

NEWS

1. Dr. V.K. Gupta, life member of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics has been recognized for his contribution to Agricultural Statistics and has been awarded the position of ICAR National Professor from the year 2006. Before that he was the Joint Director of Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi; Head, Division of Design of Experiments, IASRI; National Fellow of ICAR. He has made significant contributions in both theoretical and applied aspects of Agricultural Statistics in general and Design of Experiments in particular. He is also the recipient of first Dr. D.N. Lal Memorial Lecture Award and Prof. P.V. Sukhatme Gold Medal Award instituted by the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics, New Delhi. He has been the active member of the Executive Council of the Society for the last ten years and Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics.

Dr. Gupta has published more than 80 research papers in national and international journals of repute, two books on design of experiments, three monographs, several technical reports, popular articles, book chapters and one electronic book. He has handled more than 20 research projects funded by IASRI, AP Cess Fund of ICAR and DST. He has guided 11 research students of Ph.D. and M.Sc. in the discipline of Agricultural Statistics. Not only Dr. Gupta is an outstanding researcher, he has been an outstanding teacher and has received IARI Best Teacher Award for excellence in teaching.

2. Dr. Padam Singh, life member of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics has been appointed as Member, National Statistical Commission, Government of India by the Act of Parliament in 2006 for a tenure of 3 years. He is Member In-charge, Health and Agriculture. He is currently Head, Research & Evaluation, EPOS Health Consultants (India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. He has held several important positions such as Additional Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi; Director, IRMS; Joint Advisor, Planning Commission and Senior Professor, IASRI, New Delhi. He is Fellow of Indian Society of Medical Statistics (FSMS). He had been awarded Prof. P.V. Sukhatme Gold Medal Award instituted by the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics. He has been Vice President of ISAS during 1998-2006. He had delivered Technical Address as Sessional President during 51st Annual Conference of the Society in 1997. Dr. Singh also delivered Dr. V.G. Panse Memorial Lecture in 2000.

Dr. Padam Singh has made significant contributions in the field of Sampling Theory, which are part of PG text books in Statistics. Dr. Singh has made enormous contributions in Applied Statistics in the areas of National Planning, Agriculture, Health and Nutrition. He has guided 27 Ph.D. students and has authored more than 100 Research Papers and Reports. Findings from his applied contributions have been utilized in National Programmes.

Dr. Padam Singh has been the leader of Indian Delegation to United Nations on Population and Development during 1998.