



INDIAN SOCIETY OF SOIL SURVEY AND LAND USE PLANNING (ISSLUP)

C/o, National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Amravati Road, Nagpur-440 033

Proceedings of the meeting of ISSLUP Executive Council held on 23rd June, 2014 at NBSS&LUP, Nagpur

The meeting of the outgoing and newly constituted Executive Council members of the ISSLUP met on 23rd June, 2014 at NBSS&LUP, Nagpur. The following members were attended the meeting.

1. Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, President (Elect), Vice-President (Outgoing)
2. Dr. T.N. Harjare, Vice President (Elect)
3. Dr. G. Ravindra Chary, Vice President (Elect), Joint Secretary (Outgoing)
4. Dr. T.K. Sen, Secretary (Outgoing)
5. Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy, Secretary (Elect), Joint Secretary (Outgoing)
6. Dr. V.V. Gabhane, Joint Secretary (Elect)
7. Dr. A.P. Nagar, Treasurer (Outgoing)
8. M.S. Gaikwad, Treasurer (Elect)
9. Dr. (Mrs). C. Mandal, Election Officer
10. Dr. Rajeev Srivastava, Special Invitee
11. Dr. Jagdish Parsad, Chief Editor (Outgoing)
12. Dr. M.S.S. Nagaraju, Councilor (Outgoing) (Central Zone)
13. Dr. R.N. Katkar, Councilor (Outgoing) (Central Zone)
14. Dr. P.H. Vaidya, Councilor (Central Zone) (Elect)

The agenda of the meeting was as follows

- Welcome to the new Executive body members
- Presentation of report by Secretary
- Presentation of Audited Account by Treasurer
- Nomination of Executive Council members for vacant post
- Any other matter with permission from chair

At the outset, the Secretary Dr. T.K. Sen (Outgoing) welcomed all the Executive Council members and congratulated the newly elected Executive Council. Dr. Sen requested Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, Vice-President (Outgoing) & President (Elect) to Chair the meeting on behalf of Dr. Dipak Sarkar, President (Outgoing). Dr. Chaturvedi requested to all the members to introduce themselves. As per the agenda Dr. Sen presented the report (under the present Executive Committee) for the period from 7th July 2011 (when the present committee took over the charge) and appraised the house about the initiatives and activities undertaken by the society during the period under report. The following agenda items were discussed and decisions were taken during the meeting.

S.No.	Item	Decision taken
1	Welcome to the new Executive body members	Dr T.K. Sen, Secretary welcomed all the outgoing and newly elected members of Executive Council and briefed the house about the activities of the society taken up in recent past.
2	Presentation of report by Secretary	Dr. Sen presented the detailed report indicating all the activities and initiatives undertaken by the present council during the period under report. In his report he mentioned about the membership drive that resulted in considerable increase from 525 (when the present council took over on 7 th July 2011) to 611 till date. He informed that in an effort to make the Journal online, the ISSLUP website was upgraded wherein all the past volumes/issues were placed (PDF files) for the readers. As a result the NAAS rating was also elevated from 2.9 to 3.21 during the period. He also briefed the house about fund position, status of publication, various activities and initiatives undertaken by the Society during the period under report. Further, he informed that December, 2013 issue of Agropedology Journal is in press and it will be published by another week time.
3	Declaration of the results of elections held for new Executive body	The Chairman while appreciating the great job done by Dr. (Mrs). C. Mandal, as The Election Officer, requested her to declare the result of the election. She declared the results of the new Executive body and informed about the vacant posts (Copy enclosed as Annexure-1).
4	Presentation of Audit Account by Treasurer	Dr. A.P. Nagar, Treasurer (Outgoing) presented the audit report of the society for the year 2013-14 and informed the house that the total expenditure in the year 2013-14 was Rs. 1,73,286/-. The total receipts in the year 2013-14 from membership was Rs. 41,590/-. Cash in hand Rs.2503.25p/-. Cash in bank Rs. 2,33,022.56p/-. During the financial year 2013-14 the fixed deposit made Rs. 3,00,000/-. The total FD's of the society by the end of financial year was Rs. 40,60,538/-.

