populated in the ICAR-FAJC portal (<https://facj.icar.gov.in/>) and application filed for IJPGR grant for the year 2023-24. Grants for IJPGR (Rs 2 lakhs) and remaining amount of NCPGRM (Rs 1.25 lakhs) have already been received.
- Further, she apprised that the Proceedings and Recommendations of the 'National Seminar on Plant Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition, and Health Security in the North-Western Himalayas (PBFSNWH)' organized on Nov. 27-28, 2023, at Shoolini University, Solan, has been finalized and now ready for printing. President appreciated the efforts of Dr Anuradha.

Agenda 5: Editor-in-Chief's Report

- Dr R.K. Tyagi, presented the Editor-in-Chief's report in which he shared the update of articles received and reviewed; and the expected timelines of issues of IJPGR to be published in 2024 (*Annexure 4*). He also gave an update of progress of special issue on the outcome of Society events (PBFSNWH).
- He informed about the technical issues being faced with MRI Publishers in the effective processing of manuscripts (such as timelines of processing, copyediting, proofreading, reference style, lack of online first appearance of accepted papers etc.) and timely publication of IJPGR. He suggested reviewing the contract clauses with the publisher, MRI. The President constituted a committee of Dr R.K. Tyagi (Chair) Dr J.C. Rana, Dr Anuradha Agrawal and Dr Manjusha Verma (Member Secretary) to resolve this issue through meeting with the Publisher.
(Action: Drs R.K. Tyagi, J.C. Rana, Anuradha Agrawal and Manjusha Verma)
- To enhance the quality of IJPGR and resolve manuscript backlog, Dr. Tyagi proposed that authors failing to meet a 10-day revision deadline (post-refereeing) would be excluded from further consideration. Additionally, he raised concerns regarding editorial accountability and outlined procedures for appointing new editors. The EC endorsed these proposals and tasked him with their implementation.
(Action: Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR)
- Dr R.S. Paroda placed on the record appreciation for Dr R.K. Tyagi for his sincere efforts as EIC. He suggested that Editorial Board be reconstituted comprising of existing and new members based on their active support. Also, a retired scientist member of the Society may be approached to provide assistance to EIC, who may be provided with some honorarium.

(Action: Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR)

Agenda 6: Treasurer's Report

- Due to absence of Dr Kuldeep Tripathi, Treasurer, the General Secretary presented the Treasurer's report, detailing the income and expenditure incurred in the current financial year, including audit report (*Annexure 5 and 6*).
- EC expressed satisfaction over the financial status and accepted the audit report.
- It was proposed that a new Chartered Accountant be now hired for the next financial year (2024-25) onwards by calling quotations from new firms. EC agreed for the same.

(Action: General Secretary and Treasurer)

- It was recommended by EC that M/s Diva Enterprise may be contacted for the marketing and promotion of the Print version of IJPGR, based on which the Agreement may be made.

(Action: General Secretary and Treasurer)

Agenda 7: ISPGR Committee for revision of Membership Fee and revenue generation models

- The General Secretary presented the recommendations of the above Committee (*Annexure 7*).
- Based on the recommendations and suggestions of EC, the new rates are approved as follows:

	Current Rate (Rs)	Proposed Rate (Rs)	Current Rate (USD)	Proposed Rates (USD)
Individual (Annual)	1,000.00	1,500.00	100.00	120.00
Individual (Life)	5,000.00	6,000.00	1500.00	1,800.00
Institutional/Corporate (Annual)	20,000.00	30,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Institutional/Corporate (5 years)	90,000.00	2,00,000.00	4,500.00	5,000.00
Institutional/Corporate (10 years)	1,75,000.00	4,00,000.00	8,500.00	10,000.00

- These rates shall be effective from May 1, 2024. The same should be notified to all members and placed on ISPGR website and IJPGR, Also a new brochure be developed soon.

(Action: General Secretary and Treasurer)

- The revenue generation models need to be checked, keeping in view the “non-profit status” (Sec 12 A of Income Tax Act) of ISPGR.
- The recommendations related to Salary and other benefits for ISPGR office staff (salary grade, increment, and insurance benefits) are agreed, with an additional clause of 12 days leave per annum.

Agenda 8: Ratification of ISPGR Awards as proposed by Award Committee

- Proceedings of the ISPGR Award Committee were presented to the EC (*Annexure 8*). The same were duly ratified as such by the EC. The EC placed on record the appreciation for all members of the ISPGR Award Committee for their efforts in selecting the awardees. General Secretary was requested to take necessary action to inform all the awardees.
(Action: General Secretary)
- Dr Paroda thanked the Chairman Dr S.K. Vasal and all Award Committee Members (Drs B.S Dhillon, R.K. Tyagi and Neelam Sharma) and appreciated the time taken by them to go through a large number of applications and coming to unanimous decision for various awards. He placed on record special thanks to the Member Secretary, Dr Anuradha Agrawal, for the enormous efforts made in meticulously preparing the documents for the meeting of the committee.
- Letters to be sent to all awardees at the earliest. Changes suggested by the Award Committee may be incorporated in the proforma and got approved in the next EC meeting (July 2024).
(Action: General Secretary)
- It was suggested by EC that ISPGR award function be held along with General Body Meeting of ISPGR during the forthcoming seminar in Umiam, Shillong during Oct 23-25, 2024.

Agenda 8: Discussion on proposal to hold Regional Conference in Umiam, Meghalaya

- Dr Virendra Verma, Councillor, East Zone, gave the details of the forthcoming ‘National Conference on Management of Biodiversity in North Eastern India’, which has been scheduled to take place from Oct 23-25, 2024 at ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hill Region, Umiam, Meghalaya (*Annexure 9*).
- It was proposed that the Alliance for Bioversity International and CIAT, New Delhi, and Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Authority (PPV&FRA), be also included as the Co-Organisers.
- The draft of the First Circular has been shared with all EC members, and suggestions/ comments, if any, need to be communicated to Dr Verma by 6 May, 2024. The Technical Program Committee should work on developing the program

(Action: Dr Virendra Verma)

- The President suggested that estimate of budget be made and sponsors approached. Plans may also be made to include farmers session and a diversity exhibition.
(Action: Dr Virendra Verma and Dr Mohan Lal)
- Application for ICAR grant for the event be made before May 15, 2024.
(Action: General Secretary and Treasurer)

Agenda 9: Concluding Remarks by Chairman

- In the concluding remarks, Dr Paroda urged all to make concerted efforts for successfully organizing the next seminar at Shillong.

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)

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

April 29, 2024, 2.30 p.m.

