

**PROCEEDING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ENTOMOLOGICAL  
SOCIETY OF INDIA (ESI) HELD ON 09 MAY 2018 AT 2.00 PM IN THE DIVISION OF  
ENTOMOLOGY, IARI, NEW DELHI**

**The following were present:**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>
1.	Dr. S.N. Puri	President
2.	Dr. B.V. Patil	Vice President
3.	Dr. N.K. Krishna Kumar	Vice President
4.	Dr. V.V. Ramamurthy	Chief Editor
5.	Dr. J.P. Singh	General Secretary
6.	Dr. S.S. Suroshe	Councillor
7.	Dr. Subhash Chander	Special Invitee & Ex Joint Secretary
8.	Dr. P.R. Shashank	Special Invitee

The Executive Committee (EC) members Drs. Dr. M. Premjit Singh (Vice President), and H.K. Singh (Councillor) were given leave of absence as they could not attend the meeting due to preoccupation. The EC placed on record its appreciation and gratitude to the outgoing EC members.

**The following agenda items were discussed and the proceedings are as follows:**

**A. Society Activities**

1. Membership:

- Discussion on modification in terms and conditions for life membership were held.
- It was decided that membership (life) should be given immediately; and fellowship will be conferred after five years as per the existing norms. Onetime payment to become life member will be Rs. 15000/=.
- Proposal for reducing membership fee to Rs 500/ year for students was discussed. The proposal was not approved.
- Introduction of corporate membership was discussed and EC decided to accept corporate membership @ Rs. 1 lakh each as onetime payment.

All the Head/Prof's of Department of Entomology in Colleges/Universities/ICAR Crop Institutes will be sent a request to inform Entomologists and Post Graduate Students to become members/life members.

(Action: General Secretary/Treasurer)

2. Processing fee:

- Discussion on waive off processing fee for students: If the M.Sc. student is first author and research paper is from his/her thesis only then no processing fee will be charged.

(Action: Chief Editor/Treasurer)

3. Deliberation on strengthening regional chapters

- Regional chapters will be strengthened across the different zones of the country. Each zone will be headed by Zonal President which must enroll at least 50 life members. Zonal President can be assisted by Chapters each held by a Councillor, and each Chapter must have at least 25 life members. The detailed work plan for strengthening the regional chapters will be drafted by Dr. B.V. Patil.

(Action: Dr. B.V. Patil)



4. Nomination by the EC to the positions in ESI
  - Nomination of Joint Secretary, and Treasurer was discussed and EC nominated Drs. Subhash Chander, Professor, Division of Entomology as Joint Secretary and NM Meshram, Scientist, Division of Entomology, IARI as Treasurer.
  - It was also decided to induct Head/Professor Division of Entomology, IARI, New Delhi; Director, NBAIR, Bengaluru, as Ex Officio Advisers; and Dr. K.S. Khokhar, Ex-VC, HAU, Hisar as Advisor. Pending by laws changes to this effect these Advisers will be shown as Honorary Vice Presidents as is being practiced now.

(Action: General Secretary)
5. Conducting regular Seminar/Symposia
  - EC decided to have national/international seminar/symposia at least once in two years.

(Action: General Secretary)
6. Theme for the upcoming National Symposium to be held in July-August, 2018 in New Delhi (tentative) was discussed.
  - EC decided to have "Lessons from transgenics in IPM: The way forward" as the theme for upcoming one to be held at IARI, New Delhi in July / August, 2018 (tentative). The details about brochure, detailed programme will be jointly drafted by Dr. BVP and Dr. NKK

(Action: Drs. B.V.P./N.K.K. )
7. Introduction of Lecture series/regular guest lectures
  - EC discussed and decided to have lecture series in memory of eminent Indian entomologists. Names for these lecture series will be finalized by Drs. SSS and PRS. Guest lecture series is to be organized by the Pusa Entomology Club (PEC), Division of Entomology, IARI, New Delhi to be sponsored by ESI.

(Action: Drs. S.S.S./P.R.S.)
8. India Storage Forum incorporation with ESI as approved by the earlier EC was discussed
  - EC agreed to include India Storage Forum and its related activities under ESI, as a separate arm, with the terms and conditions as already finalized by the previous EC.

(Action: Chief Editor)
9. Financing of EC members for attending ESI meeting
  - EC discussed and agreed to finance EC members for attending ESI EC meeting on case to case basis.

(Action: General Secretary)
- B. Awards/Student Travel Grants/Fellows**
  - ESI Student Grant for sponsoring of attending well recognized International Conferences/Workshops with main theme in Entomology was discussed. EC agreed to sponsor registration fee of two students/year subject to a maximum of Rs. 25,000/- each. The student must submit the abstract and other essential details including travel requirements at least two months before the conference dates and this will be vetted by the EC for grant.

