**Proceeding of General Body Meeting held on 21st January, 2018**

 General Body meeting of Indian Society of Tree Scientists (ISTS) was held on 21st January, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Prof. P.K. Khosla, Vice-Chancellor-Shoolini Univeristy, Solan and President of the Society. The meeting started with the welcome of President of the Society by Prof. K.S. Verma, Secretary of the Society. The following agendas were discussedand the decision taken in the meeting is presented below:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Agenda Discussed** | **Decision Taken** |
| Placing of audit Utilization of the society for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 for its perusal by the members and its approval. | The audit report for the year 2014, 2015 and 2016 was approved by the members. It was however stressed to get the audit done regularly.  |
| Progress of publication of Journal of Tree Sciences and issues related to it | The Journal of Tree Sciences is now regular and December, 2017 issue is also printed. NAAS rating is 3.51 for 2018. ISSN (online) number have also been received. For each paper, since 2017, DOI number is generated. |
| To expand the reach of the journal it was decided to Expand the Editorial board with regional editors. The Editorial Board structure will be as follows:Editor-in-Chief: Dr. K.S. VermaChief Editor- Dr. Pankaj Panwar Associate Editor – Dr. Rajesh KaushalRegional Editor (s) – Dr. Narender Singh Thakur (West) Dr. Vaishnu Dutt Sharma (North) Dr. Thiru Salven (NE) Dr. N. Bhola (East) Dr. Sangram B. Chavan (Central)  |
| Revision of Life membership and annual membership rates of the Society | It was decided that the rates will be as followsLife member ship (for individuals) :Rs. 10000/-Annual membership (for individuals) - Rs. 1000/-Educational/Research organizations / Libraries (annual) Rs. 10000/- Corporate(s)/Industries(For one year) Rs. 5000- 25,000/-Foreign nationals and institutions $ 100/- per annum |
| Conducting of National Seminar in the year 2018 | It was decided that in the year 2018 National Seminar/conference has to be organized. First preference would be given to Eastern zone followed by South and north.  |
| Awards of the society | It was decided to restart the awards of the society v*iz.*1. **Seth memorial award** : Award will be given every year starting from 2018. It will consist of a certificate and memento
2. **Nanda Memorial award for Young Scientist**: It will consist of a certificate and a memento. Age limit has been increased to 40 years instead of 35 years.
3. **Life time achievement award**: New award is started. It will consist of a certificate and memento. The minimum age limit would be 55 years.
4. **ISTS Fellow:** This is also a new initiative of the society.There would be three categories of Fellows of ISTS:
5. Founder members
6. Other members of ISTS
7. Corporate Fellow

For a and b above a person with 15-20 years of research experience is eligible. Initially it can be started with 5-10 Fellows per year who have contributed significantly towards the research and extension in forest and its alliedbranch and for the society. From subsequent years, the fellow may be restricted to one or two per year per category. The Fellow will be called Fellow of Indian Society of Tree Scientists (FISTS). Corporate Fellow would be nominated. 1. It was decided that from 2018 Society will be giving two best M.Sc and Ph.D thesis award each in the field of Forestry/Agroforestry. The best Thesis award will carry a certificate and it will be presented in the seminar conducted by ISTS.
2. It was decided that “Best paper award” will be started from Year 2017 issue onwards. There will be three award First, Second and third best paper award in a year. The best paper award will carry a certificate only. The best paper will be selected by a committee constituted each year by the President of the society. For 2017 the committee includes:
3. Dr. Sanjeev Chauhan, Head CAZARI at Leh
4. Sh. Jagdish Chander IFS, CCF- Haryana
5. Dr T.K. Kunhamu, Head, college of Forestry, KAU
 |
| Resource generation issues for the Society | Society is facing financial crunch and hence emphasis should be made to increase the resource. Some of the measures are:1. Contacting more libraries for annual membership.
2. Increasing members by encouraging new scientists/ students.
3. Minimum 25 % total registration in seminar should be provided to the Society account by the organizers.
 |
| Reviving the linkages and members of the Society | It was observed although activities of society are regularised and its visibility has enhanced and in the recent past. Yet efforts are needed to associate the past life members and request them to contribute to the cause of the society.Following steps were suggested and entrusted:* Prof. P.K. Khosla, President will write letter to all the old members of the society regarding revival of the society and their active participation in future.
* Prof. P.K. Khosla, President of the Society will also meet Vice-Chancellor of the Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry and request for a link of the Society website on University website.
* Prof. P.K. Khosla, President of the Society will also write letters to all Schools/department of Forestry for encouraging the research papers and subscribing the Journal for Tree Sciences for their library.