5	Nomination of Executive Council members for vacant posts	<p>After detailed discussion, EC decided to nominate the following vacant positions of Executive Council members as shown below.</p> <p>Dr. K. Karthikeyan, Joint Secretary, Hqrts, Nagpur Dr. N.G. Patil, Chief Editor Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Councilor, North Zone Dr. Subhash Chand, Councilor, North Zone Dr. S. Thayalan, Councilor, South Zone Dr. M.V.S. Naidu, Councilor, South Zone Dr. Samiron Dutta, Councilor, Eastern Zone Dr. Krishendu Das, Councilor, Eastern Zone Dr. P. Raja, Councilor, Western Zone Dr. R.P. Sharma, Councilor, Western Zone</p> <p>The final list of Executive Council members is enclosed as Annexure-II</p>
6	Any other matter with permission from the chair	<p>The past and newly elected Executive Council members raised many pertinent issues and EC has discussed them in detail. After detailed discussion, EC (Elect) has taken the following decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was decided to take up the active membership drive. It has decided that the local chapters, Executive Council members and life members of the society should take active role in mobilizing and motivating the young and talented professionals from Universities, ICAR institutes, State departments, NGO's and KVK's to become Life/Annual members of ISSLUP. • The members expressed the concern about the low NAAS rating of the Agropedology journal and decided to take all necessary steps to improve the NAAS rating from present 3.21 to at least 4.5 in coming two years. • The members expressed that there is need to develop full-fledged online system for submission of papers for Agropedology and editorial process. • It was decided to speed up the editorial and printing processes. It has decided to identify the Reviewers for different themes of the Agropedology, who can review the papers in short duration to speed up the editorial process and publish the journal well in time.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of the members suggested to create Associate Editor to assist Chief Editor in publication of papers and the Journal on time. It was decided to take necessary approval for the same from General Body, • It was decided to include the scientists/experts from international and national background in the thematic area in the editorial committee. • It was decided to activate the local chapters of Hyderabad (possibility to be explored in Department of Soil Science, College of Agriculture, Hyderabad), Kolkata (RC, NBSSLUP) and Jorhat (RC, NBSSLUP) to organize one day events on the relevant themes in the year 2014. If necessary, partial financial support will be provided from the Society to organize such events. • The members expressed to hold one-day Workshop at Hyderabad in collaboration with NIRD, Hyderabad. The responsibility has been given to Hyderabad Chapter to organize this workshop at the earliest. • Some members expressed that a separate Zone may be formed for North-Eastern Region for General Body approval. • The members suggested to increase the Life Membership fee of the society from the present Rs.1000/- to Rs.2500/- and Annual Membership to Rs. 500/- from the present Rs. 100/-. The proposed membership rates will come into force after getting the necessary approval from the General Body of ISSLUP. • It was decided to upload the list of Life Members of the Society in the ISSLUP Website. It was also decided to issue the 'Membership Certificate' for the Life Members of the Society. • It was decided to hold an ISSLUP logo on first page of each paper to be published in Agropedology in future. • It was decided to change the design of cover of the Agropedology. Society could invite the cover page designs from the members, who can contribute voluntarily.
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The name and address of the elected candidates for various posts of the Executive Council for two years is given below.

