

INDIAN SOCIETY OF SEED TECHNOLOGY

Division of Seed Science and Technology, IARI, New Delhi 110012

ISST - Annual General Body Meeting- Proceedings

Date : **10.06.2013** at 15.00 hr

Venue: **GKVK campus, UAS, Bengaluru**

The number of members present was not enough to meet the quorum, therefore, the meeting was adjourned for 30 minutes and then resumed. Following agenda items were discussed one by one:

Item No.1: **President's Remarks:** Dr Gautam Kalloo, President, ISST in his presidential address, while welcoming the delegates, highlighted about the ISST publications Seed Research and Seed Tech News. He mentioned that the NAAS rating of Seed Research Journal was raised by present EC from **3.0 to 4.7**. He desired that efforts, for its international indexing be made. The ISST-publications are also updated. He highlighted that quality of publication is the main issue which need attention of all concerned.

He further informed that last conference, *ie.* XII NSS was organized at ANGARU, Hyderabad- as Hyderabad is the hub of Seed Industry, whereas XIII National Seed Seminar coinciding with Golden Jubilee Celebrations of UAS Bengaluru, is organized as the University has done commendable work in the area of seed science & its technology development. He indicated that Research & Education is an important area, where module implemented by VC, UAS, Bengaluru as well Mega Seed Project of this university is highly appreciable.

Presentations made during the seminar are the reflections of the progress made in all facets of seed science. Efforts should be made to organize such national event once in 3 years, as well efforts are also needed to organize an International conference.

Item No. 2: **Secretary/Treasurer Report:** Dr SK Jain, Secretary ISST presented the Secretary's Report. He indicated the background of the XIII NSS and placed on record the voluminous support provided by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and Director Research, UAS, Bengaluru and their team in successful conduction of the Seed Seminar. He indicated that Shri HCS Negi Treasurer ISST due to some unavoidable circumstances could not make it to be present in the seminar hence on his behalf Treasurer report was also presented. Audited statement of Accounts for the year 2011-12 was readily available and a copy of the same may be obtained from him.

Proceedings of the last AGM, duly published in Seed Tech News Vol 36 (2): 4-5 were approved by the House.

Consolidation of amendments made from time to time in Association of Memorandum were included for publication in Seed Tech News Vol 42 (2) 2012 for the perusal of the members at a glance. Similarly publications of ISST are updated and Seed Tech News pending issues of 2010-2013 were in the press. Same was about Seed Research Vol 38(1), 2010 & Vol 41(1), 2012. By the end of August 2013 these will be distributed to ISST members and subscribers.

Item No.3: **Awards & Recognition:** Dr Gautam Kalloo, President ISST indicated the need for institution of the following ISST-awards:

- Young scientist award
- Best thesis award

- Life time achievement award
- Best paper award
- ISST Fellow: Guidelines
- Felicitation to outstanding workers

The ISST should make an effort for these awards on regular basis, by finalization the procedures terms & conditions and operational modalities.

It was of general consciousness that committee of Five Eminent experts be constituted for such purpose. For these awards, someone need to donate money to keep continuity of awards; therefore, a minimal amount need to be donated by the person/family in whose name award is to be instituted. Possible areas for award were also indicated as given above, during AGM.

Dr Jain, Secretary informed that various items of work undertaken by ISST Secretariat pertaining to finalization of terms and conditions for ISST-Fellowship. He presented the guidelines developed for the award of ISST Fellow to the august gathering, which was unanimously agreed by the members present. He further informed that guidelines for ISST Fellowship are being published in Seed Tech News Vol 43 (1) 2013. For which the eligible members are required to provide information on the prescribed Proforma (available with ISST Secretariat).