The List of the existing members needs to be updated and old members need to be corrected for the email address and corresponding address. Dr R S Chandel will be supplying the information records/ register lying in the office of Director of Research as discussed. Besides efforts will be made to register the Journal with Scopus. Also clarification will be sought from Commissioner Income tax regards income tax exemption for donations to ISTS. Dr. K S Verma, Dr. D.K. Khurana, Dr Pankaj Panwar will to do the needful. |
| Members of Governing body, Executive members, Zonal councilor, Advisory board and Editorial board  | It was felt that since Society needs revival of members and their address for election. Therefore, till the data base is created the Governing body, Executive members etc will be nominated for one year. The list of the nominated members of various bodies is attached for perusal. Consent may be taken from all the nominated members. |

(Secretary) (Secretary General)

Prof. K.S. Verma Prof. D.K. Khurana

 (President)

 Prof. P.K. Khosla

**The nominated members of Governing Body and other committees of the Indian Society of Tree Scientists for the year 2018-2019**

**GOVERNING BODY**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Chief Patron: Dr. R.S. Paroda | Patron(s) | [Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra](https://www.google.co.in/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwj6xtqGu-3YAhUGhbwKHTy0AroQFggsMAE&url=http%3A%2F%2Fdare.nic.in%2Fnode%2F202&usg=AOvVaw1XHXiW_zEUU6TC9KWrLBFh), D.G. ICARSh. Suresh Gairola, D.G. ICFRE |
| President : | P.K. Khosla - Solan | Vice Presidents : | Hari C Sharma |
| Past President : | RPS Katwal - Dehradun |  | G.S. Gauraya |
| Secretary General : | D.K. Khurana - Solan | Secretary : | K.S. Verma- Solan |
| Joint Secretary : | Sanjeev Chauhan- LehR.S. Chandel-Solan | Treasurer : | H.P. Sankhayan- Solan |

**Executive Members**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Parvinder Kaushal  | Ranchi | PS Pathak | Lucknow |
| B P Bhatt | Patna | JC Dagar | New Delhi |
| K.S. Kapoor | Shimla | S D Sharma | Neri, Hamirpur |
| Satish Narkhede | Dapoli | Salil Tiwari | Pantnagar |
| B.P. Bhatt | Patna | Sunil Puri | Solan |

**Zonal Counsellor**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| North Zone | Sushil Gupta | Central Zone | Inder Dev |
| Delhi Zone | Jagdish Chander | West Zone | S.K. Sharma |
| East Zone | D.K. Das | South Zone | K R Romesh |
| Mid-east Zone | A.K. Mahapatra |  |  |

**ADVISORY BOARD**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| PKR Nair  | USA | Renu Gera | DehraDun, India |
| Sibu Jose  | USA | Agena Anjulo | Euthiopia |
| Jeffery Burley | UK | K. Balooni | IIM, Kozikot |
| P L Gautam | Hamirpur, India | K.S. Dhadwal | Una, India |

**EDITORIAL BOARD**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| T.K. Kunhamu | Kerala | N.P. Todaria | Garwal |
| G.R. Rao | Hyderabad | Dinesh Kumar | Dehradun |
| A. Arunachalum | New Delhi | Sudhir Verma | Solan |
| Kamal Sharma | Hamirpur | Sanjeev Bhatia  | Ranchi |
| Sandeep Sharma | Shimla | Dinesh Kumar  | Kinnaur |
| Rakesh Banyal | Karnal | D.R. Bhardwaj | Solan |