

## INDIAN SOCIETY OF SEED TECHNOLOGY

NASC Complex, IARI, New Delhi 110 012

ISST - **General Body (GB) Meeting- Proceedings**

Date : **05.04.2015** at 09.00 hr

Venue: ICAR-Directorate of Seed Research, Maunath Bhanjan, UP- 275 101

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The General Body (GB) Meeting of the Indian Society of Seed Technology (ISST) was held under the Chairmanship of Dr Rajendra Prasad, President, ISST. The meeting was attended by 45 members of ISST. The Secretary, Dr SK Jain, welcomed the Chair and other esteemed members of ISST. The number of members present was not enough to meet the quorum; therefore, the meeting was adjourned for 30 minutes and then resumed.

*Following EC members besides the other members of ISST were present:*

1. Dr Rajendra Prasad, President --- Chairman
2. Dr Vilas A Tonapi, Vice- President
3. Dr Shiv K Yadav, Joint Secretary
4. Dr SK Lal, Treasurer
5. Dr M Bhaskaran, Councillor (South Zone)
6. Dr SK Jain, Secretary

The other EC members could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupation. *The brief agenda of the GB, circulated well in time, were discussed one by one:*

### Item No.1: **Welcome address/President's Remarks**

At the outset, Dr Rajendra Prasad, *President*, ISST welcomed all the ISST members including members of ISST- Executive Council (EC) and briefed about the activities being undertaken for achieving goals of the society.

### Item No.2: **Action taken report (ATR) on the GB held on June 2013 at UAS, Bengaluru**

The Secretary, Dr Jain apprised the GB briefly about the major recommendations of the last GB meeting held on 13 June 2013 and action taken report (For details please see **Annexure 1**), which was approved by the GB.

### Item No.3: **Society activities**

The Secretary apprised the GB briefly about the major activities of the Society (**Annexure 2**), for the period 17.05.2014 to 04.04.2015 *i.e.* after taking over by newly elected ISST Executive Council EC, which was approved by the GB.

### Item No. 4: **Presentation of the Audit Report by Treasurer**

Dr Sandeep Kr Lal, Treasurer, presented the audited report for the financial year 2012-13 & 2013-14 (**Annexure 3**), which was approved by the GB.

### Item No. 5: **ISST Publications and appointment of Chief Editor**

1. Dr Jain, Chief Editor, presented the progress report regarding the progress of ISST (For details please see **Annexure 4**), which was approved by the GB. It was unanimously decided to put all efforts to bring out the pending issues of Seed Research Journal. Subsequently attempts should be made to restore the NAAS rating and increasing the same in due course of time.

(Action: **President, Secretary and Chief Editor**)

2. It was proposed that the journal Seed Research should also be available online to all desiring members, so also enabling minimizing the printing and distribution of hard copies.

(Action: **Secretary and Chief Editor**)

3. The President, ISST will nominate Chief Editor.

(Action: **Dr Rajendra Prasad, President**)

4. All the STR centres were requested to contribute for publication good quality research papers in **Seed Research**. The details of news items and/or popular articles also to be sent to ISST Secretariat for publications in Seed Tech News.

(Action: **All ISST members**)

Item No. 5: **Membership drive and fee**

1. Membership drive should be taken up in full swing with request to President to encourage all the BSP/STR centres and scientists thereon to be the members of society.

(Action: **Dr Rajendra Prasad, Director, DSR, Mau and EC members**)

2. The scientist desire to publish their research papers in Seed Research, GB decided that every author should be the member of ISST.

3. The **enhancement of Associate Membership fee from Rs 6000 to Rs 10000 and Enrolment Fee - from Rs. 50 to Rs. 100** (one time only) *w.e.f. April 01, 2015*, was **agreed and approved** by the house. However, the charging of postal charges from members older than 15 years was not agreed. There was a proposal for graded shift to online mode for reducing publication and postage charges.

(Action: **ISST Secretariat**)

4. It was strongly felt that society should publish books and manual etc. for more resource generation.

(Action: **All EC members**)

5. The proposal for expenses incurred on despatch of ISST publications be charged from ISST members older than 15 years or more was not agreed by GB.