(Action: General Secretary)
10. Introduction of ESI Best PhD Thesis Award in Entomology
  - EC discussed and agreed to introduce one ESI Best PhD Thesis Award in Entomology/calendar year. The terms and conditions of ICAR's Jawaharlal Nehru Best PhD thesis award will be adopted for scrutiny. The award will not carry any money but TA for receiving the award restricted to 3rdAC/Rs. 5000/- whichever is less will be given.

(Action: General Secretary)

11. Introduction of ESI Young Scientist Award in Entomology

- EC discussed and agreed to introduce one ESI Young Scientist Award/calendar year. This award will be for the best Entomology contribution and restricted to young researchers up to 40 years of age, and the cutoff date will be 31<sup>st</sup> December of the previous year. Research undertaken should not be part of the dissertation (thesis) submitted.

(Action: General Secretary)

12. ESI Lifetime achievement award to be initiated.

- EC discussed and agreed to introduce one ESI Lifetime Achievement Award/ calendar year. The EC has to unanimously decide the candidate for this award based on original contributions in Entomology. This award will not carry any money but TA/DA will be provided if required to the Awardee.

(Action: General Secretary)

13. ESI Nominated/Distinguished Fellows to be initiated.

- EC discussed and agreed to introduce five ESI Nominated Fellows/calendar year. The applications will be scrutinized by EC. The guidelines and evaluation will be the one that is being currently adopted by the Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding. Candidates should apply in the specific proforma as per ESI. The nomenclature will be finalized by Dr B.V.P./Dr. N.K.K.

(Action: General Secretary/Dr B.V.P., N.K.K.)

14. Quarterly ESI magazine to be published online.

- EC discussed and agreed to start online quarterly Magazine named as "Indian Entomologist". The Magazine will cover the general topics related to insect science and technology. EC decided to have Dr. P.R. Shashank as the Editor and Nodal officer for this.

(Action: Dr. P.R.S./Chief Editor).

15. Photo contest

- EC decided to introduce a photo contest to include one best photo in every issue of the Journal. Photos related to Insects/Insect Science can be submitted with a brief caption. Winner will be given certificate and photo will appear in the Journal issue.

(Action: Dr. P.R.S./Chief Editor)

**C. Journal activities**

16. Strengthening Editorial Board and including International Entomologists of repute in the Editorial (Advisory) Board.

- It was decided to have Sections of Entomology similar to Journal of Economic Entomology (International Journal) in the existing Editorial Board of the IJE along with Section Editors and Associate Section Editors for smooth, timely and quality review of research papers.

(Action: Drs. S.S.S./P.R.S.)

- It was decided to have an International Advisory Board consisting of eminent entomologist of repute working abroad. Action to contact the promising ones is to be taken for getting their consent.

(Action: Dr. B.V.P.)

17. Discussion on online review of the manuscripts and inclusion of platform for this.

- It was decided to solicit quotations from the prospective bidders based on our requirement. EC agreed to adopt Online Journal Management System for fast review and publication of manuscripts.

(Action: General Secretary)



18. Archiving of back volumes of IJE

- EC accepted to provide free access to all the back volumes of IJE to the ESI life members. It was also decided that same will be negotiated with prospective bidders for public use.

(Action: Chief Editor/General Secretary)

19. Sending of only PDF copy of journal to life members/members.

- EC unanimously agreed to the proposal to provide only PDF versions of the IJE issues to the ESI members having email account. EC felt that it is time to restrict hard copy usage to reduce the financial burden on the Society with the option to select only PDF copy instead of Hard copy. Correspondence will be made with members for this purpose

(Action: Chief Editor/General Secretary)

**D. Society Infrastructure**

20. Staff salary: EC agreed to continue paying Rs. 10000/- pm for Mr. Kushiram. Also to pay small honorarium to the other staff that is being used for computer/ website work from time to time was approved.

(Action: Chief Editor/General Secretary)

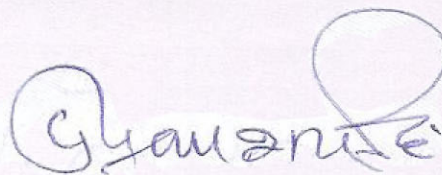
21. Office place (addition in the new location) and furnishing: EC agreed to furnish the ESI office with necessary infrastructure.

(Action: Chief Editor/General Secretary)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and members of the EC.



**President**



**General Secretary**