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Proceedings of the General Body Meeting held at Bidhan Chandra
Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Kalyani on December 04, 2010

The following were present :

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| 01. Prof. Prem Narain | (Chairman) | 19. Shri Lal Chand Sekh |
| 02. Dr. VK Gupta | | 20. Shri Abhishek Singh |
| 03. Dr. VK Bhatia | | 21. Dr. Gitasree Das |
| 04. Dr. Rajender Parsad | | 22. Shri Eldho Varghese |
| 05. Dr. PK Malhotra | | 23. Dr. GR Maruthi Sankar |
| 06. Shri S.C. Rai | | 24. Dr. HL Sharma |
| 07. Dr. S. Ravichandran | | 25. Dr. PK Sahu |
| 08. Dr. B.V.S. Sisodia | | 26. Dr. Mahesh Kumar |
| 09. Shri YN Havaladar | | 27. Dr. P Khongji |
| 10. Dr. SN Megeri | | 28. Dr. MA Iquebal |
| 11. Dr. BH Prajapati | | 29. Dr. Amrender Kumar |
| 12. Dr. A Dhandapani | | 30. Shri Shakti Prasad |
| 13. Dr. Ranjana Agrawal | | 31. Shri Deepak Majhi |
| 14. Dr. J Jayasankar | | 32. Shri BK Handique |
| 15. Dr. RB Singh | | 33. Shri Rajendra Prasad Kaushal |
| 16. Shri Suresh Rai | | 34. Shri Amar Singh |
| 17. Dr. CT Jose | | 35. Shri Kritanjay Kumar Mourya |
| 18. Dr. Anurup Majumder | | |

The Chairman and the Secretary welcomed the members of the Society. At the outset the Members expressed their condolences at the sad demise of Dr. AC Sinha, Dr. AB Joshi, Dr JN Srivastava life members of the Society. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up as follows:

1. Confirmation of the Proceedings of the last General Body Meeting held at RAU, Pusa, Samastipur on December 03, 2009

The proceedings were confirmed.

2. Action taken on the recommendations made at the last General Body Meeting held at Pusa, Samastipur

The details of the action taken on the recommendations made at the last meeting were brought to the notice of the members. The members expressed their satisfaction on the action taken. The action taken report is given in ANNEXURE-I.

3. Consideration of the Secretary's Report on the activities of the Society for 2010 and accounts of the Society for the year ending 31 March, 2010

Dr. VK Bhatia, Secretary presented the report on the activities of the Society for the year 2009. The members expressed their satisfaction on the report. The accounts of the Society and the audited report for the year 2009-10 were circulated. Dr. PK Malhotra, Joint Secretary presented the report. The accounts of the Research Unit and the Journal were discussed and approved.

4. Election of Office Bearers of the Society for the year 2011 and appointment of Auditors for the year 2010-11

Dr. Rajender Parsad, Jt. Secretary informed that 08 nominations (Dr. Hukum Chandra, Dr. Alka Arora, Dr. Rajni Jain, Dr. DK Jain, Shri Pal Singh, Dr. S Ravichandran, Dr. BVS Sisodia and Dr. RC Bharati) were received for filling up five vacant positions of the members of the Executive Council for the year 2011-12.

The Executive Council appointed Dr. A Dhandapani, Principal Scientist, NAARM, Hyderabad as Returning Officer for this election. Out of 08 nominations, Dr. Hukum Chandra, Dr. Rajni Jain, Dr. DK Jain, Dr. S Ravichandran and Dr. BVS Sisodia were elected to be the members of the Executive Council for the year 2011-12.

Dr. Prajneshu, Head, Division of Biometrics, Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi has been elected as Sessional President of the Society for the year 2011.

The complete list of Office Bearers for the year 2011 as approved by the General Body is given in ANNEXURE-II

5. Suggestions for venue and dates of the 65th Annual Conference

It was discussed that the possibility of holding the next conference in Northern part of the country may be explored.

6. Selection of topics for the symposia to be organized during 65th Annual Conference

The Executive Council has been authorized to decide the theme and sub-themes for 65th Annual Conference keeping in view of the venue of the Conference.

7. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

- (i) The General Body passed the following proposal for a Vote of Thanks to be forwarded to the Organizers of the 64th Annual Conference. The following resolution was adopted by the General Body:

The General Body of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics expresses its grateful thanks to Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya and University of Kalyani in general and its Vice Chancellors, Prof. Saroj Kumar Sanyal and Prof. Alok Kumar Banerjee in particular for organizing the 64th Annual Conference at Farmers' Training Centre (Lake Hall), Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Kalyani during December 03-05, 2010. Our sincere thanks are due to Prof. AK Das, Organizing President, Dr. Anurup Majumder, Professor & Head, Department of Agricultural Statistics, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Mohanpur and Dr. Premadhis Das, Professor, Department of Statistics, University of Kalyani, the Organizing Secretaries of the Conference. The Society is thankful to Minitab, IFFCO, StafSoft India etc. for sponsoring the Conference. The colleagues and staff members took pains to see that each and every item of work was attended to in time and efficiently. The Society expresses its sincere thanks to all concerned for making the Conference a great success. The Society in particular is thankful to the Organizing Committee, volunteers headed by Dr. Debasis Mazumdar and Dr. Pradip Kumar Sahu, Dr. (Mrs.) Banjul Bhattacharyya, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, convenors and members of various committees for shouldering heavy responsibilities in organizing the Conference. The Society also proposes a hearty vote of thanks to chairpersons and convenors as well as speakers of various sessions.