S.No.	Post	Name and Address of the Elected member
1.	President	Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, Principal Scientist and Head Division of Land Use Planning, NBSS&LUP, Nagpur 440 033
2.	Vice-President	1. Dr. T. N. Hajare, Principal Scientist, Div. of Land Use Planning, NBSS&LUP, Amravati Road, Nagpur-33 2. Dr. Ravindra Chary, Principal Scientist, Project Co-ordination Unit, AICRP for Dryland Agriculture, CRIDA, Santoshnagar, Hyderabad-5000059
3.	Secretary	Dr. G. P. Obi Reddy, Principal Scientist & In-charge, GIS Section, NBSS&LUP, Amravati Road, Nagpur-440 033
4.	Joint Secretary	1. Vacant 2. Dr. V.V. Gabhane, Associate Professor, AICRP for Dryland Agriculture, Dr. PDKV, Akola (Maharashtra)- 444 104
5.	Treasurer	Mr. S. S. Gaikwad, Chief Technical Officer, Division of SRS, NBSS&LUP, Amravati Road, Nagpur 440 033
6.	Chief Editor	Vacant
7.	Councillor (Northern Zone)	1. Vacant 2. Vacant
8.	Councillor (Central Zone)	1. Dr. Guru Prasad Gupta, 1270/13, Shakti Tiraha, Jaiprakash Nagar, Adhartal, Jabalpur-482 004 (MP) 2. Dr. Pravin H. Vaidya, Associate Professor, Dept. of Soil Science and Agril. Chemistry, College of Agriculture, Nanded Road, Latur (Maharashtra) -413512
9.	Councillor (Southern Zone)	1. Vacant 2. Vacant
10.	Councillor (Eastern Zone)	1. Vacant 2. Vacant
11.	Councillor (Western Zone)	1. Dr. P. Raja, Senior Scientist, Division of Natural Resource Management and Environment, CAZRI (ICAR), Jodhpur-342003, Rajasthan 2. Vacant

Annexure-11

The name and address of the elected and nominated candidates for various posts of the Executive Council for two years is given below.

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3	Secretary	Dr. G. P. Obi Reddy, Principal Scientist, Division of Remote Sensing Applications, NBSS&LUP, Amravati Road, Nagpur-440 033
4.	Joint Secretary	1. Dr. K. Karthikeyan, Scientist, Division of Soil Resource Studies, NBSS&LUP, Amravati Road, Nagpur-440 033 2. Dr. V.V. Gabhane, Associate Professor, AICRP for Dryland Agriculture, Dr. PDKV, Akola (Maharashtra)- 444 104
5.	Treasurer	1. Mr. S. S. Gaikwad, Chief Technical Officer, Division of SRS, NBSS&LUP, Amravati Road, Nagpur 440 033
6.	Chief Editor	Dr.N.G. Patil, Principal Scientist, Division of Land Use Planning, NBSS&LUP, Amravati Road, Nagpur-440 033
7.	Councillor (Northern Zone)	1. Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Councilor, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Chemistry and Soil Science, S.M.M. Town, P.G. College, Ballia- 277 001, Uttar Pradesh 2. Dr. Subhash Chand, Division of Soil Science, SKUAST-K, Shalimar-190 025, Jammu & Kashmir
8.	Councillor (Central Zone)	1. Dr. Guru Prasad Gupta, 1270/13, Shakti Tiraha, Jaiprakash Nagar, Adhartal, Jabalpur-482 004 (MP) 2. Dr. Pravin H. Vaidya, Associate Professor, Dept. of Soil Science and Agril. Chemistry, College of Agriculture, Nanded Road, Latur (Maharashtra) -413512
9.	Councillor (Southern Zone)	1. Dr. S. Thayalan, Councilor, Principal Scientist, NBSS & LUP Regional Centre, P.B.No. 2487, Hebbal, Agricultural Farm, PO. Bangalore - 560 024, Karnataka 2. Dr. M.V.S. Naidu, Councilor, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Chemistry and Soil Science, Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, S.V. agricultural college, Tirupati-517 502, Andhra Pradesh
10.	Councillor (Eastern Zone)	1. Dr. Samiron Dutta, Councilor, Assistant Professor, Department of Soil Science, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat-785 013, Assam 2. Dr. Krishendu Das, Principal Scientist, Regional Head, NBSS & LUP, Salt Lake City, D.K.Block, Sector-II, Bidhan Nagar, Calcutta - 700 091, West Bengal
11.	Councillor (Western Zone)	1. Dr. P. Raja, Senior Scientist, Division of Natural Resource Management and Environment, CAZRI (ICAR), Jodhpur- 342003, Rajasthan 2. Dr. R.P. Sharma, Scientist, Councilor, Regional Head, NBSS & LUP, Bohra Ganeshji Road, University Campus Udaipur - 313 001

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair and all the Executive Council members.

G.P. Obi Reddy
(G.P. Obi Reddy) 26/6/14
Secretary, ISSLUP,
Nagpur

Copy to: All Executive Council members of ISSLUP.