Item No. 6: **Future programme including budget for 2015-16**

1. It was suggested that society should organise a seminar in collaboration with NSAI/DoAC/ Other societies in different places like Hyderabad/ North East. The society should organise a Global event with NAAS.

(Action: **President and ISST Secretariat**)

2. **Dr Jain** presented the details of income and expenditures incurred for the year 2014-15 besides the expected expenditures (Rs 9.0 lakhs) during the year 2015-16; which was approved by the GB.

Item No. 7: **Any other item**

1. The suggestion for instituting various awards by the ISST was well appreciated. The committee constituted for same shall also submit its report after exploring the possibilities of instituting such awards and finalization of modalities, therein within 03 months.

(Action: **Award Committee- Annexure 1**)

2. The committee constituted for revision of ISST By-laws shall submit its report within 03 months, which will be amended/ ratified in next GBM, completing all codal formalities.

(Action: **ISST-By-laws Committee- Annexure 1**)

3. Members also opined that there was need to increase the visibility of ISST at both national and international levels by networking and enhancing its activities.

(Action: **All EC members**)

4. **Secretariat management- For smooth functioning of secretariat:** Hiring of regular secretariat help was proposed, which was agreed by the hose.

(Action: **ISST Secretariat**)

At the end, **Dr Shiv Kumar Yadav**, *Joint Secretary*, profusely thanked Dr Rajendra Prasad, *Director DSR and President*, Indian Society of Seed Technology and his team, comprised staff members and students for their

whole hearted support in successful conduction of the event. He also extended his warm thanks to each member of Indian Society of Seed Technology for taking keen interest in the welfare of Society and coming all the way to DSR Mau and given valuable suggestions.

The meeting ended with the *Vote of Thanks* to the chair and all the GB members.

Sd/-  
(SK JAIN)  
Secretary

## Action Taken Report on Recommendations of GB meeting held at UAS Bengaluru

<b>Agenda item</b>	:	<b>Action taken</b>														
<i>Presidential Remarks</i>																
International Indexing of Seed Research	:	Under correspondence with international agencies; as per their requirements all copies of printed journals including updated ones are to be submitted; which are under printing														
National Seed Seminars to be organized once in three years	:	Last seminar was held in June 2013; the next event is due in 2016														
<i>Awards and Recognition</i>	:															
Institution of ISST - Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Young scientist award</li> <li>➤ Best thesis award</li> <li>➤ Life time achievement award</li> <li>➤ Best paper award</li> <li>➤ ISST fellow</li> </ul>		<p>The following Committee was constituted during 71<sup>st</sup> ISST EC Meeting for instituting such awards  Dr Vilas A Tonapi, <i>Chairman</i>  Dr SK Yadav  Dr Veena Gupta  Dr SK Lal, <i>Member Secretary</i></p> <p>Further ISST Fellow guidelines were finalised and published in Seed Tech News, Vol 43(1) 2013</p>														
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<i>ISST-By-laws</i>	:	<p>ISST By-laws including amendments from time to time were published in SEED TECH NEWS 42 (2): 2012</p> <p><i>Dr PK Agrawal and Dr VA Tonapi were requested to review and</i></p>														

	<p><i>suggest modifications if any</i></p> <p>Further, during 71<sup>st</sup> ISST EC meeting (May 2014), the progress on the above was reviewed and in the light of no input, Ec decided to re-constitute the Committee as under:</p> <p>Dr DP Deswal, Chairman  Dr M Bhaskaran, Member  Dr VA Tonapi, Member  Dr (Ms) Geeta Bassi, Member  Dr Balraj Singh, <i>Member Secretary</i></p>
<p><b><i>ISST EC elections</i></b></p>	<p>: Process is over, newly elected EC took over the charge on 17 May 2014</p> <p>Dr M Mahadevappa  Dr SA Patil  were nominated Patrons; which will be co-terminus with EC tenure</p> <p>Dr Gautam Kalloo, immediate past president, ISST, will be member <i>Ex-Officio</i> in the present EC</p>

