

**Proceedings of the IASWC Executive Council Meeting held at
ICAR-IISWC, Dehradun on 5th June, 2020**

A meeting of the Executive Body of IASWC was held at ICAR-IISWC, Dehradun on 05th June, 2020. The meeting was attended by Dr. P.R. Ojasvi, President; Dr. N.K. Sharma, Vice-President (I); Dr. O.P.S. Khola, Vice-President (II), (through V.C); Dr. Pradeep Dogra, Chief Editor; Dr. Debashis Mandal, Secretary; Sh. Suresh Kumar, Joint Secretary; Dr. Gopal Kumar, Treasurer; Dr. Rajesh Bishnoi, Business Manager; Dr Bankey Bihari Member; Dr. K. Kannan, Member (through V.C); and Er. Saswat Kumar Kar, Member. The agenda points in the meeting were as follows:

1. Welcoming the New Executive Council Members.

All new Executive Members of IASWC were introduced and formal announcement was made by the Secretary. Dr P.R. Ojasvi, President, IASWC warmly welcome and congratulated all the new Executive Members. He also extended his thanks to all the contested members who took part in the recently held election of the esteemed Association. Special thanks were extended to Returning Officer, Assistant Election Officer for conducting free, fair and credible election and the constituted Election Team for fair and orderly counting of votes. Dr N.K. Sharma, Vice President of the Association expressed his gratitude to the past office bearers for their dedicated and self-less services, which helped in smooth functioning of Association. All Members were in view that the election was conducted in a fair and orderly manner.

2. Handing over & Taking over charge pertaining to Treasurer.

As the audit 2019-2020 is already delayed due to COVID-19, it was decided to complete the formality of handing-over taking over of charge from Dr. A. C. Rathore, Ex-Treasurer of the Association. In this regard, all other documents such as dispatch register and details of accounts from R.O./ President should be taken to pass on to the Auditor at the earliest.

3. Plagiarism Software and Open Access for Journal IJSC.

Newly elected Chief Editor, Dr. Pradeep Dogra, expressed his views for procuring appropriate plagiarism software to evaluate the similarity index/ proportion copied material from past published articles which is necessary to maintain quality publication. For this purpose, Dr Rajesh Bishnoi, Business Manager and Er. Saswat Kar, Executive Member will gather information on available software, along with their tentative cost and other terms and condition so that a decision for procurement of plagiarism software can be taken soon. The Chief Editor also expressed his view in favour of open access mode of IJSC which was unanimously supported by all Members of the Council. He was given the responsibility to constitute a fresh Editorial Board for smooth processing of journal's article.

4. Decision on Organization of Forthcoming Conference.

For the time being, the decision to hold regular national/regional conference has been postponed due to COVID-19 situation. The decision may be taken in 2-3 months time depending upon the improvement of situation. However, the President proposed to hold an international conference during the celebration of Platinum Jubilee of the IISWC in the year 2023/2024. The Council unanimously supported the proposal. It was subsequently decided that a webinar series on land degradation neutrality (LDN) may be organized sometime in July 2020 involving globally renowned scientists and policy planners. For this purpose, a sub-committee may be formed and detail planning and preparation may be initiated at the earliest.

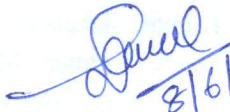
5. Request for Seed money for Southern Regional Chapter.

A seed money of Rs. 50,000/-, as requested by the secretary Southern Regional Chapter of the Association, may be sent through e-transfer/ RTGS after getting the renewal of bank signatory of the newly formed Executive Council.

6. Any other points with the permission of the Chair.

Sh Suresh Kumar, Jt. Secretary took the responsibility to mobilize our Life Members for getting more number of appropriate articles, especially from state officials working on soil and water conservation and watershed departments.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


8/6/2020
(D. Mandal)
Secretary