

## **Proceedings of IAHF Executive committee meeting held on 27.08.2021**

Executive committee meeting of Indian Association of Hill Farming was held on 27.08.2021 in the committee room of ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam. The meeting was chaired by the President, IAHF, Dr. V.K. Mishra. In his opening remarks the president congratulated the new members of the executive council and expressed his desire to further enhance the reputation and reach of the association. In this meeting, Secretary, IAHF, Dr. Pankaj Baiswar gave a brief report on the achievement and status of the Association. Other members present in the meeting were Dr. Anup Das (Vice President) (joined online from Tripura), Dr. B.K. Sethy (Vice President), Dr. V.K. Verma (Joint Secretary), Dr. Samir Das (Joint Secretary), Dr. Tasvina R. Borah (Treasurer) and Dr. G. Kadirvel (PS, DAFS).

### **Following agenda items were discussed in the meeting**

#### **1. International symposium in Feb 2022**

**Tentative title:** Achieving sustainable developmental goals through Organic agriculture in Hill ecosystem

**Suggestion:** The association should organize this International symposium. Title suggested: Transforming hill agriculture for achieving sustainable development goals (**Action: EC members, IAHF**)

#### **2. Nomination of Council members, Chief Editor, panel of editors and advisory council**

**Suggestion:** After discussion the nominations for Council members, Chief Editor, panel of editors and advisory council were finalised. Name of Dr. G Kadirvel as Chief Editor was proposed by Dr P. Baiswar and seconded by Dr. V. K. Verma and Dr Samir das which was then approved by president & executive committee. Further, the editorial board was also proposed after discussion with Chief Editor and executive committee. (**Action: Approval from the President with names has to be obtained by Secretary, IAHF**)

**3. Secretarial staff honorarium** i. for IAHF activities (Rs. 3000/month, for continuation of the services which are already being provided by the concerned person) ii. Chief Editor's office (Rs. 2000/month, postfacto approval from July 2021)

**Suggestion:** Approved (**Action: Secretary, IAHF**)

#### **4. Visibility and impact factor of the Journal (Indian Journal of Hill Farming)**

**Suggestion:** a. Processing of the manuscripts should be completed within three months. (**Action: Dr. G. Kadirvel**)

b. For selecting the best paper, criteria should be developed by Dr. Anup Das and Dr. G. Kadirvel.

c. Possibility of obtaining doi number, linking to cross ref, Science direct should be explored. (**Action: Dr. G. Kadirvel**)

d. Institutional fee for subscription of print journal should be abolished since our journal is freely available online. **(Action: Secretary, IAHF)**

e. Renowned researchers should be invited to contribute one article per issue. **(Action: Dr. G. Kadirvel)**

f. Concerted efforts have to be made to increase the NAAS rating of the Journal and researchers should be encouraged to submit impact assessment articles. **(Action: Dr. G. Kadirvel and EC)**

#### **5. Efforts for enrolling new members**

**Suggestion:** a. Invitation should be sent to all the VCs and Directors of various Institutes working on Hill agriculture with a request to encourage their staff to join our association and increase our membership. **(Action: EC, IAHF)**

b. Student membership should be introduced @500/- per year. **(Action: EC, IAHF)**

c. Scientific and technical staff should be encouraged to join the association as life member. **(Action: EC, IAHF)**

d. Staff from KVKs should also be requested to join. **(Action: Secretary, IAHF)**

#### **6. A dedicated laptop and Multi function device (printer, scanner) for carrying out IAHF activities.**

**Suggestion:** Approved **(Action: EC, IAHF)**

#### **7. Zoom subscription (as and when required)**

**Suggestion:** Approved **(Action: Secretary, IAHF)**

#### **8. IAHF website with online payment facility**

**Suggestion:** Approved **(Action: Secretary, IAHF)**

#### **9. Honorary fellow**

The name of Dr. U C Sharma was proposed by Dr Anup Das which was unanimously accepted by the President and the house. **(Action: Secretary, IAHF)**

#### **10. Awards for 2019 and 2020.**

**Suggestion:** Awards for 2019 and 2020 will be announced after finalisation of awards for the year 2017 and 2018. Award ceremony will be held on the Institute foundation day of ICAR RC for NEH Region (9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022) **(Action: Secretary, IAHF)**

11. Hindi scientific webinar/seminar may be organised after International seminar. **(Action- EC, IAHF)**



Treasurer report was presented by Dr. Tasvina R Borah and it was further proposed to open a new 2 lakh term deposit in continuation of previous term deposit of IHAF.

The meeting was concluded with remarks by the President followed by vote of thanks by the treasurer.

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Submitted by: Secretary, IAHF

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(Dr. V K Mishra) *30/9/21*

President

Indian Association of Hill Farming