

Comments of the Secretary, ISWS on the proceedings of so called Executive Committee meeting of ISWS meeting held at Krishi Anusandhan Bhawan, New Delhi on 23/07/07.

Before the Secretary furnishes his comments on the proceedings of the referred meeting Dt. 23/07/07 at KAB-II, he would like to submit the following for kind information of all concerned:

- 1) Dr. Jay G. Varshney, Director, NRCWS, Jabalpur was elected Secretary of ISWS and the decision was conveyed vide letter of the President, ISWS Dated 04/04/07, therefore, it has almost passed hardly a period of 3 months to work the Secretary on its position.
- 2) In the proceedings of ISWS Executive Committee meeting held at BHU, Varanasi on 27/10/06, Dr R.K. Malik, President, ISWS told "while shifting the ISWS headquarter to NRCWS, Jabalpur said that NRCWS is a hub for Weed Science".
- 3) In the same proceedings Para 10 "It has been decided that Dr Jay G. Varshney, Director, NRCWS, Jabalpur will be the Organizing Secretary of the next biennial conference of ISWS. He will explore the possibility of holding the conference along with AICRP-WC meeting. The dates and venue will be decided by the Director, NRCWS, Jabalpur".

Excerpts from the bye-laws of ISWS:

Presidential Powers:

- To preside over all general body meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee;
- To accept deposits and contributions.

Powers of Vice-President:

- To perform the duties of the President in his absence and when such powers are delegated to him in writing.

Powers of Secretary:

- To operate banks of the society within the limits prescribed by the Executive Committee;
- To summon and attend all General Body Meetings and of the Executive Committee;
- To record proceedings of such meetings, get them signed by the President and other office-bearers;
- To carry on correspondence of society, maintain its book of accounts and registers, and to arrange for their safety;
- To receive deposits and contribution in accordance with the regulations of the Executive Committee;
- To prepare annual statements or any statements or reports of statements called for by the Executive Committee.

Considering the above, the comments of Secretary are as below:

- 1) The Secretary, Treasurer as well as all members of ISWS in its Special General Meeting (SGM) held at NRCWS on 2/8/2007 took a serious note of the so called proceedings of ISWS meeting held on 23/07/07. It is known to all concerned that Treasurer on behalf of Secretary proposed to the President for convening a meeting of Executive Committee of ISWS during mid

July '07 at NRCWS, Jabalpur. It is pertinent to mention that as per bye-laws of the ISWS, the Secretary has to summon the meeting of general body and executive committee "point 9.4 item 2 - Powers of Secretary to summon and attend all general body meeting and all the executive committee" but the President did not reply and unilaterally fixed the executive committee meeting for 23/07/07, the letter of information was received by the Secretary on 23/07/07. At present era of information technology when e-mail, fax and telephone facilities are available, the Secretary was informed by simple letter, which was received by him on 23/07/07 itself. It is pertinent to mention that all other members excepting the Secretary were informed by e-mail regarding the meeting to be held on 23/07/07.

This appears a clear cut motto of the President that Secretary should not any how attend the meeting of Executive Committee. The Secretary had received a copy of e-mail addressed to Dr Samunder Singh by Dr N.T. Yaduraju in reply to the information of so called executive meeting to him for 23/07/07. Secretary informed Dr Yaduraju by email that Secretary and Treasurer are not available due to pre-occupation on that day and some other date should be fixed. As per bye-laws as quoted above, the executive committee meeting has to be convened and summoned by the Secretary only and not by the President. Of course, the dates are to be mutually fixed and this should not be thrust upon by the President on the Secretary and Treasurer. **Therefore, the convening of meeting of 23/07/07 by the President and its proceedings are illegal and invalid.**

2) Further, the so called EC meeting dated 23.07.07 was not attended by Secretary and Treasurer, therefore, as per bye laws it is invalid and illegal. Moreover, the so called meeting of Executive committee was attended by unauthorized persons and therefore also can not be treated as legal and valid.

3) It has already been decided earlier in the G.B. that Biennial Conference of ISWS will be linked with the Biennial Workshop of AICRP-WC. 'Executive committee meeting dated 27.10.2006 (as referred at point 3 page 1 above) also directed that Biennial conference should be linked with Biennial workshop of AICRP-WC. As the Biennial Workshop of AICRP-WC has been fixed at Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa, Bihar in the last week of February'08. It was very well a right decision as per the approval of GB meeting as well as EC committee proceedings dated 27.10.2006 to have the Biennial Conference along with Biennial workshop of AICRP-WC. It is not understood that when it is already decided that Biennial Conference of ISWS should be held along with Biennial Workshop of AICRP-WC, how the Biennial Conference of ISWS should be held in 2007. The note for communicating the approval of Executive committee regarding holding the biennial conference of ISWS along with Biennial workshop of AICRP-WC at Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa (keeping workshop on 26-27 Feb. 2008 at Pusa and ISWS conference at Patna during 28-29 Feb. 2008 for the convenience of delegates) was sent to the President by the Treasurer in its mail on behalf of Secretary on 17 July, 2007 before the so called Executive meeting but no reply was made by him. But on the contrary he took a decision by calling so called meeting of Executive committee on 23.07.2007 to have the Biennial Conference of ISWS at HAU, Hisar in November'07 which is against the decision of