Hybrid mode

Venue: NAHEP Committee Room, Fifth Floor (Room # 511) KAB2, Pusa Campus, New Delhi - 110 012

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87148117345?pwd=VwBmmne0hGrU236XzOz4FdJZZTMvwa.1>
Meeting ID: 871 4811 7345 Passcode: 949451

2.30 – 2.35 p.m.	Welcome	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
2.35 – 2.40 p.m.	Introductory Remarks by Chairman	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
2.40 – 2.50 p.m.	Confirmation of the Minutes of Eighth EC (2022-24) meeting held on Jan 17, 2024 Action Taken Report General Secretary's Report	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
2.50 – 2.55 p.m.	Editor-in-Chief's Report	R.K. Tyagi Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR
2.55 – 3.00 p.m.	Treasurer's Report (including draft audit report and action for change of CA)	Kuldeep Tripathi Treasurer, ISPGR
3.00 – 3.10 p.m.	Ratification of Recommendations of ISPGR Committee for revision of Membership Fee and revenue generation models	Anuradha Agrawal General Secretary, ISPGR
3.10 – 3.15 p.m.	Discussion on proposal from M/s Diva Enterprise about marketing and promotion of the Print version of IJPGR	
3.15 – 3.20 p.m.	Ratification of Recommendations of ISPGR Awards Committee	
3.20– 3.25 p.m.	Discussion on proposal to hold Regional Conference in Umaim, Meghalaya	Virendra Verma Councillor, East Zone
3.25– 3.30 p.m.	Any other item, with the permission of Chair	
3.30– 3.35 p.m.	Special Remarks	G.P. Singh Director, ICAR-NBPGR
3.35– 3.45 p.m.	Remarks by Vice Presidents	J.C. Rana R.K. Tyagi Vice-President, ISPGR
3.45– 3.55 p.m.	Chairman's Remarks	R.S. Paroda President, ISPGR
3.55– 4.00 p.m.	Vote of Thanks	Manjusha Verma Joint Secretary, ISPGR

Action Taken Report of the Eighth EC Meeting held on Jan. 18, 2024

	Recommendation	Action Taken
1.	It was suggested by President, ISPGR to expedite the drafting and printing of the proceedings of PBFSNWH, preferably before end of Feb. 2024. <i>(Action : General Secretary, ISPGR and Co-Organizing Secretaries, PBFSNWH)</i>	Soft copy is ready. Hard copy will be printed in one week.
2.	It was proposed that a status paper on 'PGR of NWH region' be possibly prepared by inviting lead workers in that region. It was also proposed to publish the success stories of the progressive farmers, in consultation with the concerned KVKs as a tangible outcome of PBFSNWH. EC deliberated on possible mechanisms to increase the rating of the IJPGR journal. It was suggested that active experts be invited to give review/research articles, identify additional or new Editors. Special issue can be considered as outcome of Society events (e.g. PBFSNWH). <i>(Action : Editor-in-Chief, IJPGR)</i>	Letters have been written to all the lead speakers and so far, three papers received. In addition, two experts from Netherlands and Bolivia were also requested to write the review paper. One (from Bolivia) has already accepted the request. Efforts have been made for improving journal production and shall be discussed in detail in the EC meeting.
3.	The committee comprising Drs G.P. Singh, R.K. Tyagi, Anuradha Agrawal and Kuldeep Tripathi, constituted in the 7th EC meeting for reviewing and revising the membership and suggest ways to generate revenue for the society, should hold its meeting at the earliest and provide its recommendations to the EC. The committee may also suggest guidelines for salary and benefits of Office Assistants of ISPGR. <i>(Action: General Secretary and Treasurer)</i>	Committee meeting held on March 16, 2024. Recommendations to be discussed in EC meeting and necessary action taken accordingly.
4.	President suggested that follow-up action be taken for getting ICAR grant for IJPGR for the year 2023-24. <i>(Action: Treasurer)</i>	ICAR grant of Rs 2.0 lakhs received for 2023-24
5.	To increase Society Membership, it was suggested that letters to be to IARI-PGR alumni, representative of CGIAR in India, private sector etc. <i>(Action: GS and Treasurer)</i>	Action is pending, as membership rate is under revision which will be placed for approval of EC
6.	Proposals for Regional Seminar/Conferences <i>(Action: Dr N. Sivaraj and Dr V.K. Verma)</i>	Revised proposal from Dr Verma for conference in NEH received and to be finalized in the EC meeting



Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources

Meeting of the Executive Council (2022-2024)

EC Meeting # 9

Date : April 29, 2024

Report of General Secretary, ISPGR

1. **Minutes of 8th EC meeting** were circulated on Feb 9, 2024, by email.
2. A meeting of **Committee for ISPGR Membership of Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), New Delhi** was held on March 15, 2024 and minutes of meeting are attached as *Annexure A*. Changes in rates of ISPGR Membership, sources of revenue generation and salary benefits of ISPGR staff have been suggested. These are placed in the 9th EC of ISPGR for endorsement and further action.
3. For the year 2023, call for **ISPGR Awards** namely, 'Dr S.K. Vasal Award for Efficient Use of PGR', 'Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Application/Excellence in PGR', 'Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award', 'Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award' and 'Fellows' was made in November 2023, and the last date of application was Jan 15, 2024. A total of 52 applications were received. A Committee was constituted for selection of candidates, as follows:

Dr S.K. Vasal, Distinguished Scientist, CIMMYT	Chairman
Dr B.S. Dhillon, Former VC, PAU & Former Director, NBPGR	Member
Dr R.K. Tyagi, Senior Consultant TAAS & Former HoD, NBPGR	Member
Dr Neelam Sharma, Former-Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBPGR	Member
Dr Anuradha Agrawal, General Secretary, ISPGR	Member Secretary

A meeting of the above Committee was held on April 16, 2024. Recommendations of names of the awardees shall be presented in the 9th EC meeting for ratification by the EC.

4. Proceedings and recommendations of National Seminar on **Plant Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition, and Health Security in the North-Western Himalayas** (PBFSNWH) held on 27-28, 2023, at Shoolini University, Solan, have been published.
5. The ICAR portal for application of grants has become online. Background data of Society was populated in the portal and application made for IJPR grant for the year 2023-24. Grants for IJPR (Rs 2 lakhs) and remaining amount of PBNSWH (Rs 1.25 lakhs) were received accordingly.