- (ii) Dr. VK Gupta, Chair Editor informed the house that the Journal of Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics is an open access journal. The journal can be accessed from www.isas.org.in/jisas. A link of the journal is also available on the website of the ICAR. All members appreciated the efforts made in this direction and expressed satisfaction that this would enhance the visibility of the Journal.
- (iii) The secretary requested all members to make efforts for improving the financial position of the Society.
- (iv) It was also decided that different registration fee structure may be decided and the early birds should get some advantage in this regard.
- (v) The members appreciated the efforts made for giving a wider publicity to the Conference through circular, e-mail, webpage and also on the webpage of International Statistical Institute. The members, however, felt that for efforts may be made to give it a wider publicity. The programme of the conference may also be finalized 15-20 days before the Conference.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

**Action Taken Report on the Recommendations made at the General Body Meeting
held on December 03, 2009 at RAU, Pusa, Samastipur**

Action Suggested : It was suggested that Executive Council of the Society may decide the venue and dates of the next Conference during 2010.

Action Taken : The Executive Council in its meeting held on 09 March 2010 chaired by Hon'ble President, Dr. Mangala Rai, then Secretary, DARE, Govt. of India and DG, ICAR, New Delhi has decided to hold its 64th Annual Conference at Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Kalyani during December 03-05, 2010.

Action Suggested : It was suggested that the topics of the sub-themes to be organized during the Conference may be finalized by the Executive Council.

Action Taken : It was decided that the theme of the Conference would be **Statistical and Informatics for Massive Data Sets**. The Executive Council also finalized the topics of the sub-themes as under :

- (i) Dimension-reduction and Classification Procedures
- (ii) Estimation Problems in Multi-dimensional Data Sets: Challenges Ahead
- (iii) Data Management and Statistical Analysis in Agriculture and Allied Fields

Action Suggested : It was pointed out that many important journals of Statistical Sciences that are not included in the list of Journals identified by National Academy of Agricultural Sciences. A committee comprising of Dr. VK Bhatia, Dr. UC Sud, Dr. BVS Sisodia and Dr. Rajender Parsad was constituted for identification of such journals and assigning scores to them so that they can be considered for evaluation of nominations for Awards/Fellowship of the Society. The members were requested to send their suggestions by December 31, 2009 to the Secretary.

Action Taken : The sub-committee prepared a list of Journals pertaining to Statistics and Computer Applications that were not included in NAAS Journal List. The committee also gave scores for these Journals. The list along with scores was approved by the Executive Council and is now available at www.isas.org.in

Action Suggested : It was suggested that a Vote of Thanks might be proposed and passed by the General Body to the Organizers of the 63rd Annual Conference.

Action Taken : A copy of Vote of Thanks passed by the General Body was sent to the Vice Chancellor, Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur.

**INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS
OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 2011**

President	Dr. S Ayyappan
Executive President	Prof. Prem Narain
Sessional President	Dr. Prajneshu

Patrons

Prof. Bal BPS Goel*	Dr. KC Raut*
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Vice Presidents

Prof. Alope Dey	Dr. VK Gupta
Dr. SD Sharma	Dr. AK Vishandass

Members

Dr. Hukum Chandra	Dr. Anurup Majumder
Dr. DK Jain	Dr. S Ravichandran
Dr. Rajni Jain	Dr. Sudeep Marwaha
Dr. BH Prajapati	Dr. SP Singh
Shri VK Singh	Dr. BVS Sisodia
Dr. UC Sud	Dr. AK Vasisht

Honorary Secretary	Dr. VK Bhatia
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Honorary Joint Secretaries	Dr. Rajender Parsad
	Dr. PK Malhotra

Honorary Treasurer	Dr. RC Agrawal
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Ex-Officio Members (By Designation) :

1. Director, Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi;
2. Economic & Statistical Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi;
3. Director General, Central Statistical Organization, Govt. of India, New Delhi;
4. Director General, National Sample Survey Organization, Govt. of India, New Delhi;
5. Chair Editor, JISAS, New Delhi.

Patrons	Prof. J.S. Rustagi	Dr. M.N. Das	Shri J.S. Sarma
	Dr. K.C. Seal	Dr. B.N. Singh	Prof. Bal B.P.S. Goel*
	Dr. K.C. Raut*		

* Nominated to attend the Executive Council Meetings during 2011.