the earlier decision as well as ISWS Executive Committee meeting dated 27.10.2006. It is known that in the biennial conference of the ISWS more than 125 members who attend the AICRP-WC workshop and to save the TA/DA, this was earlier fixed that the biennial conference will be held along with the Biennial AICRP-WC workshop. What has compelled now to have separate Biennial conference of ISWS now at HAU, Hisar? In the Executive Committee meeting held at HAU, Hisar on 26.03.2007, it was decided to have the biennial meeting of ISWS on 11-12/05/07. It appears to be very funny that at one time, it is decided that the biennial conference should be held along with AICRP-WC biennial workshop. At the other time, it is decided that it should be on 11-12/05/07 without giving any time for preparation and arrangements. This was decided just to harass and defame the new Secretary of ISWS. The reply was given by the Secretary that it is not possible to have this meeting at such a short notice and that to in a harsh weather of summer in May at Jabalpur. It appears that so called decisions of EC meeting are nothing but nefarious designs of whim and ego of the President, who with the support of his 3-4 persons takes the decisions of his choice by misusing the authority of President as evident with contrary decisions taken by him from times to times.

4) It is not understood, as per the proceedings as referred above (point 2 above) that how NRCWS has become a small pool of members in 3 months period, it is worth mentioning that NRCWS is not only the nodal Centre in the entire country for weed science research but has a role of leadership in the weed science in the country. As far as number of members is concerned it has got maximum number far more than any place in the country. Therefore, the comments in the proceedings on 23/07/07 are highly unwarranted.

5) As already mentioned above, in the powers of Secretary, Secretary has the only right to convene the meeting and none else and therefore, any executive committee or any meeting if convened by anybody else is totally invalid and illegal. Similarly the rights of correspondence with any individual or organization rests with Secretary, therefore if any individual does any correspondence with any organization or individual on behalf of ISWS, he does so on his risk and responsibility. Any correspondence carried out by any person other than Secretary on behalf of ISWS therefore is not legal and valid.

6) It is not known that how by serving an affidavit the purpose of already lapsed registration can serve the purpose of revival of the society and if this is true then why for the last 20 years this was not done when the present President was the Secretary of the ISWS. Further, why he had not suggested to the Secretary to act in that matter and why he asked to Dr. A.K.Gogoi to prepare the affidavit. It is not known that for last 20 years or more the annual grants as well as for holding the biennial conference grants supposed to be received from ICAR have not been taken and made a huge loss of more than Rs. 50.00 lakhs to the Society by the past Secretary who is now President. When the present Secretary soon after taking over the charge honestly tried for the renewal of already lapsed registration, the President is creating hurdles. It has already been ascertained by the Secretary with the help of Prof.(Dr).T.V. Ramchandra Prasad,UAS, Bangalore that it is practically not possible to renew the registration as now it

requires 20 years accounts, minutes, and a huge penalty (up to the extent of several lakhs), therefore the fresh registration is the only viable substitute.

7) In the last one Para what is written is not acceptable. The same content is being redirected for the President.If the President does not change in his working, the next General Body meeting will decide the future course of action regarding to have the President's position open for a person who has the right credentials and vision to lead the Society and make it prosper by scientific activities and quality publications, rather than to have it to small pool of 3-4 members from HAU only. The present endeavor of President is to hijack the ISWS for satisfying his personal ego. In the past too he could not do any thing for the society as a Secretary, excepting causing a grave harm.

8) The abusing and threatening language written in the proceedings of the meeting held on 23/07/07 has crossed all limits in defaming and denouncing the competence, honesty and character of the present Secretary who has been only elected only 3 months back.. In the Special General Meeting (SGM) held at NRCWS on 02/08/07, all the members including Office bearers of ISWS present at NRCWS condemn the contents and language of proceedings and declare the meeting held on 23/07/07 as invalid and illegal.

9) It is unfortunate that persons holding the higher position and present in the so called meeting have not objected the language written to a colleague scientist. In the past also Dr Samunder Singh on behalf of Dr R.K. Malik, President wrote a mail to the Director, NRCWS, Jabalpur perhaps on his advise and instructions but the Secretary ignored the same thinking that Dr Samunder Singh perhaps does not have proper mature mind and perhaps has been taught by his mentors/teachers to behave the senior people in that way.

10) This is not known when the society headquarter has been shifted from HAU to NRCWS why the letter heads of ISWS prepared by the President shows HAU as headquarter of ISWS. How the website address shows HAU, Hisar and how any publication can be done by any individual ignoring the authority of the Secretary who is only empowered to take action in the matter. It appears that under pressure of the members of ISWS though the headquarter of ISWS was shifted to NRCWS but it has not been palatable to the President and other people who attended this meeting to shift it to Jabalpur.