(Anuradha Agrawal)
General Secretary



Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources

Meeting of the Executive Council (2022-2024)

EC Meeting # 9

Date : April 29, 2024

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

Manuscript current status (Offline Processing)

- Total Manuscripts = 45
- No. of MS Under Review = 13
- No. of MS under editorial process = 8
- No. of MS sent back to authors for revision = 16
- No. of MS given final reminder to Author for revised copy = 03

Manuscript Current Status (Online Processing)

- Total Manuscripts = 21
- No. of MS Under Review = 17
- No. of MS under editorial process = 4

Grand Total Manuscripts under Process = 66

Journal publication status

- First issue of IJPGR Vol 37 (1) 2024 ready to be published
- Five articles accepted for second issue i.e. IJPGR Vol 37 (2) 2024

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



Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources

Meeting of the Executive Council (2022-2024)

EC Meeting # 9

Date : April 29, 2024

Report of Treasurer, ISPGR

- The summary of income and expenditure of ISPGR for the period April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, are as follows:

Bank Balance and Cash in Hand (Till March 31, 2024)

Source	Amount (Rs)
Fixed Deposit	1,00,37,448.44
Amount in Bank (saving account)	12,77,191.31
Cash in Hand	1,459.00
Total (Rs one crore, thirteen lakhs, sixteen thousand, ninety eight, seventy five paise)	1,13,16,098.75

Income (From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024)

Source	Amount (Rs)
Institutional Membership Fees	2,00,000.00
Life Membership Fees	2,05,000.00
Annual Membership Fees	13,000.00
IJPGR Subscription for Vol 36 (1-2), 2023, Diva Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.	48,486.00
Donation for ISPGR (Awards)	2,50,000.00
Bank Interest (From saving account)	25,077.00
Interest on FD	6,64,685.01
ICAR Grant for (NCPGRM & IJPGR)	3,25,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	36,980.00
Registration Fees (PBFSNWH)	1,11,500.00
Sponsorship (PBFSNWH)	8,50,000.00
Total (Rs Twenty seven lakhs, twenty nine thousand, seven hundred and twenty eight only)	27,29,728.01

Expenditure (From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024)

Expenditure Head and Details	Amount (Rs)
Secretarial Fee, Honorarium etc.	4,02,568.00
Rent of ISPGR Office	19,950.00
Printing & Publishing (IJPGR & Others)	3,97,919.00
Office Expense (Stationery, Cartridge, Paper etc.)	15,517.00

ISPGR EC & Other Meetings (Refreshment etc.)	84,903.00
Auditor Fee	41,300.00
Bank Charges	944.00
Depreciation	43,367.37
IJPGR Website Development (MRI)	92,040.00
ISPGR Website Maintenance	10,000.00
Postage & Courier	5,799.00
ISPGR Awards Function	4,99,206.00
PBFSNWH Expense (Registration Kit, Printing, Travel, Accommodation, Logistics etc.)	9,21,796.50
GRAND TOTAL (Rs thirteen lakhs, seventy-nine thousand, three hundred and sixty six)	25,35,309.87

- The ISPGR membership details are as follows:

Total ISPGR life members	953
Institutional membership (April 1 2023 to March 31, 2024)	10
Life membership (April 1 2023 to March 31, 2024)	41
Annual membership (April 1 2023 to March 31, 2024)	13

- The Audited Statement of Accounts are placed for ratification by EC.
- It is proposed to hire a new CA for the next financial year (2024-25) onwards by calling quotations from new firms.

Kuldeep Tripathi

(Kuldeep Tripathi)
Treasurer, ISPGR



DADU DADOO & ASSOCIATES

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

AUDITORS REPORT

To The Members of
INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
 C/o N.P.G.R., Pusa Campus,
 New Delhi

We have audited attached Balance Sheet of INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES as at March 31, 2024 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on a day annexed thereto.

These Financial Statements are the responsibility of the Society's Management. Our responsibility is to opine on these Financial Statements based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements are free of material misstatements.

As audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts of disclosures in the Financial Statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management as well as evaluating the overall Financial Statements presentation.

We believe that our audit provides our reasonable basis for our opinion.

We further state that: -

1. We have obtained all the information and explanation which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit;
2. In our opinion, proper books of accounts have been kept by the society in so as appears from our examination of the books.
3. The Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account referred to in this report are in agreement with the books of account of the society.
4. In our opinion and the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us the said Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles.
 - a. In so far as it relates to the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Society as at March 31, 2024; and
 - b. In so far as it relates to the income & Expenditure Account, of the surplus during the year ended that date

For DADU DADOO & ASSOCIATES
 Chartered Accountants
 FRN: 006760N

(MAHENDRA DADU)

Partner

M.NO: 083625

Date - 30.4.2024

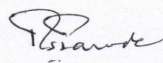
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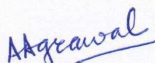
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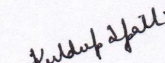
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C/O N.B.P.G.R, PUSA CAMPUS
NEW DELHI - 110012

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024

	PARTICULAR	AMOUNTS
LIABILITIES		
A	GENERAL RESERVE	
	Balance brought forward	1,20,96,977.59
	Add: Surplus during the year	1,94,418.14
		1,22,91,395.73
B	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
	Dadu Dadoo & Associates	38,350.00
	Expenses Payable	31,500.00
		1,23,61,245.73
ASSETS		
A	FIXED ASSETS	
	Computer & Allied Accessories	89,592.16
	Less: Depreciation	17,918.43
		71,673.73
	HP Printer	18,049.57
	Less: Depreciation	2,707.44
		15,342.13
	Office Equipment	2,244.03
	Less: Depreciation	336.60
		1,907.43
	Office Furniture	1,95,421.02
	Less: Depreciation	19,542.10
		1,75,878.92
	Microwave & Freeze	9,140.33
	Less: Depreciation	1,371.05
		7,769.28
	Hitachi AC	9,945.00
	Less: Dep	1,491.75
		8,453.25
	Investment	
	Fixed Deposit	1,05,99,772.44
B	CURRENT ASSETS	
	TDS on FD (A.Y. 19-20)	36,079.23
	TDS on FD (A.Y. 20-21)	37,072.00
	TDS on Donation (A.Y 21-22)	1,500.00
	TDS (A.Y. 23-24)	66,213.00
	TDS (A.Y. 24-25) Sponsorship PBFSNWH	10,000.00
	TDS on FD (A.Y. 24-25)	9,510.00
	Accured Interest	42,883.00
		2,03,257.23
C	CASH & BANK BALANCES	
	Cash in Hand	1,459.00
	Cash at Bank	12,75,732.31
		12,77,191.31
		1,23,61,245.73


 (President)


 (Secretary)


 (Treasurer)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

"As per our separate report of even date attached"
 for Dadu Dadoo & Associates

Chartered Accountants

FRN: 006760N


 (Mahendra Dadoo)

