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Proceedings of the Executive Council Meeting of Indian Society of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (ISSLUP) held on 8th January, 2016 at ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Nagpur

The Members of the Executive Council of the ISSLUP met on 8th January, 2016 at ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Nagpur to discuss the following agenda items.

1. Approval of the minutes of last EC meeting
2. Progress report of ISSLUP activities organised in the year 2015
3. Approval of Committees reports on 'Guidelines of ISSLUP Fellows and Awards'
4. Publication of ISSLUP including Agropedology
5. Opening of new Local Chapters of ISSLUP
6. ISSLUP Membership drive
7. Presentation of ISSLUP Audit Report 2014-15
8. Presentation of Audit Report of ISSLUP National Seminar -2015
9. Organization of International Conference in the year 2016
10. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair

- At the outset, Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy, Hony. Secretary welcomed Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, President, ISSLUP, Dr. A.R. Kalbande and Dr. A.K. Maji Past Presidents of ISSLUP, Dr. T.N. Hajare, Vice-President and other EC members of the Executive Council for the EC meeting of ISSLUP. While welcoming the esteemed members, he informed the house about the agenda items of the EC meeting.
- The Secretary briefly presented the action taken report (ATR) on the minutes of last EC meeting held on 20th August, 2014 and circulated the proceedings of the last EC meeting. After brief discussion, the house unanimously confirmed the proceedings of the last EC meeting.
- While presenting the progress of the Society, Secretary, ISSLUP informed the house that during the year 2015, Society organized three days National Seminar on "*Sustainable Management of Land Resources for Livelihood Security*" at ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Nagpur during January 28-30, 2015 and about 195 delegates from ICAR institutes, SAU's, State Govt. Departments, KVK's and other Universities were participated in the National Seminar.
- While presenting the ISSLUP chapter activities, he informed the house that ISSLUP Jorhat Chapter observed International Year of Soils-2015 and organized a lecture on 28.02.2015. The chapter also observed "World Soil Day" and organised awareness programme on soil health on 5th December, 2015. ISSLUP Tirupati Chapter observed International Year of Soils-2015 and organized Farmers Training programme on 30th March, 2015. ISSLUP, Bangalore Chapter organized half-day Workshop on "*Healthy soil for a healthy life*" to commemorate the International Year of Soils-2015 at ICAR-NBSS&LUP (RC), Bangalore on 27th October, 2015. He also informed that at HQrts, Nagpur ISSLUP observed International Year of Soils-2015 and organized a Public Lecture delivered by Prof. Sharad Nimbalkar, Former Vice-Chancellor, Dr. PDKV, Akola on 31st October, 2015 at ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Nagpur.
- House discussed the report submitted by the Expert Committee on 'Guidelines of ISSLUP Fellows' and after brief discussion, the house accepted the committee report and approved the 'Guidelines of ISSLUP Fellows' to award the 'ISSLUP Fellows' from the year 2016 in recognition of the professional outstanding contributions and services to ISSLUP. The newly inducted Fellows shall be formally admitted at the Convention of the Society and presented with a citation.
- House also discussed the report submitted by the Expert Committee on 'Guidelines of ISSLUP Young Scientist Award' and after brief discussion, the house accepted the committee report and approved the Guidelines of ISSLUP Young Scientist Award' to constitute the 'ISSLUP Young Scientist award' to awarded biannually to a member of the ISSLUP of age not exceeding 40 years on 31st December of the year of award, in recognition of his/her professional contributions in the field of soil survey and mapping, soil classification, land use planning and other basic/applied pedological research. The

award shall be given (Gold plated medal and citation) biannually during the National Convention of the ISSLUP.