**ISST Activities – A Report**  
(during the period 17.05.2014 to 04.04.2015)

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- ISST elections : ISST Executive Council elections were held and new EC has taken over the charge on 17.05.2014
- Shifting of ISST office : ISST office is completely shifted to NASC Complex, New Delhi-110012
- Financial audit : Audit for financial years 2012-13 and 2013-14 completed; whereas for 2014-15 is under process
- Revision of fee : Implemented *w.e.f.* April 2013
- Institutions of awards :
  - The committee was constituted to finalize the modalities for various awards
  - ISST Fellow- guidelines finalized and printed in Seed Tech News, 43(1): 2013
- ISST website : Ready and is to be launched
- ISST membership list : Updated as per available information, however members are requested to kindly check their details and inform the Secretariat for modifications/ updation if any

*Note: ISST Membership Forms* are available with ISST Secretariat/ Seed Tech News 44(4): 2014 and will also be available on ISST website

### Annexure 3

INDIAN SOCIETY OF SEED TECHNOLOGY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2013

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT
To Printing & Stationery	6,140.00	By Membership Fees	
To Salaries	94,000.00	Associate member	112,000.00
To Audit fees	4,494.00	Fellow Member	200.00
To Meeting expenses	14,800.00	Ordinary	600.00
To Miscellenous expenses	12,213.00	Life Membership	82,100.00
To Postage	9,630.00	By Grant Received ICAR	96,250.00
To Bank Charges	452.00	By Registration Fees	1,085.00
To Reading Proof (Magzine)	4,550.00	By Sale of seed magazine	20,160.00
To Rent	130,000.00	By Bank Interest	6,140.94
To Audit fees	6,000.00	BY Interest FDR (Accrued)	720,923.63
To Excess of income over expenditure	757,180.57		
	1,039,459.57		1,039,459.57

Secretary  
01/12/14

Auditor's Report

Treasurer

Certified that in our opinion and to the best of our Knowledge & belief and according to the books & record presented to us for verification and information & explanation given to us, the above setforth Balance Sheet as on 31-03-2013, Income & Expenditure A/c and Receipts & Payment A/c for the ended on that date are true and correct.

Place : Delhi

Dated : 01-12-2014

for Pandey K M & Associates  
Chartered Accountants



CA K M Pandey

INDIAN SOCIETY OF SEED TECHNOLOGY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2014

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	INCOME	AMOUNT
To Salaries	144,800.00	By Associate member	8,000.00
To Miscellenous expenses	400.00	By life Membership fees	107,500.00
To Postage	13,246.00	By ordinary Membership	5,500.00
Printing & Stationery	18,060.00	By Sale of Book	3,000.00
To Rent	130,000.00	By sale of seed research	16,320.00
To Bank Charges	681.00	By Interest FDR	53,226.17
To Convenyance	58,548.00	By Reg. fees	1,225.00
To Journal Publish Charges	267,400.00	By Conferation reg.	426,600.00
To Audit Fees	6,000.00	By Interest received	10,990.47
To Conference Expenses	57,050.00	By Training Charges received	66,239.25
To Honorarium Paid	10,000.00	By financial Assisstance SFCI	100,000.00
To Reading Proof	10,000.00	By financial Assisstance	230,000.00
		By Grant receive DAC	300,000.00
		BY Grant planning commission	150,000.00
		By Grant From ICAR	225,000.00
To Excess Of Income Over Expenditure	1,224,445.20	By Interest Accrued On FDR	237,029.31
	1,940,630.20		1,940,630.20

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***ISST publications and NAAS rating***

**Seed Tech News** : Updated, issues are under distribution

**Seed Research** : Issue 2012 (1&2) published, and are under distribution  
Issue 2013 (1&2) under printing at final proofing stage  
Issue 2014 (1) under editing (18 papers)  
Issue 2010 (1) published and is under distribution  
Issue 2010 (2) under editing

\* Once the publications are updated, efforts will be made to restore NAAS rating and further up scaling