Partner

M.No. 083625

Date: 30.4.2024
 Place: New Delhi
 UDIN:- 24083625BKHAFG6677

**INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
C/O N.B.P.G.R, PUSA CAMPUS
NEW DELHI - 110012**

**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024**

	PARTICULAR	AMOUNTS
A INCOMES		
Institutional Membership Fees		2,00,000.00
Life Membership Fees		2,05,000.00
Annual Membership Fees		13,000.00
IJGR Subscription (Diva Enterprises)		48,486.00
Donation (Awards)		2,50,000.00
Interest (Saving Bank Account)		25,077.00
Interest on FD		6,64,685.01
ICAR Grant (NCPGRM & IJGR)		3,25,000.00
Miscellaneous Income		36,980.00
Registration Fees (PBFSNWH)		1,11,500.00
Sponsorship (PBFSNWH)		8,50,000.00
TOTAL		27,29,728.01
B EXPENDITURES		
Secretarial Fee, Honorarium etc.		4,02,568.00
ISGR Room Rent		19,950.00
Printing & Publishing (IJGR & Others)		3,97,919.00
Office Expense (Stationary, Catridge, Paper etc.)		15,517.00
ISGR EC & Other Meetings (Refreshment etc.)		84,903.00
Auditor's Fee		26,550.00
Professional Charges		14,750.00
Bank Charges		944.00
Depreciation		43,367.37
IJGR Website Development (MRI)		92,040.00
ISGR Website Maintenance		10,000.00
Postage & Courier		5,799.00
ISGR Award Function		4,99,206.00
PBFSNWH Expense (Registration kit, Printing, Travel, Accomodation, Logistics etc.)		9,21,796.50
TOTAL		25,35,309.87

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) During the year

1,94,418.14

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(President)

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(Secretary)

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(Treasurer)

AUDITOR'S REPORT
"As per our separate report of even date attached"
for Dadu Dadoo & Associates

Chartered Accountants
FRN: 006760N

[Signature]


(Mahendra Dadu)
Partner
M.No. 083625

Date: 30.4.2024
Place: New Delhi
UDIN:- 24083625BKHAFG6677



DADU DADOO & ASSOCIATES

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To,
The Members of
INDIAN SOCIETY OF PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES
C/o N.P.G.R., Pusa Campus,
New Delhi-110012

We have audited attached Income and Expenditure Account of Plant Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition, and Health Security in the North- Western Himalayas (PBFSNWH 2023), as at March 31, 2024 annexed thereto.

These Financial Statements are the responsibility of the Society's Management. Our responsibility is to opine on these Financial Statements based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements are free of material misstatements.

As audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts of disclosures in the Financial Statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management as well as evaluating the overall Financial Statements presentation.

We believe that our audit provides our reasonable basis for our opinion.

We further state that:-

1. We have obtained all the information and explanation which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit;
2. In our opinion, proper books of accounts have been kept by the society in so as appears from our examination of the books.
3. The Income and Expenditure Account referred to in this report are in agreement with the books of account of the society.
4. In our opinion and the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us the said the Income and Expenditure Account give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles.

In so far as it relates to the Income & Expenditure Account of the PBFSNWH 2023, of the surplus during the year ended that date.

For DADU DADOO & ASSOCIATES
Chartered Accountants
FRN: 006760N



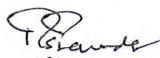
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Partner
M.No: 083625
Date - 30.4.2024
Place - New Delhi

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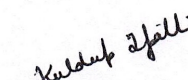
National Seminar on Plant Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition,
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(PBFSNWH)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2023-24

	PARTICULAR	AMOUNTS
A	INCOMES	
	Registration Fees	1,11,500.00
	Sponsorship(including TDS)	8,50,000.00
	TOTAL	9,61,500.00
B	EXPENDITURES	
	Registration Kit	2,09,509.00
	Printing & Designing	71,803.00
	Travel and Accomodation	41,226.00
	Miscellaneous	9,362.00
	Shoolini Expenses on the behalf of ISPGR	
	(i) Mementoes	70,840.00
	(ii) Hall arrangement etc.(including video & photography)	2,05,683.50
	(iii) Stationery	13,658.00
	(iv) Refreshment	2,99,715.00
	TOTAL	9,21,796.50
C	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) During the year	39,703.50


(President)


(Secretary)


(Treasurer)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

"As per our separate report of even date attached"
for Dadu Dadoo & Associates

Chartered Accountants

FRN: 006760N


New Delhi

(Mahendra Dadu)

Partner

M.No. 083625

Date: 30.4.2024

Place: New Delhi

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

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

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	1,500.00	100.00	120.00
Individual (Life)	5,000.00	6,000.00	1500.00	2,000.00
Institutional/Corporate (Annual)	20,000.00	30,000.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
Institutional/Corporate (5 years)	90,000.00	2,00,000.00	4,500.00	5,000.00
Institutional/Corporate (10 years)	1,75,000.00	4,00,000.00	8,500.00	10,000.00

- 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

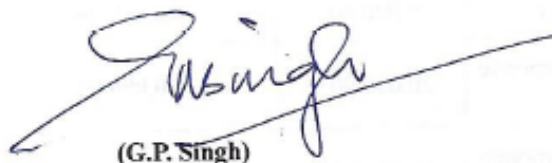
- Based on the workload, the EC may appoint Office Assistants or Multitasking Staff (MTS) either on a full-time or part-time basis. Presently, there are two Office Assistants employed, one working full-time and the other part-time.
- The salary of newly appointed full-time Office Assistant/MTS should 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 \$)
Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development (ISPRD), Kanpur		
Annual	850.00	95.00
Life	7,600.00	770.00
Institutional	7,600.00	770.00
Corporate	10,100.00	-
Indian Society of Plant Physiology (ISPP), New Delhi		
Ordinary	4,000.00	75.00
Life	15000.00	550.00
Institutional	-	-
Corporate	40,000.00	1000.00
Indian Phytopathological Society (IPS), IARI, New Delhi		
Admission Fee	118.00	11.80
Annual	1,770.00	70.80
Life Membership fee	12,000.00	-
Indian Society of Seed Technology (ISST), New Delhi		
Individual Annual	500.00	30.00
Individual Life	6,000.00	400.00
Associate	10,000.00	500.00
Society for Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology (SPBB), New Delhi		
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
Nematological Society of India (NSI), New Delhi		
Annual	50.00	35.00
Life membership fee	10,000.00	-
Admission fee	25.00	35.00
Indian Society of Extension Education (ISEE), New Delhi		
Life member	4,000.00	250.00
Institution	5,000.00	
Ordinary member (annual)	3,000.00	
Indian Academy of Horticultural Sciences (IAHS), New Delhi		
Patron	1,00,000.00	

Corporate membership	5,00,000.00	
Life membership	10,000.00	
Individual Subscription	2,000.00	
Indian Society of Weed Science (ISWS), Jabalpur		
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	-
Indian Society of Agronomy (ISA), New Delhi		
Annual membership	2,500.00	250.00
Life Membership	12,000.00	1500.00
Indian Society of Genetic and Plant Breeding (ISGPB), New Delhi		
Annual Membership	2000.00	100.00
Life Membership	7000.00	300.00
Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), New Delhi		
Individual (Annual)	1,000.00	100.00
Individual (Life)	5,000.00	1,500.00
Institutional (Annual)	20,000.00	1,000.00
Institutional (5 years)	90,000.00	4,500.00
Institutional (10 years)	1,75,000.00	8,500.00

**Proceedings of the Meeting of Committee Constituted for Selection of Candidates of Awards of the
Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi
April 16, 2024**

A meeting of the Committee constituted for selection of candidates for 'Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Application/Excellence in PGR (2023)', 'Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award' (2023), 'Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award' (2023) and 'Fellows' (2023) was held on April 16, 2024 at Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-2, Pusa Campus, New Delhi.

