

Proceedings of the meeting of Executive Council (EC) of Society for Soybean Research & Development (SSRD) held on May 16, 2020 at 11:30AM through video-conferencing hosted from the General Secretary-SSRD office/room, ICAR-IISR, Indore

On consequent of formation of new EC w.e.f 01.04.2020 and keeping in view of short time and COVID-19 pandemic crisis, an extra-ordinary EC meeting (virtual) of SSRD was held through zoom on 16/05/2020 to undertake certain time bound activities of SSRD and deliberated as per the agenda items.

The following members participated:

1. Dr. Sanjay Gupta, President, SSRD & Principal Scientist (PB&G) ICAR-IISR, Indore - **In Chair**
2. Dr. Milind B. Ratnaparkhe, Vice-President (HQ), SSRD & Sr. Scientist (Plant Biotechnology), ICAR-IISR, Indore.
3. Dr. Shamarao Jahagirdar, Vice-President, SSRD & Professor (Plant Pathology), UAS, Dharwad
4. Dr. Mrinal K. Kuchlan, Jt. Secretary, SSRD & Sr. Scientist (Seed Technology), ICAR-IISR, Indore
5. Dr Rajkumar Ramteke, Treasurer, SSRD & Sr. Scientist (Plant Genetics), ICAR-IISR, Indore
6. Dr. Punam Kuchlan, Councillor-HQ, SSRD & Sr. Scientist (Seed Technology), ICAR-IISR, Indore
7. Dr. B.S .Gill, Councillor-NPZ, SSRD & Professor (Plant Breeding & Genetics), PAU, Ludhiana
8. Dr. Arvind Kumar Singh, Councillor-EZ, SSRD & Assistant Professor (Agronomy), BAU, Ranchi
9. Dr. M.P. Deshmukh, Councillor-SZ, SSRD & Associate Professor (Plant Breeding), ARS, MPKV, K. Digraj, Sangli
10. Dr M. P. Sharma, General Secretary, SSRD & Pr. Scientist (Agri. Microbiology), ICAR-IISR, Indore

Dr Amar Singh (Councillor-NHZ), Dr D S Meena (Councillor-CZ) and Dr L. Sophia Devi (Councillor-NEHZ) could not attend the meeting.

At the outset, Dr MP Sharma, General Secretary, SSRD welcomed all the EC members and requested Dr. Sanjay Gupta, President, SSRD to conduct the proceedings of the meeting.

Dr Sanjay Gupta also extended hearty welcome and congratulations to all the newly elected EC members. He appreciated and expressed sincere thanks to all the members to participate in this virtual meeting despite of the corona pandemic crisis. He requested General Secretary to take up the item-wise agenda of the meeting and the decisions were taken up after thorough discussion.

1. Constitution of new Editorial Board of Soybean Research Journal for 2020-23

All members expressed thanks to Dr OP Joshi, Editor-In-Chief for his untiring efforts to maintain the regularity of Soybean Research Journal. Although, the June issue is being finalised by him/the existing Editorial Board but the next December issue will be dealt by the new Editorial Board. As per the constitution the Editor-In-Chief should be from SSRD Headquarter, in this regard it was decided to request Dr GK Gupta (Ex-Director and Ex-Head Crop Protection, IISR Indore) to contribute and act as Editor-In-Chief of the Journal and Dr Milind Ratnaparkhe (Vice President & Sr. Scientist-Plant Biotechnology, IISR Indore) would support him and act as Co-Editor-In-Chief. It was discussed thoroughly that efforts should be made to increase the NAAS rating of Journal and suggested to include one review in every issue from an eminent stalwart. Prof. Jahagirdar suggested including a review on impact of COVID-19 on economy of soybean growth and productivity. A list of eminent Scientists representing all the zones and disciplines for editorial board were discussed and

was approved to treat that final after seeking their consent. Further it was suggested to add 1-2 foreign scientists as editors involved in soybean research after seeking their consent.

