

**Proceedings of 5th General Body meeting of SAWBAR held at BAU, Ranchi
on August 24, 2018**

Fifth General Body meeting of the Society for Advancement of Wheat and Barley Research (SAWBAR) was convened on August 24, 2018 at 18.00 hours in College of Agriculture Auditorium, BAU, Ranchi. The meeting was chaired by Dr GP Singh, President of the society. The agenda items for the meeting are listed below:

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| 1. Welcome and Secretary's Report | Sindhu Sareen |
| 2. Treasurer's Report | Poonam Jasrotia |
| 3. Editor's Report | Satish Kumar |
| 4. Open House Discussion | Sindhu Sareen |
| 5. Announcement of Awards & Presentation of Certificates of SAWBAR Fellows, Best paper and Highest cited paper-2018 | G P Singh |
| 6. Launch of society website | G P Singh |
| 7. Address by Chairman | G P Singh |
| 8. Vote of Thanks | SC Bhardwaj |

Dr Sindhu Sareen, General Secretary of the Society welcomed the delegates to 5th General Body meeting and presented the report for the year 2017-18. She informed the house that during the year 14 more joined as life member, 20 joined as annual and 4 as student members. Thanks for showing faith in the society. She also informed that the society has its own website www.sawbar.in. Besides other information, the membership and contact details have been uploaded. She requested the members to visit the site and for any correction, drop a line at gs.sawr@gmail.com

She informed that the journal has new name Wheat and Barley Research and is published thrice in year. April issue is already published and August issue is coming up shortly. December issue is special issue on Barley. Drs Chuni Lal and Dinesh will be editors for the special issue. All the manuscripts accepted for publication in WBR are now checked for plagiarism. The journal also accepts the extended summary of MSc/ Ph D theses for publication as short communication and new varietal release as full length paper, if submitted in the designated format.

The society started new series of Award lecture, V S Mathur Memorial Award lecture annually on 9th February, the foundation day of ICAR-IIWBR. The first Lecture was delivered by Dr R. B Singh.

Guidelines regarding SAWBAR awards were modified. The minimum qualifying marks for the awards was 60 and condition publication of two papers in JWR was abolished. Instead there will be extra advantage (maximum of 5 marks) for those who have published papers in JWR. Each paper in JWR/WBR will carry 1.5 marks. In addition to on-going three awards, it was decided to initiate Best paper award for paper published in JWR (now WBR). Similarly the best cited paper will also get a certificate.

Treasurers' Report was presented by Dr Poonam Jasrotia. She informed that the opening balance as on 1st April, 2017 in SAWBAR's main account was Rs 8, 39, 230. During the period of one year, an amount of Rs. 89,500 (LF- 71,500; AM-16,000; SM-2,000) was added to SAWBAR fund through membership, Rs. 20,000 through advertisement and Rs. 56, 895 through bank interest. The society's major expenses (Rs. 48,000) were incurred on the salary of a assistant and printing of two issues of journal (Rs. 21,993). So the total expenditure during one year was 1, 29, 033 and total income during one year was Rs. 1,66,395.

The Editor's report was presented by Dr Satish on behalf of Editor-in Chief. He informed that during 2017-18, both the issues of the Journal Vol. 9(1) & Vol. 89(2) were published timely. Vol. 9(1) had 11 articles consisting of 7 research papers, 2 short notes, 1 new release

and 1 review article and Vol. 9(2) had 9 articles consisting of 6 research papers, 1 short note and 2 review articles. Presently we have received 42 articles out of which 23 are in editing/production and 19 are in review. Vol. 10(1) was also published timely. It consisted of 10 articles; 7 research papers, 2 short notes and 1 review article. Vol. 10(2) is nearing completion. He also requested the members/ wheat and barley workers to please submit quality articles for publication in WBR. The articles are to be submitted online and in the prescribed format/style of the journal. He also requested reviewers for quick and critical responses so as to raise the publication standards.

In the open house discussion, General Secretary got the approval of the house that Dr GP Singh will continue as the President of the Society for the remaining term of the present CEC.

The house also agreed to shorten the term of CEC from three years to two years and from Jan 1, 2019 new CEC will take over. Therefore it was decided to initiate the process for election of new CEC.

The next agenda item was launch of the society website (www.sawbar.in) and Dr GP Singh launched the website and appreciated it.

The next agenda item was announcement of awards and presentation of SAWBAR Fellow certificates. Dr G P Singh announced that Prof Mahatim Singh Memorial Award 2018 goes to Dr Satish Kumar, Senior Scientist, ICAR- IIWBR, Dr M V Rao Memorial Award 2018 to Dr M Sivasamy, Principal Scientist and Head IARI Regional Station, Wellington and Dr S Nagarajan Memorial Award 2018 to Dr. Sewa Ram, Principal Scientist and PI Quality and Basic Sciences, ICAR-IIWBR. These awards were presented by Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Hon'ble Governor of Jharkhand on Aug 25, 2018 during inaugural session of 57th Wheat Workshop.

Dr GP Singh conferred the SAWBAR Fellow Award for the year 2018 to Dr Satish for Crop Improvement and Dr Hari Ram for Resource Management. He also gave the certificates for the best paper in JWR (Dr Amit Vashshth *et al.*) and the most cited paper (Dr R S Chhokar *et al.*).

Dr GP Singh, President of the society and Chairman of the meeting, while addressing the GB thanked the SAWBAR family for the support during the year and called upon all, to proactively contribute to make the society stronger. He thanked Dr RB Singh who delivered first Dr VS Mathur Memorial Award Lecture. He also emphasized that all the members should contribute quality articles as well as motivate fellow scientists to enrol as members of the society.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr S C Bhardwaj, Vice President of the society. He thanked Dr G P Singh, President, SAWBAR for his keen interest in the society affairs and encouraging words. He also thanked the screening committee members for selecting the right person for the awards and also the society members for the cooperation and office bearers for the good work done over the past year.

The proceedings are issued with the approval of the President, SAWBAR.



General Secretary