Committee comprised following members:

Dr S.K. Vasal , Distinguished Scientist, CIMMYT	Chairman
Dr B.S. Dhillon , Former VC, PAU & Former Director, NBPGR	Member
Dr R.K. Tyagi , Senior Consultant TAAS, & HoD, Conservation Division, NBPGR, New Delhi	Member
Dr Neelam Sharma , Former-Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBPGR	Member
Dr Anuradha Agrawal , General Secretary, ISPGR	Member Secretary

Initially, Dr. Anuradha Agrawal, Member Secretary, warmly welcomed the Chair and Members, expressing sincere appreciation for their dedication to this important committee and for graciously offering their time to provide valuable insights in selecting nominees for the ISPGR awards in 2023. Subsequently, she invited the Chair and members to share their opening remarks.

Dr B.S. Dhillon commended the Society for the significant number of applications received for the various awards. Drs. R.K. Tyagi and Neelam Sharma expressed gratitude to the President of ISPGR for the opportunity to serve on the Committee. Dr. Vasal conveyed his joy and thanks to Dr. R.S. Paroda, President of ISPGR, for entrusting him with the Chairmanship of this esteemed committee. He emphasized the importance of awards in inspiring young scientists and acknowledged ISPGR's efforts in this regard.

The award committee proposed several suggestions for future selection processes. Firstly, they recommended that the total length of application submissions should not exceed 20-30 pages. Supporting evidence and proofs should be provided separately as annexures, preferably in digital format. Additionally, the scoring system needs refinement, as many applicants tend to achieve maximum scores in sections such as book chapters, other publications, and seminar participation. It was suggested that greater emphasis be placed on publications in the Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources (IJPGR) and involvement with the ISPGR. The Executive Committee is encouraged to hold a brainstorming session on this issue, possibly forming a committee to revise the scoring system.

The entire Committee expressed deep appreciation for the Member Secretary's systematic and thorough preparation of the meeting papers, which significantly facilitated the work of the Award Committee Members. Subsequently, the committee deliberated on each award and unanimously selected the recipients for the five awards, as detailed hereunder.



The applicants for the **Dr. S.K. Vasal Award for Efficient Use of PGR (2023)** were:

S. No.	Name	Present position and Address
1.	Bhupender Kumar	Senior Scientist, (Plant Breeding) ICAR-Indian Institute of Maize Research Office, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012
2.	Birendra Kumar	Chief Scientist Plant Breeding & Genetic Resources Conservation Division, CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow-226015, Uttar Pradesh
3.	J.M. Patel	Associate Research Scientist (PBG) Cotton Research Station, Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Talod-383215, Gujarat
4.	K. Chandran and Team A. Suganya and K. Mohanraj	Principal Scientist (PGR) Sugarcane Breeding Institute Research Centre Kannur-670002, Kerala
5.	Krishnendu Chattopadhyay	Principal Scientist (Plant Breeding) ICAR-National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack-753006, Odisha
6.	M Pandiyan	Former Dean Professor (PBG) Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Agricultural College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Eachangkottai, Thanjavur-614902, Tamil Nadu
7.	Satinder Kaur	Senior Molecular Geneticist School of Agricultural Biotechnology Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-141027, Punjab
8.	Sharat Pradhan Kumar	ADG (Food & Fodder Crops) Crop Sciences Division Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
9.	Somnath Roy	Senior Scientist Central Rainfed Upland Rice Research Station, ICAR-National Rice Research Institute, Hazaribag 825301, Jharkhand

The applicants for the '**Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Application/Excellence in PGR**' were:

S. No.	Name	Present Position and Address	Date of birth and age (on 31 Dec. 2023)
1	Amit Kumar Singh	Senior Scientist (Agricultural Biotechnology) Division of Genomic Resources ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012	01 January, 1980 (43 years 11 months 30 days)
2	Bhagya H.P.	Scientist (Spices, Plantation, Medicinal and Aromatic plants), ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur- 574202, Karnataka	13 May, 1988 (35 years 7 months 18 days)
3	Bidhan Roy	Professor and Head Department of Seed Science and Technology Faculty of Agriculture, Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Pundibari, Cooch Behar-736165, West Bengal	10 May, 1973 (50 years 7 months 21 days)

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4	Elssa Pandit	Associate Professor & Head Department of Biosciences and Biotechnology Fakir Mohan University, Balasore-756089, Odisha	26 May, 1981 (42 years 7 months 5 days)
5	Lakshmi Kant	Director ICAR-Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan, Almora-263601, Uttarakhand	03 June, 1969 (54 years 6 months 28 days)
6	M. Pandiyam*	Former Dean & Professor (PBG) Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Agricultural College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Eachangkottai, Thanjavur-614902, Tamil Nadu	31 October, 1966 (57 years 2 months 1 day)
7	Mrityunjay Ghosh	Professor Department of Agronomy, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Nadia, 741.252, West Bengal	03 June, 1969 (54 years 6 months 28 days)
8	Nalawade Suraj Vijay	Sugarcane Pathologist Central Sugarcane Research Station, Padegaon, Tal. Phaltan, Dist. Satara, Padegaon-415521, Maharashtra	11 June, 1981 42 years 6 months 20 days
9	Praveen Kumar Singh	Principal Scientist & Head Division of Plant Exploration & Germplasm Collection, ICAR-NBPGR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012	25 June, 1973 (50 years 6 months 6 days)
10	Ram Kumar Sharma	Chief Scientist Biotechnology Department, Block E: Room No. 305, CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology, P.O. Box. No. 6, Palampur-76 061, Himachal Pradesh	15 June, 1970 (53 years 6 months 16 days)
11	Sanjay Kumar Singh	Principal Scientist Genetics Division, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa Campus, New Delhi- 110012	19 April, 1972 (51 years 8 months 12 days)
12	Veena G.L.	Scientist (Fruit Science) Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka-574202	24 May, 1989 (34 years 7 months 7 days)
13	Yasin Jeshima K.	Senior Scientist Division of Genomic Resources ICAR-NBPGR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110 012	11 April, 1976 ears 8 months 20 days)

*Not eligible due to over-age

The applicants for the 'Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award' were:

