

## **Proceeding of GBM of Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 at ICAR-IISWC, Dehradun.**

The General Body Meeting of Indian Association of Soil and Water Conservationists was held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021, at ICAR-IISWC, Dehradun through the zoom web platform. The meeting started with the welcome of the participating members by Dr. Debashis Mandal, Secretary IASWC, Dehradun. This followed the remarks by Dr P.R. Ojasvi, President, IASWC.

Dr. Mandal appraised the gathering about recent achievements including the successful publication of the IJSC and SWC bulletin. He presented the audited statement for the year 2019-2020 achievements for the year 2020-2021 and proposed the activities to be taken during 2021-2022 along with the tentative budget expenditure. The major achievements include successful completion of IASWC Award Ceremony & Dr K.G. Tejwani Memorial Lecture on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, conducting 6 executive committee meetings, and timely publication of journals and the bulletin on "Soil and Water Conservation". The proposal for organizing the next conference of IASWC during September 2022 was also discussed along with the tentative expenditure. He stressed about the strengthening the Regional Chapters. For Eastern Region some modification has been suggested by Dr M. Madhu Director of IISWC w.r.t the office bearers for the chapter. The presentation by the secretary, following points were discussed and decisions were made.

1. As discussed in the previous GBM dated 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020 that there will be no election for the post of Chief Editor. However, elected EC members may nominate a Life Member of the association, preferably from Dehradun, on the basis of his/her academic credentials (H-index>10; i10 index and at least 10 research paper in his/her credit in high impact factor (NAAS>8.0) journals related to Soil and Water Conservation. He or She should also have at least 5 research papers in Indian Journal of Soil Conservation as Principal author or communicating author. Key office bearers like Secretary, Joint Secretary should also have similar academic records while submitting their nominations form for the next election for the Executive Council of IASWC, Dehradun. This modification is required as indicated by council (ICAR).
2. It was decided to form an advisory committee for planning an International Conferences by 2023/2024 to commemorate Golden Jubilee (50<sup>th</sup> Year of IASWC). Interested Life Member may submit their proposal and area of interest where they could contribute.
3. GB has decided to jointly organized National Conference at Ranchi, Jharkhand during September, 2022 in collaboration with Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), Hazaribagh; Birsa Agriculture University, Ranchi Jharkhand; IARI, Jharkhand and different ICAR institutions located in and around Ranchi, Jharkhand.
4. Election procedure is to be initiated for this purpose, RO and associates names was proposed and some guidelines for conducting election was also discussed such as reservation of Post Box No. in Post Office. The brief guideline will be shared with the RO and associates.

5. Important suggestion given by our esteemed Life Member (Sh. P.K. Mandal, Dr A.K. Sikka) on strengthening Regional Chapter and conducting National Conference at Ranchi during 2022 has been discussed and necessary steps has been initiated to fulfil the suggested points.
6. The secretary also appealed to contribute good quality articles for forthcoming SWC Bulletin and for the IJSC.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks.



**Secretary, IASWC  
Dehradun**