

INDIAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS
ICAR-IASRI CAMPUS, LIBRARY AVENUE, PUSA
NEW DELHI – 110 012

Proceedings of the General Body Meeting held at
University of Kota, Kota, Rajasthan on December 15, 2015

The following were present:

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| 1. Dr. Padam Singh (Chairman) | 14. Dr. Hukum Chandra |
| 2. Prof. Bal BPS Goel | 15. Dr. Seema Jaggi |
| 3. Dr. BVS Sisodia | 16. Dr. AK Choubey |
| 4. D. UC Sud | 17. Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma |
| 5. Dr. AK Paul | 18. Shri GR Manjunatha |
| 6. Dr. Susheel Kumar Sarkar | 19. Dr. SP Bhardwaj |
| 7. Shri VK Singh | 20. Dr. GK Chaudhary |
| 8. Dr. KK Tyagi | 21. Dr. MK Chaudhary |
| 9. Dr. AC Kulshreshtha | 22. Dr. AK Gupta |
| 10. Dr. KN Singh | 23. Dr. Kaustav Aditya |
| 11. Dr. Arpan Bhowmik | 24. Dr. Mukesh Kumar |
| 12. Dr. AK Gupta | 25. Shri SB Lal |
| 13. Dr. V Bhushan Babu | 26. Dr. Ramasubramanian V |

At the outset, the Chairman and Secretary welcomed all the members of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics (ISAS) present in the meeting.

Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up.

In the beginning the presentations of Dr. G.R. Seth Memorial Young Scientist Award and Dr. G.R. Seth Memorial Appreciation Certificate were taken up.

The Society awarded Dr. G.R. Seth Memorial Young Scientist Award-2015 to Dr. Arpan Bhowmik, Scientist, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi for his paper entitled **Factorial Experiments with Minimum Changes in Run Sequences** by Arpan Bhowmik, Eldho Varghese, Seema Jaggi, and Cini Varghese.

As per the decision taken in the last General Body Meeting held at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi winner candidate will be given Dr. G.R. Seth Memorial Young Scientist Award and second candidate will be given Dr. G.R. Seth Memorial Young Scientist Appreciation Certificate. Subsequently, Shri GR Manjunatha was given Dr. G.R. Seth Memorial Young Scientist Appreciation Certificate for the year 2015 for his paper entitled **Generalised Neighbour Designs in Circular Blocks with Group-Divisible Association Scheme for Correlated Observations** by GR Manjunatha, A Majumder, and SG Patil.

Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up as follows:

1. Confirmation of the Proceedings of the last General Body Meeting held at ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi on January 30, 2015

The proceedings were circulated among all the members. As no comments were received, accordingly, the proceedings were confirmed.

2. Action taken on the Recommendations made at the last General Body Meeting held at ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi on January 30, 2015

The details of the action taken on the recommendations made at the last General Body Meeting were brought to the notice of the members. The members expressed their satisfaction on the action taken report (as per ANNEXURE-I).

3. Consideration of the Honorary Secretary's Report on the activities of the Society for 2015

Dr. U.C. Sud, Honorary Secretary presented the report on the activities of the Society for the year 2015. The members expressed their satisfaction on the report. It was informed that the accounts of the Society have been audited and uploaded on the website of the Society.

4. Suggestions for venue and dates of the 70th Annual Conference

The Executive Council has been authorized to finalize the venue and dates of the 70th Annual Conference to be held during 2016. International Crop Research Institute for Semi Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad may be considered as the venue for organizing the 70th Annual Conference of the Society after getting the formal request letter from the Director General, ICRISAT. It may be an International Conference.

5. Selection of Theme and Sub-themes for the 70th Annual Conference of ISAS

The Executive Council has been authorized to decide the themes and sub-themes for 70th Annual Conference of ISAS, keeping in view of the venue of the Conference and suggestions received from the members.

6. Guidelines for adjudging Sankhyiki Bhushan Award of ISAS

Executive President observed that for adjudging/deciding about the **Sankhyiki Bhushan Award of ISAS**, there is no proper judging/scoring Guidelines, as has been prescribed for decision making in case of other Awards. He proposed a criterion giving allocation of marks pertaining to different activities such as Research Papers Published, Teaching, Research Guidance, etc. which was discussed at length and suggestions made by the members present in the meeting. It was decided that the EC may constitute a committee for looking into the proposed criterion. In addition, the Committee may also review the criterion for other Awards as well. The recommendations of this committee may be discussed in the EC meeting and after approval by EC, in GB Meeting for final approval.

It was observed that during past few years, the then Executive Members have received these Awards in most cases, which has been a matter of severe criticism among the ISAS members. To avoid this in future, it was decided that none of the office bearers i.e. EC Members during their tenure will be considered for any of the ISAS Awards. Further, none of the EC members will recommend anybody for award and also will not be member of any committee for such awards.

