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Proceedings of the General Body Meeting held on November 15, 2022 in Hybrid Mode during the organization of the 73rd Annual Conference on "Statistics and Machine Learning for Big Data Analytics" at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, Srinagar, J&K, India from November 14-16, 2022

The following were present:

1. Dr. Padam Singh (Chairman)
2. Dr. B.V.S. Sisodia
3. Dr. Anil Rai
4. Dr. A.R. Rao
5. Dr. U.C. Sud
6. Dr. Rajender Parsad
7. Dr. Amrit Kumar Paul
8. Dr. Susheel Kumar Sarkar
9. Dr. K.K. Tyagi
10. Dr. R.C. Agrawal
11. Dr. Tauqueer Ahmad
12. Dr. Ramasubramanian V
13. Dr. Med Ram Verma
14. Dr. Sarika
15. Dr. Ananta Sarkar
16. Dr. Md. Yeasin
17. Dr. Kanchan Sinha
18. Dr. Pankaj Das
19. Dr. Ankur Biswas
20. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Paul
21. Dr. Mir Asif Iquebal
22. Dr. V. Bhushana Babu
23. Dr. Mukesh Kumar
24. Dr. Sudeep
25. Dr. D.K. Panda
26. Dr. K.N. Singh
27. Dr. D.C. Mishra
28. Dr. Anindita Datta
29. Dr. Anu Sharma
30. Dr. Achal Lama
31. Dr. Sudhir Srivastava
32. Dr. Neeraj Budhlakoti
33. Dr. Soumen Pal
34. Dr. Tariq A Raja
35. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad Mir
36. Dr. Bishal Gurung
37. Dr. Imran Khan
38. Dr. Mrinmoy Ray
39. Dr. Debopam Rakshit
40. Dr. Anurup Majumder
41. Dr. Manoj Kumar
42. Dr. Eldho Varghese
43. Dr. Raju Kumar
44. Dr. Mohd. Harun
45. Dr. P.K. Meher
46. Dr. Ritwika Das
47. Dr. Sunil Kumar Yadav
48. Dr. Chandan Kumar Deb
49. Dr. Sarvesh Kumar Dubey
50. Dr. Sukanta Dash
51. Dr. K.K. Chaturvedi
52. Dr. Shashi Dahiya
53. Dr. Manish Sharma
54. Dr. S.B. Lal
55. Dr. Arpan Bhowmik
56. Dr. Cini Varghese
57. Dr. Manish Trivedi
58. Dr. Sadikul Islam
59. Dr. Rajeev Ranjan Kumar

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics (ISAS) present in the General Body Meeting offline as well as online.

It was informed that the Dr. Bikas K Sinha, Former Professor, ISI, Kolkata, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow and Dr. Seema Jaggi, Assistant Director General (Agricultural Education), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi have been selected for Sankhyiki Bhushan Award. The Society honoured Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow and Dr. Seema Jaggi, Assistant Director General (Agricultural Education), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi with the title of Sankhyiki Bhushan during the Inaugural Function of the 73rd Annual Conference of the Society held at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, Srinagar, J&K, India on 14 November 2022. The Award to Dr. Bikas K Sinha, Former Professor, ISI, Kolkata will be presented later during his visit to Delhi.

Dr. Ranjit Kumar Paul, Senior Scientist, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi and Dr. Med Ram Verma, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar were selected for ISAS Fellow and same was awarded during the General Body Meeting.

Dr. G.R. Seth Memorial Young Scientist Award: Applications were invited for which last date was October 06, 2022. For this award, 08 papers were received. After evaluation, 02 papers have been qualified for presentation during the Conference.

Dr. Anindita Datta, Scientist, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi and Dr. Pankaj Das, Scientist, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi presented their research papers in a special session organized during the Conference on 15 November 2022. Both names were recommended for the award. The Society awarded Dr. G.R. Seth Memorial Young Scientist Award-2022 to Dr. Anindita Datta and Dr. Pankaj Das during the General Body Meeting.

Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up as follows:

- 1. Confirmation of the Proceedings of the last General Body Meeting held at ICAR-CIAE, Bhopal**
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-CIAE, Bhopal**
The details of the action taken on the recommendations made at the last General Body Meeting were brought to the notice of the members. Action taken report was presented and approved and details are given in Annexure-I.
- 3. Consideration of the Secretary's Report on the activities of the Society for the year 2022**
Dr. Rajender Parsad, Honorary Secretary presented the report on the activities of the Society for the year 2022. The members expressed their satisfaction on the report.
- 4. Presentation of Audited Accounts of the Society for the year 2021-22**

The Audited Accounts of the Society have been completed upto 31 March 2022 and presented by Dr. K.K. Tyagi, Treasurer of the Society during the General Body Meeting.

5. Proposal for formation of committees to streamline the rules for election and Awards

At present, there is no Scoring Criteria for Sankhyiki Bhushan Award. It is required to modify the weights to different parameters in Scoring Criteria e.g. (i) the papers published as First or Co-authors should have different weightage; (ii) Product, process, methodology, technology developed as PI and Co-PI should also have different weightage, etc. for other Awards as well. Further, for Dr. G.R. Seth Memorial Young Scientist Award, there should be quantitative evaluation at both the stages of evaluation. The General Body was informed about the constitution of the following two committees by the Executive Council.

- To look into Criteria of Awards and propose new Guidelines: Chairman: Dr. V.K. Gupta; Members: Dr. V.K. Bhatia, Dr. P.K. Batra, Dr. Subhra Sarker, Dr. Ranjit Kumar Paul and Dr. Manish Sharma.
- Election Rules: Chairman: Dr. S.D. Sharma; Members: Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Dr. Prajneshu, Dr. Dalip Singh, Dr. Anshu Bharadwaj and Dr. S.A. Mir.

