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Proceedings of the ISSLUP General Body (GB) meeting held on 29th January, 2015 at 6.00 PM at NBSS&LUP, Nagpur

The General Body (GB) Meeting of ISSLUP was held on 29th January, 2015 at NBSS&LUP, Nagpur on the second day of National Seminar on “*Sustainable Management of Land Resources for Livelihood Security*” organized by Indian Society of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (ISSLUP) during January 28-30th 2015 at NBSS&LUP, Nagpur. Due to the lack of quorum, the house was adjourned for 5 minutes and later met to discuss the agenda items of General Body meeting. About 61 members of the ISSLUP were presented in the General Body meeting. The President, ISSLUP, Dr. Arun Chaturvedi chaired the meeting. Dr. G.P. Obi Reddy, Hony. Secretary and Mr. S.S. Gaikwad, Treasurer ISSLUP was present on the dais. At the outset President, ISSLUP welcome the Hon’ble members of ISSLUP for General Body meeting to discuss the following agenda items.

- Welcome remarks by the President, ISSLUP
- Confirmation of proceedings of last General Body meeting
- ISSLUP Annual Report for the year 2014-15 by Hony. Secretary, ISSLUP
- Presentation of Audit Report for the year 2013-14 and 2014-15
- Presentation and approval of Budget estimates for the year 2015-16
- Presentation of Chapter activities by Vice-President, ISSLUP
- Enhancement of ISSLUP Membership (Annual/Life/Institutional) Fee
- Any other item with the permission from the Chair
- Vote of thanks

Confirmation of proceedings of last General Body meeting

1. Dr. Arun Chaturvedi, Present ISSLUP while welcoming the members of ISSLUP gave the introductory remarks and briefed about the progress made by ISSLUP since July, 2014 and asked the honorable members of ISSLUP to actively participate in deliberations to discuss the agenda items of the meeting.
2. Dr.G.P. Obi Reddy, Honorary Secretary, ISSLUP informed the house that proceedings of the last GB meeting held on 12th October, 2012 were circulated to all the honorable members present in the meeting for discussion and Confirmation. The house briefly discussed the proceedings of the last GB meeting and confirmed.
3. He informed the house about that the amendments of bylaws of the ISSLUP in the last GB meeting, which were circulated separately to the members present for discussion and approval. After discussion, the GB approved the amendments of bylaws of ISSLUP to follow in future.

ISSLUP Annual Report for the year 2014-15 by Hony. Secretary, ISSLUP

4. Honorary Secretary, ISSLUP presented the Annual Report of the ISSLUP for the year 2014-15 and he informed the house that two Executive Council meetings of ISSLUP organized during 23rd June and 20th August, 2014 to discuss the various issues of ISSLUP. The proceedings of the meetings were uploaded in the ISSLUP website for wide circulation.
5. He informed the house that the ISSLUP website was made dynamic through uploading backlog volumes of Agropedology, meeting notices, meeting proceedings, News letters and List of Life Members of the Society for the benefit of the members.
6. He informed the house that ISSLUP took active membership drive through proactive initiatives to increase the membership of society by enrolling scientists/faculty/students of relevant disciplines from various institutes, universalities and colleges to become a Life/Annual Members. In the year 2014, the number of Life Members has been increased from 611 to 810 (25% Up).
7. He also informed the house that as a follow up action of Executive Council decision to redesign the cover page of Agropedology, it has been redesigned and implemented from June 2014 issue of Agropedology.
8. As decided in the Executive Council meeting held on 20th August, 2014, ISSLUP published the backlog issues of Agropedology and special session on 'Land Use Planning' in December 2014 issue of Agropedology (Vol. 2014, Issue 2), which was released during the inaugural function of National Seminar on 28th January 2015.
9. The Secretary informed the house that in order to improve the NAAS rating of Agropedology, ISSLUP took many initiatives, which includes, change the cover page of Agropedology, introduction of double blind peer review process, publication of at least one review article in each issue, reduce the turnaround time between submission and publication of article, increase the number of articles for publication in each issue, introduction of ISSLUP logo on first page of each article etc,. While appreciating the new initiatives of ISSLUP, the General Body decided to increase the NAAS rating of Agropedology from existing 3.12 to 6.00 in coming two years.
10. He informed the house that with the help from ICAR, now ISSLUP made Agropedology is fully online (<http://epubs.icar.org.in/ejournal/index.php/Agropedology>) for submission, editorial process and publication of articles. This online service was inaugurated at the hands of Dr. A.K. Sikka, Hon'ble DDG (NRM) during the inaugural function of National Seminar on 28th January 2015. While appreciating the online service, General Body opined that this is a major step forward to make Agropedology more competitive and further helps to improve the submission of quality articles and achieve modest NAAS rating in future.
11. As decided in the EC meeting held on 20th August, 2014, a publication on "**Agropedology terminologies**" was brought out by the Society and it was released during the inaugural function of National Seminar on 28th January 2015.

