Proceedings of Executive Council Meeting SAWBAR

January 07, 2021 President : Dr. GP Singh
3.30-05.00PM General Secretary : Dr. Poonam Jasrotia
Joint Secretary : Dr. CN Mishra

The following members of the present and outgoing EC participated through physical/virtual mode:

- 1. Dr. G P Singh -President
- 2. Dr. Subhash C. Bhardwaj-Outgoing Vice President
- 3. Dr. Ravish Chatrath-Outgoing Vice President
- 4. Dr. Sindhu Sareen-Outgoing General Secretary
- 5. Dr. Pradeep Sharma-Out going Editor in chief
- 6. Dr. Dinesh Kumar-Out going Joint Secretary
- 7. Dr. Gyanendra Singh- Vice President
- 8. Dr. S V Sai Prasad-Vice President
- 9. Dr. Poonam Jasrotia-General Secretary
- 10. Dr. Satish Kumar- Editor-in-Chief
- 11. Dr. R Sendhil- Treasurer
- 12. Dr. Gopalareddy K-Joint Treasurer
- 13. Dr. Chandra Nath Mishra- Joint Secretary
- 14. Dr. Vikas V K- Councilor- Peninsular Zone
- 15. Dr. Harikrishna- Councilor- North Western Zone
- 16. Dr. J B Singh-Councilor-Central Zone
- 17. Dr. Shabir Wani-Councilor-Northern Hill Zone
- 18. Dr. P.K Gupta- Out going Councilor- North Eastern Zone

At the outset of the meeting, President, SAWBAR gave warm welcome to all the distinguished newly elected and outgoing office bearers of the society. He thanked former Vice President's Drs. Ravish Chatrath and S C Bhardwaj for their sincere efforts during the previous tenure. He also praised the former General Secretary, Dr. Sindhu Sareen and Dr. Pradeep Sharma for their contribution to the society specifically organizing the International Group Meeting (IGM) and improving the standard of the Journal. The President also lauded the efforts rendered by Dr BS Tyagi, Returning Officer for successfully performing his duties in electing the executive council members for the year 2021-22.

Dr SC Bhardwaj in his remarks highlighted the efforts made by the President in changing the face and standard of the journal and improving the quality of the articles. However, he emphasized that there is further need to improve the linguistic editing and involving the research articles from different cereal crops.

Dr Ravish Chatrath also agreed with the view of Dr Bhardwaj and opined that efforts should be made to improve the NAAS rating of the journal. Dr Sindhu Sareen, remarked that more symposia and conference should be organized to improve the membership of the society. Dr Pradeep Sharma said that he enjoyed his tenure as chief editor and provided best wishes to the New executive council members. Dr Gyanendra Singh and Dr. S V Sai Prasad, the new Vice President's of the society joined the meeting virtually joined stressed upon their commitment for ensuring to improve the Journal of Cereal Research (JCR) in coming years. Dr Poonam Jasrotia thanked the previous executive council members for their contributions and gave assurance that newly elected executive council members will collectively work towards further strengthening the society and will uplift it to newer heights.

All the members of the outgoing executive council members were felicitated by the President for their outstanding contribution to the society.

After the deliberations following recommendations were made:

- 1. Dr Sunita Mahapatra was nominated as Zonal Councilor in place of Dr. T R Das for
- 2. All the codal formalities of taking over of charge including Signatures of new executive committee may be communicated to the registrar office and bank.
- 3. The CEC recommended there would be 3-4 Associate Editors in place of Section Editors in the editorial board.
- 4. All the zonal councilors will propose the theme areas for special issues in Journal of Cereal Research with their own team.
- 5. The president proposed to conduct one international webinar in 2021 and International Group Meeting in 2022 which was approved unanimously by the EC.

Dr Poonam Jasrotia called upon another meeting within 1-2 weeks to finalize the calendar of activities of the society for 2021. The meeting ended with formal vote of thank by Joint Secretary, Dr CN Mishra.

General Secretary

(GP Singh) President