S. No.	Name	Present position and Address	Date of Birth and Age on 31-12-2023
1.	Bhagya H P	Scientist (Horticulture -Spices, Plantation, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants) ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research Puttur-574202, Karnataka	3 May, 1988 (35 years 7 months 28 days)
2.	Bharat H. Gawade	Senior Scientist (Nematology) Division of Plant Quarantine, ICAR-NBPGR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi 110012	01 June, 1984 (39 years 6 months 30 days)

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Abhishek *B. H. G.* *S. K. G.* *R. S. P.* *J. H.*

3.	Divya Balakrishnan	Senior Scientist (Plant Breeding & Genetics) Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, Crop Improvement Section, ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500030, Telangana	23 May, 1984 (39 years 7 months 8 days)
4.	Gowthami R.	Scientist (SS) (Genetics and Plant Breeding) Division of Germplasm Conservation ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources Pusa Campus, New Delhi- 110012	24 February, 1990 (33 years 10 months 7 days)
5.	Heiplanmi Rymbai	Senior Scientist (Horticulture) Division of System Research & Engineering ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region Umiam, Barapani-793 103, Meghalaya	27 August, 1984 (39 years 4 months 4 days)
6.	Jitendra Kumar Tiwari	Scientist (Genetics and Plant Breeding) Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding RMD, College of Agriculture and Research Station IGKV, Ambikapur-497 001, Chhattisgarh	15 December, 1986 (37 years 16 days)
7.	M.G. Mallikarjuna	Scientist-Senior Scale (Maize Genetics and Breeding) Division of Genetics, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012	25 December, 1986 (36 years 6 months)
8.	Mahesh Rao	Senior Scientist (Genetics and Plant Breeding) ICAR-National Institute for Plant Biotechnology (NIPB), Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012	25 July, 1986 (37 years 5 months 6 days)
9.	Manjunatha Gowda D.C.	Scientist (Vegetable Science) ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research Hesaraghatta Lake Post, Bengaluru-560089, Karnataka	01 May, 1989 (34 years 7 months 30 days)
10.	Nitika Sandhu	Molecular Geneticist School of Agricultural Biotechnology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-141004	06 September, 1986 (37 years 3 months 25 days)
11.	Padmavati G Gore	Scientist (SS) (Economic Botany & PGR) Division of Germplasm Conservation ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012	31 May, 1991 (32 years 7 months 0 days)
12.	Shalakra John	Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, IGKV, Krishak Nagar, Raipur-492012, Chhattisgarh	08 April, 1993 (30 years 8 months 23 days)
13.	Shilpa Parashuram	Scientist SS (Genetics & Plant Breeding) ICAR-National Research Centre on Pomegranate NH-65, Solapur-Pune Highway, Kegaon, Solapur-413 255, Maharashtra	01 October, 1986 (37 years 2 months 30 days)
14.	Veena G.L.	Scientist (Horticulture -Fruit Science) Directorate of Cashew Research Puttur Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka-574202	25 May, 1989 (34 years 7 months 6 days)
15.	Vennampally Nataraj	Scientist (SS) (Genetics & Plant Breeding) ICAR-Indian Institute of Soybean Research Khandwa Road, Indore-452001, Madhya Pradesh	04 April, 1989 (34 years 8 months 27 days)

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Aggarwal

B. Anil Kumar S.K. Jaiswal

R. Anand Sharma

16.	Vikas Gupta*	Sr. Scientist (Genetics & Plant Breeding) ICAR- Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal-132001, Haryana	03 September 1983 (40 years 3 months 1 days)
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The applicants for 'Fellows' were:

S. No.	Current Position Address	Date of Birth	Age (as on Dec. 31, 2023)	Proposer	Seconder	Life member
1.	A. Arunachalam Director ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute Jhansi-284003, Uttar Pradesh	08 May, 1970	53 years 7 months 23 days	RK Tyagi	Anuradha Agrawal	2012
2.	Babita Chaudhary Principal Scientist (Genetics & Plant Breeding), ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute, Regional Station, Modipuram, Meerut, 250 110, Uttar Pradesh	04 February, 1975	48 years 10 months 27 days	Lalit Arya	Manjusha Verma	18 February, 2011
3.	Birendra Kumar Chief Scientist Plant Breeding & Genetic Resource Conservation Division CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow- 226015, Uttar Pradesh	07 November, 1967	56 years 1 months 24 days	MC Yadav	RK Tyagi	01 January, 1999
4.	Deepu Mathew Professor Centre for Plant Biotechnology and Molecular Biology Kerala Agricultural University KAU Post, Thrissur – 680 656, Kerala	17 May, 1976	47 years 7 months 14 days	K. Pradheep	Joseph John K.	19 December, 2003
5.	G.C. Bora Professor Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat – 785013, Assam	30 November, 1960	63 years 1 months 1 days	Satish Kumar Yadav	Amit Kumar Singh	
6.	M. Pandiyan Former Dean Professor (PBG), Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Agricultural College and Research Institute Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Eachangkottai, Thanjavur-	30 October, 1966	57 years- 2 months 1 days	K. Pradheep	P. Jayaprakash	2001

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Approved *B. S. Chakrabarti* *Secretary*

Ranjit Chakrabarti

	614902, Tamil Nadu					
7.	Mohar Singh Principal Scientist & Officer- In-Charge ICAR-NBPGR Regional Station, Shimla Shimla-171004, Himachal Pradesh	26 September, 1971	52 years 3 months 5 days	M.K. Rana	S.K. Yadav	20 January, 2000
8.	O.P. Chaurasia Scientist G & Director DRDO-Defense Institute of High-Altitude Research DIHAR, Govt. of India Leh-194101, Ladakh	23 December 1966	57 years 0 months 8 days	JC Rana	K.C. Bhatt	30 January, 2002
9.	Rakesh Kumar Chahota Principal Scientist Department of Agricultural Biotechnology CSK Himachal Pradesh Agricultural University Palampur-176062, Himachal Pradesh	10 November, 1968	55 years 1 months 21 days	S.K. Sharma	J.C. Rana	12 April, 2002
10.	Shreenivas A. Desai* Professor (GPB) and Nodal Officer (ICAR), College of Agricultural, University of Agricultural Science Dharwad-580005, Karnataka	03 July, 1969	54 years 5 months 28 days	Suni Archak	Manjusha Verma	16 February 2018
11.	Shyam Bir Singh Principal Scientist (PB), ICAR-Indian Institute of Maize Research Ludhiana-141004, Punjab	01 January, 1971	52 years 11 months 30 days	N. Sunil	Sherry Jacob	01 January, 2004
12.	Suma S. Biradar* Principal Scientist (GPB) AICRP on Wheat, MARS University of Agricultural Sciences Dharwad-580005, Karnataka	16 June, 1976	47 years 6 months 15 days	Sunil Archak	Lalit Arya	24 November 2017
13.	Vikas V.K. Senior Scientist ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute Regional Station, Wellington- 643 231, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu	17 May, 1978	45 years 7 months 14 days	Ashok Kumar	Sherry Jacob	2000
14.	Vikender Kaur Senior Scientist Division of Germplasm Evaluation	13 January, 1981	42 years 11 months 18 days	Ashok Kumar	Anjali Kak	17 October, 2013

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R. R. Rana

S. K. Sharma

ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources New Delhi-110012						
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* Life membership of 10 years not complete

For the 'Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award' (2023), all research papers published in the three issues of Volume 36, were considered.

