

**Proceedings of the meeting of Indian Society for Plant Physiology held on
15.02.2014 at 11:30 AM in the Committee Room of Division of Plant Physiology**

A meeting of local executive committee was held on 15.02.2014 at 11:30 AM in the Committee Room of Division of Plant Physiology to discuss the status of publication of journal and general progress of the Society. The meeting was chaired by Dr. H.S. Talwar, Vice-president and attended by Dr. Bhupinder Singh, Vice-president, Dr. Madan Pal, Hon. Secretary, Dr. Ishwar Singh, Joint Secretary, Dr. R.K. Sairam, Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Ajay Arora (Ex-Vice-president) and Dr. C. Viswanathan as special invitee. Following agenda were discussed during the meeting.

1. The member discussed the issue of lowering the rating of the journal from 5.5 to 4.66 by NAAS, the committee considered it a serious issue and the executive committee decided that the Society should represent to NAAS for reconsidering their decision and enhance the rating of IJPP to appropriate level. (Action: Editor-in-Chief)
2. Dr. R.K. Sairam informed the committee to revise the list of editor of Indian Journal of Plant Physiology for the current year and asked the members to suggest the name of few scientist/researchers, who can respond quickly and spare their time voluntarily for reviewing the articles. The members suggested some names to be made as editor or overseas editors for the journal and requested Editor-in-Chief to update the list and contact them and seek their consent. (Action: Dr. R.K. Sairam, Editor-in-Chief)
3. Dr. H.S. Talwar, Vice-president informed the committee, that many members of Society have not received the election ballots or other mails from the Society. It was informed by the Hon. Secretary that out of 900 members, only 505 have updated their corresponding address and contact details to the Society. The committee discussed this issue and it was decided to contact the individual members zone wise and collect the information about their current address and contact details for correspondence. (Action Dr. H.S. Talwar, South and East Zone), Dr. Ishwar Singh, Central and West Zone, Dr. Bhupinder Singh, North Zone.
4. Editor-in-Chief suggested that executive may decide to contact the scientists for contributing mini reviews in the Indian Journal of Plant Physiology and it was decided that all the executive people will contact scientist abroad and in Indian as

well and explore the possibility of inviting some articles for mini-reviews for publication in the journal. (Action Dr. R.K. Sairam, Dr. H.S. Talwar, Dr. Ajay Arora, Dr. C. Viswanathan, Dr. Bhupinder Singh)


5. Hon. Secretary asked the committee to decide the schedule of National Conference during 2014 and International Conference during 2015. It was decided to hold both the events during the month of November in each year and to finalize the exact dates of National Conference and the executive should get in touch with the local host (Dr. M. Kar, Vice-chancellor, OUAT, Bhubaneswar). As decided during the general body meeting of Indian Society for Plant Physiology, International Conference will be organized at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi under the leadership of Dr. S.K. Sopory, hence the committee asked the Dr. Madan Pal, Secretary, ISPP to contact president and decide the possible schedule of the conference. (Action: Madan Pal)
6. The committee member felt for the urgent need of online platform for Indian Journal of Plant Physiology and it was decided that Editor-in-Chief will expedite matter with Springer. (Action: R.K. Sairam)

Finally, the meeting ended with thanks to the chair.



(Madan Pal)

Hon. Secretary & Executive Editor


(Ishwar Singh)
Joint Secretary