

Proceedings of the local Executive Committee Meeting of Indian Society for Plant Physiology held on 18th Nov., 2011 at 4.00 pm in the Division of Plant Physiology, IARI, New Delhi

A meeting of the local Executive Committee was held on 18th Nov., 2011 at 4.00 pm in the Division of Plant Physiology, IARI, New Delhi to discuss the response to RTI query of Dr. Maharaj Singh, DRMR, Bharatpur, Rajasthan, and the agenda for the Annual General Body Meeting to be held at Mumbai on 24.11.11. The meeting was chaired by Dr. V.P. Singh, Vice President, Indian Society for Plant Physiology. The following members were present.

Dr. V.P. Singh, Vice President
Dr. R.K. Sairam, Hon. Secretary & Exe. Editor
Dr. Madan Pal Singh, Treasurer
Dr. Ajay Arora, Editor in Chief
Dr. Renu Pandey, Member Editorial Board
Dr. V. Chinnusamy, Special Invitee
Dr. Ishwar Singh, Joint Secretary

Following decisions were taken:

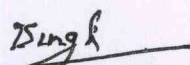
The Committee decided that as the Indian Society for Plant Physiology (ISPP) was a non government organization, registered with the registrar of Societies, it does not qualify the term "Government", and thus out of the preview of RTI Act of 2005. Further, the Executive Committee of the ISPP is elected for a fixed tenure and works on honorary capacity without drawing any pecuniary benefits from the "Government" or the ISPP itself.

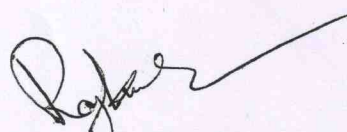
It was, therefore decided that Dr. Maharaj Singh, DRMR, Bharatpur, Rajasthan, in response to his RTI query should be informed that ISPP is not covered under the RTI Act of 2005, however, for the sake of maintenance of transparency he may be provided the list of candidates selected for the year 2010, or for the year he has applied for the ISPP Fellowship. Further, he may under intimation to the "Society" visit the ISPP head quarter and view the records of the "Year he has applied for the Fellowship".

The Executive Committee approved the modified "Score Cards" for ISPP Fellowship and various awards, change of name of "Academy for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences Senior Award" to "J.C. Bose Gold Medal Award" in Plant Biology, withdrawal of "Academy for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences Junior Award" due to lack of applications from Young Scientists from last 4-5 years. Executive, however, decided to continue "R.D. Asana Medal" for Young Scientist with age ceiling raised to 40 years as against earlier 35 years.

The Committee also decided to seek the approval of AGBM regarding maintenance of records of Awards/Fellowship applications only in electronic form from 2010 onwards, and AGBM's directions on sharing of bio data of other applicants with an applicant who seeks such information from the ISPP.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.


Dr. Ishwar Singh
Joint secretary


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