- The President, ISSLUP informed the house that the constituted committee recommended two names to award the 'Honorary Fellow' of the Society. After discussion of the committee recommendations, the house unanimously agreed to award the 'Honorary Fellow of ISSLUP' to the senior most members of ISSLUP, Dr. S.M. Virmani, Former Pr. Scientist, ICRISAT, Hyderabad and R.L. Karale, Former Head, RRSSC, Nagpur, who have immensely contributed in the field of land resource inventory, land evaluation and land use planning.
- The Secretary informed the house that during the year 2015, ISSLUP published Agropedology Terminologies, Abstract Volume, Seminar Souvenir, June issue of Agropedology and June 2015 issue of ISSLUP News Letter. House authorised the President, ISSLUP to fix the price of "Agropedology Terminologies" based on "no profit and no loss". It was also decided to explore the possibility to identify the local dealer/agency who can sell this publication to University/Colleges.
- House also agreed to publish some of the quality papers presented in the ISSLUP National Seminar held in the year 2015 in the form of edited book. The Secretary informed that December 2015 issue of Agropedology and NEWS Letter are in the final stage. He mentioned that in the year 2015 ISSLUP received 35 research articles for publication in Agropedology, now it is fully online in receiving the articles, editorial process and publication. House also discussed to obtain the opinion of the members of ISSLUP to provide soft copy of the journal in order to reduce the printing and postal charges of journal.
- House also discussed various measures to attract the quality research articles for Agropedology to improve the NAAS rating and after a brief discussion house agreed to introduce 'Best paper Award' from the year 2016. The expert committee constituted by the President will evaluate the quality of papers published in Agropedology of that particular year and recommend one best paper to award 'Best paper Award' of that particular year. This award will be presented in the Convention of the Society. The awardee will receive the certificate duly signed by Secretary and President of the Society.
- Majority of the members opined that since Agropedology has completed 25 years of journey and receiving limited number of papers for publication, there is need to widen the scope of the journal and even suggested to change the name of the journal to make it more competitive. After a brief discussion house agreed to invite the suggestions from the esteemed members of ISSLUP through ISSLUP website to take final decision in three months time.
- House discussed the proposal received from TNAU, Coimbatore to start the ISSLUP Local Chapter at TNAU, Coimbatore. After brief discussion, house unanimously agreed to open the ISSLUP local chapter at TNAU, Coimbatore as 8th Local Chapter of ISSLUP to organise the ISSLUP activities and serve the scientific community in the region. It was also requested the concern of all Local Chapters of ISSLUP to inform the names of the Secretary and President of Local Chapters and their contact details to the Secretary, ISSLUP, Hqrts within a month time for effective communication.
- The Secretary informed the house that since 1st July 2014 to till date, 241 new Life Members (up by 28%) have been joined in the Society and at present Society has 852 Life members. House urged all the EC members of the Society to actively pursue the ISSLUP Membership drive in their respective regions in the year 2016 to reach the 1000 mark of ISSLUP Life Membership base by end of year 2016.
- The Audit report of ISSLUP for the year 2014-15 was presented in the house and after brief discussion, house approved the Audit report. The Audit report of ISSLUP National Seminar held in the year 2015 was also presented in the house and members suggested to deposit the savings of National Seminar in ISSLUP account at the earliest.
- As decided in the local EC meeting held on 14th December, 2015, the title, abroad technical themes and tentative date of International Conference have been prepared and Secretary, ISSLUP presented in the house for detail discussion and finalization. After detailed discussion, the EC decided to organise the International Conference and finalise the Conference theme on "***Integrated Land Use Planning for Smart Agriculture- An Agenda for Sustainable Land management***". It was decided that the International Conference of ISSLUP will be held during **10-13th November, 2016** at ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Nagpur.

- The house discussed in detail and finalised 9 technical themes of International Conference. It was decided that the inaugural session of the Conference will be on 10th November, 2016 afternoon and plenary session will be on forenoon of 13th November, 2016. Three memorial lectures and General Body (GB) meeting of the society will be held during the Conference.
- House also decided to develop a dedicated website for the International Conference to invite the abstracts, online registration and post the updates of the conference through its website.
- The members suggested to prepare the list of Foreign experts in the relevant fields of the Conference to start the correspondence to get their consent well in advance for their active participation in the International Conference.
- The house discussed in detail about the Sponsors of International Conference and it was decided to develop the list of potential Sponsors of Conference to start the communication to involve more organizations/institutions. House also decided and approved the seed money of Rs. 3 Lakhs from the Society to meet the initial expenses like Brochure printing, posting and any other conference related expenses.
- House discussed in detail about the registration fee of participants of Conference and decide the following registration fee structure.

• ISSLUP Members	Rs. 6,000	Rs. 8,000 (after due date)
• General Members	Rs. 8,000	Rs. 10,000 (after due date)
• Industry/private org.	Rs.12,000	Rs. 15,000 (after due date)
• ISSLUP Student Members	Rs. 4,000	Rs. 5,000 (after due date)
• Other Students	Rs. 6,000	Rs. 7,000 (after due date)
• Foreign Scientists	\$ 500	\$ 700 (after due date)
• Foreign Students	\$ 300	\$ 400 (after due date)
• Accompanying Member	\$ 300	
- House discussed some of the important dates and activities of the Conference and decided to finalise the first Circular of the Conference by the end of January, 2016 for wide circulation. House authorised Dr. Jagdish Prasad and Dr. N.G. Patil to prepare and submit the draft of 1st Circular within a week time for further needful action to finalise and upload on the ISSLUP website.
- House also decided that in absence of Treasurer, Joint Secretary shall be the signatory authority of cheques and besides his duties as Joint Secretary he will perform the duties of Treasurer.
- Based on the recommendation of local EC meeting, ISSLUP appointed 'Office Assistant' on contractual basis after following the due process of selection to provide services in day to day activities of the society and house approved the appointment.

The following members of EC of ISSLUP and special invitees participated in the meeting.

1. Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, President, ISSLUP
2. Dr. S.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-NBSS&LUP & Special Invitee
3. Dr. A.R. Kalbande, Past President, ISSLUP & Ex-Officio Member
4. Dr. A.K. Maji, Past President, ISSLUP & Ex-Officio Member
5. Dr. T.N. Hajare, Vice President, ISSLUP
6. Dr. S. Thayalan, Councilor (South Zone), ISSLUP
7. Dr. M.V.S. Naidu, Councilor (South Zone), ISSLUP
8. Dr. Pravin Vaidya, Councilor (West Zone), ISSLUP
9. Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Past Vice President, ISSLUP & Special Invitee
10. Dr. Rajeev Srivastav, Past Vice President, ISSLUP & Special Invitee
11. Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy, Hony. Secretary, ISSLUP
12. Dr. N.G. Patil, Chief Editor, Agropedology
13. Dr. V.V. Gabhane, Joint Secretary, ISSLUP
14. Dr. K. Karthikeyan, Joint Secretary, ISSLUP

The meeting ended with the formal vote of thanks by Dr. V.V. Gabhane, Joint Secretary, ISSLUP.

Place: Nagpur
Date: 16.01.2016

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