12. He also informed the house that during the year 2014, ISSLUP brought out two **News Letters** during the month of June and December, 2014 and widely circulated to provide the up-to-date information on various activities of the society among the Members. The soft copies of the same were also uploaded in Society website.
13. He informed the house that based on the proposals received, EC in its meeting held 20th August, 2014 discussed and approved the proposals to open the local chapters of ISSLUP at Bangalore, Tirupati, Udaipur and Srinagar, which are in addition to the existing three Local Chapters located at Delhi, Kolkata and Jorhat. The General Body rectified the EC decision in this regard.

Presentation of Audit Report for the year 2013-14 and 2014-15

14. Mr. S.S.Gaikwad, Treasurer, ISSLUP presented the audit report of the ISSLUP for the year 2013-14. He informed that accounts of the society was audited by the Auditor and appreciated the overall financial performance of the society. He informed that as per the audit report, under receipts, Society received Rs.23599/- as membership fees, Rs. 3,16,816/- as interest on fixed deposits, Rs. 5,100/- as cash in hand and Rs. 4,17,502/- as cash with bank. During the same period, society spend Rs.56,700/- as printing charges, Rs.46,000/- as honorarium to staff, Rs.28,108/- as postage charges.
15. During the year 2014-15 (till end of January, 2015), he mentioned that Society received Rs 3,05,110/- as membership fees and spend Rs. 2,03,704/- towards printing charges, and 30,635/-. Society provided Rs. 2,00,000/- as seed money to organize the National Seminar.

Presentation and approval of Budget estimates for the year 2015-16

16. Mr. S.S.Gaikwad, Treasurer proposed the budget estimates of ISSLUP for the year 2015-16. He proposed the estimated expenditure Rs. 2,61,310/- under different heads for the year 2015-16. House discussed the budget estimates and passed unanimously.

Presentation of Chapter activities by Vice-President, ISSLUP

17. Dr. T.N. Hajare, Vice president, ISSLUP presented the Local Chapter activities and informed the house that one day seminar on “Soil Management Options for Integrated Farming towards Better Livelihood Security” was organized by ISSS Kolkata Chapter in collaboration with the ISSLUP, Nagpur and IPNI, Kolkata on 28th January, 2014 at NBSS & LUP, Kolkata. About 100 delegates from different ICAR Institutes, SAU's, State and Central Govt. along with students participated in the seminar.
18. He informed the house that ISSLUP celebrated **World Population Day on 11.07.2014** and organized a public lecture delivered by Dr. K.R. Kranthi, Director, Central Institute of Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur on “*Feeding the billion with the declining land resources*” at S.P. Roychaudhury Auditorium, NBSS&LUP, Nagpur. There are about 95 participants took part in the event.
19. He also informed that ISSLUP Celebrated ‘**World Soil Day**’ on **December 5, 2014** and organized a public lecture by Dr. S.K. Singh Director, NBSS&LUP, Nagpur on “Land Resource Inventory on 1:10K for Micro Level Agricultural Land Use Planning” at S.P.