Editorial Board	
Editor-in-Chief Editor: Dr GK Gupta, Ex. Pr. Scientist ICAR-IISR, Indore	
Co-Editor- in-Chief : Dr Milind Ratnaparkhe, Sr. Scientist (Plant Biotechnology), ICAR-IISR, Indore	
Editors	
Dr. D.J. Bagyaraj, INSA Sr. Scientist, Ex. Head Agricultural Microbiology, UAS, Bangalore & Chairman CNRBDC, Bangalore, Karnataka	Dr. Nita Khandekar, Principal Scientist (Agril. Extn.), ICAR-IISR, Indore, MP
Dr R.D. Prasad, Pr. Scientist (Plant Pathology) ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research Hyderabad	Dr. H.B. Singh, Ex Head Plant Pathology & Director, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU, Varanasi
Prof. Pratap Singh, Director Research, Kota Agri. University, Kota, Rajasthan	Dr. M.C. Manna, Head-Soil Biology, ICAR-IISS, Bhopal, MP
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Dr. L.K. Sinha, Soybean Processing Utilization Unit, ICAR-CIAE, Bhopal, MP	Dr. D.V. Singh, Principal Scientist (Farm Machinery & Power), ICAR-IISR, Indore
Dr. S.K. Lal, Principal Scientist (Plant Breeding & Genetics), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	Dr. SK Sharma, Principal Scientist (Agri. Microbiology), ICAR-IIBSR, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
Dr Guriqbal Singh, Professor (Agronomy), PAU, Ludhiana, Punjab	Dr. Devi. K Nandini, Associate Prof (Agronomy), Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur
Dr. Maharaj Singh, Principal Scientist (Plant Physiology), ICAR-IISR, Indore, M.P.	Dr. Neeta Gaur Professor (Entomology), COA, GBPU&AT, Pantnagar, Uttaranchal
Dr. Aketi Ramesh, Principal Scientist (Soil Chemistry and Soil fertility), ICAR-IISR, Indore, MP	Dr M.B. Arun Kumar Pr. Scientist (Seed Technology), Division of Seed Technology, IARI, New Delhi

2. Publication of Soybean Research including outsourcing and distribution of soft/hard copy to members

After discussion, it was decided to outsource "Soybean Research" to Springer/Elsevier. The information would be collected from other Societies which have recently outsourced their Journal to Springer India and accordingly Springer India will be requested to submit the detailed proposal for the consideration in the next EC meeting.

For the distribution of the Journal to SSRD members and institutions, currently SSRD is printing 250 copies of the Journal and incurring about Rs 70,000 per year expenditure towards printing and postage. Keeping in view of digitalized online working environment, it was decided that w.e.f. June issue onwards, the distribution of hardcopies to all the members should be discontinued. However, hard/print copies for institutional, libraries and corporate members will continue along with 20-25 copies extra can be printed.

3. Restructuring/redesigning and maintenance of SSRD website along with developing fully functional online submission and tracking system of research papers

Website is a face of any organization. Currently two websites are being hosted and maintained by SSRD. It was discussed and decided to maintain only one website which should be dynamic and

fulfil the requirement of online submission until outsourced to Springer/Elsevier. Currently both the websites are due for renewal in this month therefore after renewal; the websites can be redesigned, improved and made effective for online submission to researchers.

4. Present financial status and modus operandi for raising financial status and membership (Revision of new rates for life, annual and libraries/institutions)

Although SSRD financial status in terms of fixed assets is good. However, in terms of working capital it is poor as there is no regular income source. Presently, we have about 150 members and hence not able to execute the activities like all other Societies e.g., institution of SSRD fellow awards, recognitions and organising symposia/conferences, etc. The subscription of membership fee for Soybean Research was revised during 2016. Keeping in view of other societies and existing amount which is still lower, therefore, it was decided to revise the membership w.e.f. 1st July 2020 as per rates given below:

Revised subscription from 1 st July 2020		
	Indian (INR)	Foreign (US\$)
Annual Membership + Admission fee (payable once)*		
Category*		
Individual	1,000	125
Students	500	100
Institutional	5,000	200
Life Membership		
Individual	5,000	1000
Corporate	20,000	2000

*Add admission fee Rs. 50/- or US\$ 5.0 to above subscription

5. Effective revision of list of life members of the Society with all relevant details

It was also discussed that each EC member should motivate at least 4-5 members from their respective zones and for that an updated zone-wise list of life/annual members should be circulated to all the EC members. In this regard Dr Punam Kuchlan (Councillor-HQ) will execute the task of updating the list (Complete and zone-wise list) and submit to President, SSRD by end of June 2020.

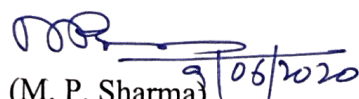
6. Audit of account of expenditure/assets of SSRD 2019-20

It was agreed to get the audit of accounts of expenditure/assets of SSRD (2019-20) done through the authorized CA as has been followed in the past.

7. Regular conduct of EC meetings with outside EC members

To get ideas and maintain an effective communication/interaction among the EC members is necessary for the development and promotion of SSRD. Therefore it was felt to have regular meetings on zoom/online on quarterly basis.

At end, President concluded the meeting with thanks to all the members and requested all to provide valuable suggestions from time to time to take the SSRD to newer heights.


(M. P. Sharma)
General Secretary, SSRD


(Sanjay Gupta)
President, SSRD

Distribution:

1. All the members of SSRD
2. SSRD Website