All copies of proceedings of previous committees of Election rules will be provided by the Society Office to the Committee and Committee would be requested to submit its report with 01 month of its constitution. The recommendation would be circulated to EC /GB to provide the inputs, if any within 7 days.

The awards committee may also explore the possibility of including appropriate weightage to teaching and dissemination work as well.

6. To discuss the matter relating to Election of Office Bearers of the Society for the year 2023-25

It was informed that the Election of Executive Council were delayed in 2020 due to COVID and results were declared on October 05, 2020. For smooth functioning of the Society, it was proposed that the tenure of the existing Executive Council of the Society may be extended to March 2023. Election of Office Bearers of the Society may be held to form the new Executive Council. Dr. Sudeep, Principal Scientist and Head (A), Computer Applications, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi be nominated as Returning Officer to conduct the Election of the Office Bearers of the Society.

If he wants to contest for any post, he should inform the Society well in advance so that alternative arrangements may be made.

7. To discuss the Auditor fee/Change of Auditor

It was informed that at present, M/s NPGA & Company, Chartered Accountants is auditing the accounts of the Society for an audit fee of Rs. 7,670.00 per annum. The firm is asking for enhancing the audit fee to Rs. 14,000.00 per annum. It was decided that the negotiations may be held with the firm for a fee of Rs. 10,000.00 including taxes per annum.

If he will not agree with our proposal, then an alternative arrangement for new auditor may be explored. The General Body authorized the Executive President to take a final decision in this regard.

8. Suggestions for venue and dates as well as Theme and Sub-themes of the 74th Annual Conference of the Society during 2023

It was discussed that the Society was registered on 23 December 1948. The Society is completing its 75 years in 2023. So it was decided that the 75th Annual Conference (Platinum) will be organized as an International Conference. Before the organization of this Conference, it was decided that an online 74th Annual Conference may be organized. The suggestions for venue for holding the 75th Conference are invited from all Members.

9. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

1. The General Body of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics expresses its grateful thanks to Prof. (Dr.) Nazir Ahmad Ganai, Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir, Srinagar, J&K, India and all other SKUAST-K officials associated with the successfully organization of the 73rd Annual Conference of the Society during November 14-16, 2022. The members appreciated the sincere efforts made by them in making various arrangements (boarding, lodging, transport etc.). The members expressed their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Shabir A Wani, Dean, Faculty of Horticulture, Organizing Chair Dr. M.S. Pukhta, Head, Department of Agricultural Statistics, SKUAST-K and Organizing Secretary, Dr. Imran Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Statistics, Faculty of Horticulture for their concerted and untiring efforts made in the successful organization of the Conference. The Society expresses its sincere thanks to all concerned for making the Conference a great success. The Society in particular is thankful to the Members of the Organizing Committee, Chairpersons, Conveners and Members of various committees, Volunteers for shouldering responsibilities in the successful organization of the Conference. The Society also proposes a hearty vote of thanks to Chairpersons and Conveners of different Technical Sessions as well as to all the Invited Speakers etc. who took all the trouble in travelling from their places.
2. It was decided that a meeting may be organized at Delhi to express sincere thanks and gratitude to its Former President, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra ji who has led the Society by setting an example of leadership and innovation and tirelessly provided guidance for taking new initiatives.
3. A special issue on the Occasion of Dr. Daroga Singh, Centenary Celebrations may be brought out. Dr. Padam Singh, Dr. Pranesh Kumar, Dr. B.V.S. Sisodia and Dr. A.K. Srivastava may be requested to be Guest Editors. The Guest Editors would be requested to invite papers, get them peer reviewed and send the final accepted version to Society Office. The date of receipt, revised and acceptance may also be shared along with name of corresponding author and reviewer of the paper.
4. On February 01, 2023, is the 100 year completion of Dr. M.N. Das, Former Vice President of the Society. It was decided to have a session in his honour during 74th/75th Annual Conference of the Society.
5. Dr. Ranjit Kumar Paul, Senior Scientist, ICAR-IASRI, New Delhi may be requested to explore the possibility of obtaining DOI for research papers published in the Journal of

- the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics. He would complete all formalities till the DOI is received.
6. At present, one can become life member of the Society by paying the membership fees in one go. It was decided that life members may be enrolled by paying different instalments of life membership fee in two financial years w.e.f. 01.04. 2023.
 7. The President should be apprised of the details of organization and accounts ICAS VIII organized during November 18-21, 2019.
 8. For increasing the number of papers in the Journal, invited papers and review articles on various relevant and recent topics may be invited. The Associate Editors may be reviewed and the non-active Associate Editors may be replaced with more active and diversified researchers in the areas of Statistical sciences.
 9. Old Website of the Society may also be linked with the new website of the Society.

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

Please see for Guidance/approval please.

Secretary, ISAS

21/30/14
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Executive President, ISAS

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(Amrit Kumar Paul)
Joint Secretary

**Action Taken Report of General Body Meeting held on December 14, 2018 at
ICAR-CIAE, Bhopal**

- 1) Regarding Signatories of bank account:
As Dr. K.K. Tyagi was out of station for long time, the Joint Secretaries are made 2nd signatory. When he came back, the Joint Secretaries' names have been omitted.
- 2) Regarding time taken in paper publication:
Noted for compliance. Regular reminders also being sent to reviewers. If reviewer does not respond with 2-3 reminders, new reviewer is nominated.