Roychaudhury Auditorium, NBSS&LUP, Nagpur. The Nagpur Chapter of Indian Society of Soil Science, co-hosted the event. About 75 participants from different ICAR Institutes, State and Central Govt. organizations along with students were presented.

20. The Indian Society of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (ISSLUP), Kolkata Chapter in collaboration with the Indian Society of Soil Science, Kolkata Chapter jointly organized a public lecture on the topic “**New Technologies in Field Soil Survey**” by Dr. David C. Weindorf, Associate Professor and B.L. Allen Endowed, Chair of Pedology, Department of Plant and Soil Science, Texas Tech University, USA on 12th September, 2014 at NBSS&LUP, Regional Centre, Kolkata. The lecture was by about 75 members.

Enhancement of ISSLUP Membership (Annual/Life/Institutional) Fee

21. The Secretary, ISSLUP put the proposal of EC before the General Body for its approval to enhance the Membership fees of ISSLUP. The house discussed the proposal and agreed to enhance the Membership fees of ISSLUP as follows

S.No.	Kind of Membership	Amount (in Rs.)	Amount (in Dollars)
1	Admission fee (for Ordinary and student Members)	50/-	25
2	Annual Ordinary Membership fee	500/-	250
3	Annual Student Membership fee	250/-	--
4	Life Membership fee	2500/-	1200
5	Annual Institutional Membership fee	2000/-	1000
6	Corporate Membership fee	100000/-	5000

Any other item with the permission from the Chair

22. General Body decided to take up the active membership drive during 2015-16 and all the Executive Council members and life members of the society are requested to 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 to achieve its objectives. It was decided to reach the target of 1000 mark of life members of the society by the end of 2016.
23. The decision of the EC meeting held on 23rd June, 2014 was discussed and General Body approved to create ‘Associate Editor’ to assist the Chief Editor in processing the articles and publication of the Journal on time.
24. As a follow up action of earlier GB decision to award the “**ISSLUP Fellows**”, the matter was discussed in detail and house decided to honour the outstanding Scientists once in two years from the year 2015-16, who worked in the fields of relevant to the objectives of ISSLUP. It was also decided to form the Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Pr. Scientist & Head (Act.), SRS Division, NBSS&LUP to work out the modalities and submit the report within three months for further needful action and implement from 2015-16.

25. The General Body also discussed in detail about the introduction of 'ISSLUP Young Scientist Award' to recognize and honor the young talent once in two years from the year 2015-16 in the fields relevant to the objectives of ISSLUP. It was decided to form the Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Rajeev Srivastava, Pr. Scientist & Head, RSA Division, NBSS&LUP to work out the modalities and submit the report within three months for further needful action and implement from 2015-16.
26. In order to enhance the scope of Agropedology journal, the General Body discussed various options, which includes the rename of Agropedology. Some of the members suggested to change the name of Agropedology Journal as "Land" or, "Land Management". The house decided to put a notice in the ISSLUP website to invite the suggestions from all the Members of the Society to take a final view.
27. House also discussed and decided in principle to hold International Conference on the relevant theme during the year 2016. The house authorized the EC to identify the contemporary theme and work out the modalities to organize the International Conference.
28. House also discussed about the tenure of present EC, which took the charge in the month of July, 2014 and suppose to be ended by December 2014. After detail discussion, house decided that the tenure of the present EC shall end on December 2016 and advised the EC to initiate the process of elections at least three months before the end of term.
29. In view of 'International Year Soils-2015', the house discussed various outreaching programmes and decided to organize various awareness programmes, lectures, quiz competitions by the society at its headquarters and local chapters in the year 2015.
30. The house also decided that based on the requests received from the local chapters, President, ISSLUP may approve and sanction partial financial assistance of Rs.5000/- once in a financial year to the concerned local chapter to organize the programmes like public lectures by the eminent scientist/faculty, awareness programmes on ISSLUP activities and quiz competitions among the students.

The GB meeting was ended with the formal vote of thanks.



G.P. Obi Reddy
Hony. Secretary
ISSLUP