The committee scrutinized the applications submitted for consideration. Keeping in view the contributions in PGR science and service, the committee recommended the following:

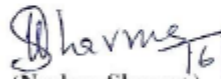
	Name of the Award	Awardee(s) Recommended
I	Dr. S.K. Vasal Award for efficient Use of PGR (2023) <i>(jointly awarded)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Satinder Kaur Senior Molecular Geneticist, School of Agricultural Biotechnology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-141027, Punjab Sharat Kumar Pradhan Assistant Director General (Food & Fodder Crops) Crop Science Division, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001
III	Dr B.R. Barwale Award for Excellence/Application in PGR (2023)	Lakshmi Kant Director ICAR-Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan Almora-263601, Uttarakhand
III	Dr R.S. Paroda Young Scientist Award (2023) <i>(jointly awarded)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gowthami R. Scientist (SS) Division of Germplasm Conservation ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources Pusa Campus, New Delhi- 110012 Padmavati G Gore Scientist (SS) (Economic Botany & PGR) Division of Germplasm Conservation ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012
IV	Fellows (2023)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Arunachalam Director ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute Jhansi-284003, Uttar Pradesh Birendra Kumar Chief Scientist Plant Breeding & Genetic Resource Conservation Division CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow-226015, Uttar Pradesh M. Pandiyan Former Dean Professor (PBG), Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Agricultural College and Research Institute Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Eachangkottai, Thanjavur-614902, Tamil Nadu

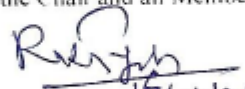
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		7	Vikas V.K. Senior Scientist ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Regional Station, Wellington-643 231, The Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu
V	Dr R.K. Arora Best Paper Award (2023)		Suresh R. Yerasu, Shailesh K. Tiwari, Chithra D. Pandey and Sushil Pandey (2023) Characterization of Exotic Tomato Germplasm from ICAR-NBPGR Gene Bank <i>Indian J Plant Genet. Resourc.</i> 36(2): 301-318.

Dr RS Paroda, President, ISPGR had recommended name of Dr B.S. Dhillon for election of Honorary Fellow (2023), which was also endorsed by the Award Committee (minus Dr Dhillon who abstained from the matter).

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and all Members.


16/04/2024
(Neelam Sharma)
Member


16/04/2024
(R.K. Tyagi)
Member


16/04/2024
(B.S. Dhillon)
Member


16/04/24
(Anuradha Agrawal)
Member-Secretary


(S.K. Vasal)
Chairman



National



Annexure 9



First Circular

Conference

on

Management of Biodiversity in North Eastern India (NCMBN-2024)

OCTOBER 23-25, 2024

Venue

- ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hill Region, Umiam, Meghalaya

Important Dates

- Submission of abstract: June 01, 2024
- Registration: July 01, 2024

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- Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi
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CONTEXT AND RATIONALE

North-eastern India, with 25.5 million hectares of the total geographical area, comprised of 8 states, viz., Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, and Sikkim. About 70% of the population in the region is dependent on agriculture, with land holding ranging from 0.005 to 4.0 hectares, and about 80% of them are marginal and small farmers. The region is almost self-sufficient in food security, but the majority of the population, especially children and women, is suffering from protein and energy malnutrition, and micronutrient (vitamin and minerals)-related disorders, which are essential for sustaining healthy life.

The region possesses a diverse climate, varying from sub-tropical to alpine, favourable for the existence of diverse plant species, including wild and cultivated species. Hence, the region is designated as a 'hot spot' for biodiversity. Although, the region shared only 7.7% of India's geographical area, but it contributes 21.67% of the national forest cover, 50% (8000 species) of the flowering plants, 39% (7,000 plant species) of higher plants, and 37% (300 species) of the wild edible plants in India. Furthermore, the region is considered the primary center of origin for crop species like rice, mandarin, banana, cucumber, brinjal, Indian bean,

ginger, turmeric, large cardamom, taro, yam, bamboo, orchid, lily, and a secondary center of diversity for maize, chillies, chow-chow, beans etc. Besides, many underutilized crops like perilla, job's tear, faba bean, winged bean, rice bean, lima bean, sword bean, tree bean, tree tomato, edible mushrooms, ferns, lotus, *etc.* are grown by the local tribes and play an important role in ensuring the nutritional security of the local population. The region is also known for superior quality of the produce. Geographical Indications (GI) tags has been granted for several agricultural crops/commodities, such as, Joha rice, Boka Chaul, Kaji Nemu, Tezpur Litchi, and Karbi ginger of Assam; Adi Kekir ginger and Khaw Tai (Khamti rice) of Arunachal Pradesh; black rice (Chakhao), Tamenglong Orange, Sirarakhong's Hathei chilly, Kachai lemon, and Siroy lily of Manipur; Memong Narang and Khasi Mandarin of Meghalaya; Large Cardamom and Dalle chillies of Sikkim; King-chillies, Tree tomato and Sweet cucumber of Nagaland; Birds eye chillies of Mizoram; and Queen pineapple of Tripura. Besides crop species, the region is also rich in diverse landraces of livestock such as Siri (Sikkim and West Bengal), Lakhimi (Assam), Thutho (Nagaland), Masilum (Meghalaya) breed of the cattles; Chittagong (Meghalaya & Tripura), Miri and Daothigir (Assam), Kaunayen (Manipur) breeds of chicken, Sumi-Ne (Nagaland), Assam Hill (Assam & Meghalaya) of goat, Niang Megha (Meghalaya), Tenyi Vo (Nagaland), Doom (Assam), Mali (Tripura), Manipuri Black (Manipur) and Wak Chambil (Meghalaya) breed of pig and have been registered due to their unique traits. The region is also known for the diverse genetic resources in the fishes including 197 potential foods, sports and aquarium fish species belonging to 27 families under 74 genera and 33 has been found endemic to the region.