Item No. 4: **Membership Fee Revision:** In view of the increased cost of publications namely, Seed Research Journal and Seed Tech News – a Technical Bulletin etc and substantial postage, AGM approved the proposed enhancement, as under, which was duly considered during 69th ISST EC meeting:

Kind of Membership	Present	Proposed
Ordinary (individual)	Rs 200	Rs 500
Life (individual)	Rs 2400	Rs 6000
Associate (Organization) ordinary	Rs 4000	Rs 6000
Corporate (Organization) Life	Rs 50000	Rs 75000
Student	Rs 200	Rs 500
Registration fee (For enrolling new member)	Rs 25	Rs 50

The revised charges as proposed above were approved and will be applicable *w.e.f.* April, 2013.

Item No. 5: **ISST-By-Laws:** Dr SK Jain, Secretary informed to the house that amendments made in By-Laws from time to time in Association of Memorandum were published in Seed Tech News Vol 42 (2) 2012 for the perusal of the members at a glance.

Similarly, need to amend/modify the prevailing by-laws was also felt in the light of technical advancement in seed science. Looking to the importance of the subject, it was decided that services of Dr PK Agrawal may be requested in the light of his rich experience in the subject/discipline. To lend appropriate support in this task, services of Dr VA Tonapi, Head, Division of Seed Science & Technology, IARI may also be requested.

Item No.6: **ISST-Publications:** President appreciated the efforts of EC in scaling up of NAAS rating from **3.0 to 4.7**. He emphasized that Seed Research, the only Journal in Asia, should have an international impact. Dr Balraj Singh, Vice President and EC members were of the opinion that more efforts are needed to enhance the NAAS rating of Seed Research. For this there is a need to bring out improvement in the quality of the journal with thorough review, editing, proof-reading etc.

(Action: President/Chief Editor)

Item No. 7: **Organisation of Events:** The important issue of organizing International Seed Seminar during November-December 2015 at New Delhi was also discussed and it was decided that for which necessary efforts need to be made forthwith. ISST EC is to take pin pointed action.

Item No. 8: **ISST- EC Elections:**

Realizing the importance of timely elections as has been felt time to time by various Members, it was decided to complete the election process preferably soon after XIII National Seed Seminar. For which, to conduct the Elections the names of Dr Ambrish Sharma, *Principal Scientist*, CATAT, IARI, New Delhi and/or alternatively Dr Dinesh Kumar, *Principal Scientist*, Crop Science Division, ICAR, New Delhi as Returning Officer was proposed and agreed.

Item No. 9: **Office Bearers of the ISST:**

- a) The matter regarding **immediate past president of ISST to be the member of EC and to nominate Patrons** (two): **Dr M. Mahadevappa** and **Dr SA Patil** was decided; which will be co-terminus with EC tenure. The nomination of Patrons be included in Association of Memorandum.
- b) Looking to the increased ISST work and long felt need of regular Executive Officer, Secretary ISST indicated that in absence of any such arrangements it is rather difficult to handle all work and on many occasions it remain haphazard. There is need to fulfill all ISST important day-to-day tasks smoothly. Therefore, AGM decided in favour of regular position of Executive Officer.

Item No. 10: **Any other Item with Permission of the Chair**

- a) Dr V Sankaran expressed his keenness and appreciated the efforts made by ISST secretariat in providing the information on development in seed science and technology through ISST publications *ie.* Seed Research Journal and Seed Tech News. Further all members were requested to provide updates and information on developments related to seeds, enabling ISST for wider circulation amongst members.
- b) Dr SK Yadav indicated that AGM is very important where only those items should be highlighted which need rectification/approval of AGM so that other irrelevant matters may be avoided.

At the end, Dr Jain, Secretary ISST **profusely thanked UAS, Bengaluru authorities**, namely Dr K Narayana Gowda, Vice Chancellor, Dr MA Shankar, Director Research, Dr Rame Gowda, Professor & Special Officer (Seeds) and his team comprised staff members and students for their

whole hearted support in successful conduction of seminar. He also extended his warm thanks for the financial support given by sponsors and advertisers which certainly helped to fulfill logistic needs to organize the seed seminar.

The meeting ended with the *Vote of Thanks* to the chair.

(SK JAIN)
Secretary