

Proceedings of the second meeting of New Executive Committee (2021-2023) of ISWS

The meeting of newly elected members of ISWS for the period 2021-2023 was held on 10-05-2021 at 3.00 PM in a virtual mode. Following members attended the meeting.

1. Dr. Sushil Kumar, President
2. Dr. TK Das, Vice-President
3. Dr. CR Chinnamuthu, Vice-President
4. Dr. JS Mishra, Secretary
5. Dr. Mukesh Kumar, Joint-Secretary
6. Dr. Murali Arthanari, Joint Secretary
7. Dr. VK Choudhary, Treasurer



Dr. BS Chauhan, an eminent weed scientist from Australia was the special invitee.

The major purpose of this meeting was to discuss the measures to improve the quality of IJWS and how to improve its impact. After a marathon discussion, following decisions were taken during the meeting.

1. It was decided to have multi-tier editorial system for the IJWS. There should be 1 Editor-in-Chief, 4-5 Co-editors of different disciplines of weed science like, weed biology and ecology, herbicide application techniques, Integrated weed management, biological weed control, etc., and 12-15 Associate editors having different field of specialization in weed science. This system should include the specialists from different countries as well, including NRIs. While selecting the specialists for the purpose, at least 25% scientists should be taken from overseas. There should not be any gender and discipline bias.
2. The ISWS should follow the 'On-line' peer review system of reviewing of its articles. An article should be sent to at least 2-3 reviewers.
1. As there is more citation of 'review articles, we should have one special issue of IJWS per year and invite the articles from eminent weed scientists. We should also finalize the Guest editors for editing the special issues. Articles from overseas need to be invited.
3. Each issue of the IJWS should have one page "Editorial" from Editor- in- Chief.
4. Appreciation letter to reviewers in the form of "**Reviewers Certificate**" should be given.
5. It was also suggested to have a virtual meeting inviting all the members of ISWS about the new pattern of submitting the MS for the Journal. It should be clearly indicated that now, the routine type of articles will not be accepted in the IJWS.
6. Dr. Chauhan was requested to suggest the names of co-editors and associate editors of IJWS from the overseas.
7. There was a very fruitful discussion to finalize the list of Councillors from different states, industry and overseas.
8. Dr. B.S. Chauhan was requested to conduct special training programme on "Technical writing skills" to the Students and ISWS members on 22nd June, 2021 through online.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Chair.

JS Mishra
Secretary, ISWS