7. Guidelines for appointing Chief Editor of ISAS

Executive President observed that the Honorary Secretary i.e. the Director, ICAR-IASRI has to work in close coordination with the Executive President, and Chief Editor of ISAS. Accordingly, these positions should be held by senior level working/retired Scientists/Officials who held a higher rank than the Director, ICAR-IASRI.

8. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

The General Body of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics expresses its grateful thanks to University of Kota in general and to its Vice Chancellor, Dr. PK Dashora in particular for successfully organizing the 69th Annual Conference at University of Kota, Kota, Rajasthan during December 14-16, 2015. The members appreciated the concerted efforts made by all the officials associated with the organisation of the Conference. They also appreciated the coverage of the different sessions of the Conference by the Media. The Society expressed its heartfelt thanks to Dr. NK Jaiman, Professor, Department of Pure & Applied Physics, University of Kota & Local Organizing Secretary for the successful organisation of 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, chairmen, conveners and members of various committees for shouldering heavy responsibilities in organizing the Conference. The Society also proposes a hearty vote of thanks to Chairmen and Conveners of different Sessions as well as the invited Speakers.

The General Body members appreciated and placed on record their sincere thanks to Dr. AR Rao, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi for acting as Returning Officer and for smoothly conducting the election of Office Bearers of the Society for the year 2015.

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

**Action Taken Report on the Recommendations made at the General Body
Meeting held on January 30, 2015 at ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi**

Action Suggested: It was decided that the Executive Council of the Society may decide the venue and dates of the 69th Annual Conference of the Society.

Action Taken: The Executive Council in its meeting held on 20 May 2015 chaired by Hon'ble President, Dr. S Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE, Govt. of India and DG, ICAR, New Delhi has decided to hold its 69th Annual Conference at University of Kota, Kota, Rajasthan during December 14-16, 2015.

Action Suggested: It was decided that the theme and sub-themes for 69th Annual Conference of the Society may be finalized by the Executive Council.

Action Taken: The Executive Council has decided that the theme of the Conference would be Statistics and Informatics in Agricultural Research. The Executive Council also finalized the following sub-themes:

1. Food Processing and Value Addition in Agricultural Produce
2. Statistical and Informatics Issues in relation to Agricultural Engineering
3. Statistical Issues in Technology Foresight
4. Emerging Issues in Basic Research in Statistics
5. Issues in Collection and Analysis of Large Scale Agricultural Data
6. Advances in Agricultural Informatics
7. New Challenges in Teaching and Training in Agricultural Statistics and Informatics
8. Students Session

Action Suggested: It was suggested that the Office Bearers of the Society should be elected through election process and the rules and regulations may be adopted on the basis of the recommendations of the sub-committee headed by Dr. AK Srivastava. The General Body requested Dr. AR Rao, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi to act as Returning Officer for conducting the election of Office Bearers of the Society for the year 2015.

Action Taken: Dr. AR Rao conducted the election process and new Executive Council has been constituted. A list of new elected Executive Council is attached:

ISAS Election Results - 2015

Position	Name of Elected Candidate
Executive President	Dr. Padam Singh, 2062, Park Royal Apartments, Plot 10-A, Sector 09, Dwarka, New Delhi-110 075
Vice Presidents	Dr. SK Raheja, B-21, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-110 028
	Shri SD Wahi, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi-110 012
	Dr. BVS Sisodia, NDUAT, Faizabad-224 229
	Dr. BS Kulkarni, 2-1-512/4, Nallakunta, Hyderabad-500 044
Joint Secretaries (Delhi)	Dr. AK Paul, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi-110 012
	Dr. Susheel Kumar Sarkar, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi-110 012
Joint Secretary (outside Delhi)	Shri Vinod Kumar Singh, Agricultural Statistics & Crop Insurance, Krishi Bhavan, Lucknow-226 001
Executive Members	1. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Paul, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi-110 012
	2. Shri Sudhir Srivastava, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi-110 012
	3. Dr. Mir Asif Iquebal, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi-110 012
	4. Dr. Manish Sharma, SKUAST-J, Jammu-180 005
	5. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, ICAR-IISR, Lucknow-226 002
	6. Dr. Sukanta Dash, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi-110 012
	7. Dr. Jitendra Singh Tomar, MOSPI, New Delhi-110 001
	8. Dr. Ankur Biswas, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi-110 012
	9. Dr. Sarika, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi-110 012
	10. Dr. Anshu Bharadwaj, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi-110 012
	11. Md. Samir Farooqi, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi-110 012
	12. Dr. Kaustav Aditya, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi-110 012

In addition to the above elected, Dr UC Sud, Director, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi will be the Honorary Secretary and Dr KK Tyagi has been unanimously nominated by the elected EC as Honorary Treasurer.

Action Suggested: It was suggested that the accounts of the Society may be prepared and placed on the website of the Society.

Action Taken: The accounts of the Society up to 2014-15 have been prepared and uploaded on the website of the Society.