Integrated farming systems are the main traditional farming practices in the region. However, the growing demands for food due to the increasing population possess challenges to food and nutritional security. The loss of biodiversity due to deforestation, mining, shrinking of the wetland, biotic and abiotic stresses, and climate change further aggravated the problems. These emerging challenges are of grave concern for the loss of biodiversity as well as food and nutritional security of the region. The target of food and nutritional security, i.e., zero hunger and poverty by 2030 as envisioned in the Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) of United Nations, can be achieved only through new innovations and the full potential utilization of vast genetic resources to address issues of declining factor productivity such as soil health, water availability, incidences of diseases and pests, energy crises, livelihood security of small holders, and emerging challenges of climate change. To promote economic, strategic and cultural relations with the vast Asia-Pacific region under the Act East Policy, the government of India has taken several initiatives, like the development of infrastructure related to road, railways and other means of connectivity which may likely to cause erosion of genetic diversity to certain extent. To conserve the vast genetic diversity present in the region, the steps should be taken to address the emerging challenges and threats. Therefore, Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR), New Delhi in collaboration with ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya and ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi, is organizing a National Conference on 'Management of Biodiversity in North Eastern India (NCMBN-2024)' aiming to (i) provide an opportunity to researchers, academicians, policy makers, students and the farmers to present their research results, views and suggestions relating to current developments in the area of genetic diversity management and develop the roadmap for future, and (ii) sensitize all the stakeholders for innovative conservation and utilization of the diverse genetic resources of the region for sustainable agriculture and the way forward of genetic resources-led livelihood and nutritional security for resource-poor farmers and consumers.

Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi extends you a warm invitation for your active participation in the conference to accomplish its objectives.

CATEGORIES OF CONFERENCE THEME PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Lectures: Scientists across India, policy makers and administrators will be invited to deliver special lectures related to Biodiversity of crops, livestock and fisheries under different thematic areas. Keynote lectures will be of **12 minutes duration**.

Lead Lectures: Lead lecture will be of **10 minutes duration** that will cover emerging technologies and scientific advancements in the area of agro-biodiversity and conservation. Lead speakers of the conference will be requested to provide 3-4 pages extended summaries of their presentation.

Contributory/ Oral Papers: Limited number of papers will be selected by the committee for oral presentation based on importance of subject and its relevance to the sub- themes of the Conference. The speakers will be informed well in advance for making the presentation. The presentation will be of **5-6 minutes duration**.

Poster Presentations: All the delegates will get an opportunity to present their contributory research papers through poster presentation. Materials for fixing the posters will be provided by the organizers. The size of the poster should be 48" (L) × 36" (W) with standard font size used for posters.

Best Oral/Poster Award: The expert's committee will judge best oral and poster presentations under each thematic area. All the registered participants will be provided with a certificate.

THEMES & SUB-THEMES

1. Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture including Animals and Fisheries

Sub-themes: Status, ethno-botany, traditional knowledge, collection, evaluation, characterization etc.

2. Innovations and Modern Tools for Ex Situ Conservation and Utilization

Sub-themes: Biotechnology tools for trait discovery to address climate change, ex-situ conservation (seed, *in vitro*, cryo), geoinformatics, digital sequence information (DSI), AI, and ICT/Digital technology.

3. In situ/On-Farm Conservation by Local Communities

Sub-themes: Role of communities, farmers, KVKs, NGOs, FPOs.

4. Access, Exchange, Benefit Sharing and IPR Systems

Sub-themes: IPRs (PPVFR Act, BDA, Patent, GI, Genetic Stock Registration), National/International Legal Instrument for Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS), transboundary movement/exchange.

5. Entrepreneurship and Value Addition

Sub-themes: Success stories - Food products, production, marketing issues, role of youth and women.

6. Capacity Building and Public Awareness

Sub-themes: Educational curricula, awareness through media communication, FLDs etc.

Note-The parallel sessions will be organized for crops, animals and fisheries

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English is the official language of the conference.

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

Abstracts (Maximum 400 words, should include titles, authors name, affiliation and corresponding authors email ID of unpublished research works related to the conference themes are invited for presentation(Oral and Poster). Abstracts, Keynote papers (Not more than 1000 words) and lead papers (not more than 1500 words) are to be submitted preferably through e-mail attachment at ncmbn2024@gmail.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Date for start of the abstract submission: 01st June, 2024

Last date for submission of abstracts /papers: 10th October, 2024

Acceptance of abstracts/paper: 15th October, 2024

Date of registration without late fee: 20th October, 2024

Registration

Duly filled registration form along with details of registration fee should also be communicated through e-mail at ncmbn2024@gmail.com.

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The ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hill Region (ICAR RC NEH) was established on January 9, 1975 under the aegis of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). This is the first of its kind set up by ICAR, which encompasses all the disciplines of agriculture, horticulture, animal sciences, agricultural engineering, agroforestry, fishery and social sciences to cater to the research needs of the tribal areas of NEH Region including Sikkim. Beside research and extension, the institute is also actively involved in human resources development, offering the UG, PG, and Ph.D. programmes under the IARI as a hub in North-eastern India. The headquarter (HQ) of the institute is located in Meghalaya (Barapani), while its regional centres are located at Basar (Arunachal Pradesh), Imphal (Manipur), Kolasib (Mizoram), Jharnapani (Nagaland), Lembucherra (Tripura) and Gangtok (Sikkim). The institute has 20 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) attached to different centres and HQ for providing on/off campus

training to the practising farmers, school dropouts and farm women in the field of agriculture and allied sectors. In the current year 2024, the institute is celebrating the Golden Jubilee (50th anniversary) of its foundation in serving the nation.

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources (ISPGR) was founded in 1987 as a multidisciplinary scientific body involved in the various issues of plant genetic resources (PGR) and related fields located at ICAR- National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi. It currently has > 950 members, nearly 800 of them being life members. The ISPGR was formally registered under the Indian Societies Act (1860) on November 3, 1987 with the Registrar of Societies, Delhi (Registration No. S/18336 of 1987). Membership is open to all persons interested in the field of PGR in India and abroad. Presently the Society is progressing very well under the able and dynamic leadership of Dr RS Paroda, as its President. Besides organizing seminars, symposia, to disseminate the knowledge on PGR, the Society is also publishing Indian Journal of Plant Genetic Resources, a reputed journal covering all the aspects of PGR.

ACCOMMODATION

A wide range of accommodation in budget and luxury hotels at Umiam and nearby in the vicinity of the conference venue is available. The tariffs at the current rates are in the range of Rs. 3000/- to Rs. 7000/- per day for single/Double occupancy. Accommodation is available in wide range of guest houses near the venue.

ROADMAP AND WEATHER

The seminar venue is well connected by road, rail and air route. The seminar venue is located 100 km from Guwahati airport, 80 km from Guwahati railway station and 10 km from Shillong airport. Weather during the seminar is expected to be cool and pleasant weather with the temperature range of 18°C to 25°C. Participants are advised to carry light woollen clothes.

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