



**Society for Advancement of Rice Research
(SARR)**
ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research, Rajendranagar,
Hyderabad



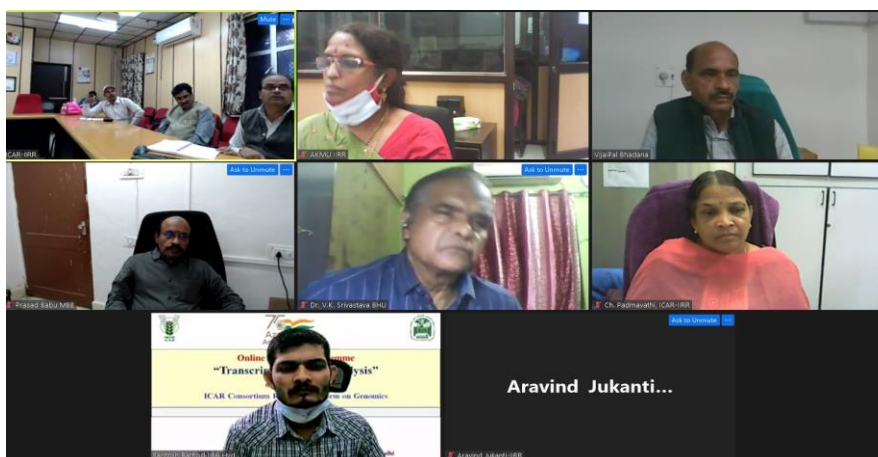
Proceedings of Executive committee meeting of the Society for Advancement of Rice Research (SARR) held on 10th November 2021

The Executive committee (EC) meeting of the Society for Advancement of Rice Research (SARR), Hyderabad was held on **10th November 2021 at 3:00 PM** in hybrid mode with the following agenda items:

1. IIRR Foundation Day Lecture - identification of Chief Guest and any suggestions
2. Awards of SARR during Foundation Day
3. Identification of 2 more resource persons from each zone for SARR journal editorial- Roping in International Editorial Board- President
4. Procurement of Literature (Dr. E A Siddique renowned Rice Scientist Book)
5. Conduct of National Seminar (Agro ecology, Rice and Water), brainstorming session and training
6. Any other item with the permission of Chair

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr. RM Sundaram, President, SARR
2. Dr. R Mahender Kumar, General Secretary, SARR
3. Dr. ON Singh, Vice-President
4. Dr. Y Chandra Mohan, Vice-President
5. Dr. PB Patil, Zonal Councillor, West India
6. Dr. VP Bhadana, Zonal Councillor, East India
7. Dr. VK Srivastava, Zonal Councillor, North India
8. Dr. Ch Padmavathi, Chief Editor
9. Dr. MBB Prasad Babu, Associate Editor
10. Dr. J Aravind Kumar, Associate Editor
11. Dr. B Sailaja, Associate Editor
12. Dr. Satosha Rathod, Statistician



(Dr, Ravi, Dr. GopalaKrishnan and B, Nirmala were not present due to their preoccupation activity and travelling)

At the outset, Dr R Mahender Kumar, general Secretary SARR welcomed the President and other executive members of SARR. He requested Dr. Y Chandra Mohan, Vice-President to felicitate the new incumbent President with a bouquet. The EC also congratulated Dr. V.K Srivastava for taking up the Zonal coordinator. In his president remarks, Dr RM Sundaram welcomed the participants and thanked for the felicitation. He also requested for active participation of all EC members for benefit of Society and Rice workers across the country.



Felicitation to President SARR

The following items discussed:

1. IIRR Foundation Day Lecture - identification of Chief Guest and suggestions

- It was decided to conduct the foundation day on 18th December 2021 (Saturday)
- DDG(CS) Dr. TR Sharma will be consulted personally by the President to request him to deliver the foundation day lecture. DG and Vice-Chancellor, PJTSAU will be requested to be as guest of honours. President invited all EC members to join physically for this function

2. Awards of SARR during Foundation Day

- Dr. Gururaj Katti was nominated as Chairman with a request to make a committee to formulate guidelines for the awards.
- However, during this year it was decided to felicitate the founders'/office bearers of the society
- Dr. Chandra Mohan, Vice-President suggested to include an award for paper with best citation index (JRR 2020/ inception to till date).
- It was also decided to give reviewer appreciation certificates and Life member certificates – Action: Drs. CHP and B.Nirmala)

- It was also proposed to involve private companies for award sponsorship and other activities in future

3. Expansion of the Editorial board

- It was requested to identify 2 resource persons from each zone for inclusion in the SARR journal editorial board which was agreed by all the Zonal coordinators.
- President informed the house that Dr. Ananda Kumar volunteered to be as production editor
- Editorial board of international scientists need to be finalised after taking consent from the Scientists working in various CGIAR institutes. - Dr. CHP
- It was also decided to send letters to rice experts of South Asian Countries with a request to send a write-up of Status papers about rice research and development in their country. - Dr. CHP
- Dr. RM Sundaram, President suggested to include a one-page write-up about CVRC/SVRC released varieties in each issue; half page summary/gist about novel developments, success stories in rice and non-varietal technologies developed through AICRIP by various co-operators (Action: Dr. J Aravind Kumar to compile).
- President suggested to encourage research scholars and students to become members and contribute a part of their research as paper in the Society's journal.
- Dr. Vijay Kumar S will be added in place of Dr. Sowmya Saha and also find the replacement for other Executive who were not available

4. Conduct of National Seminar (Agro ecology, Rice and Water), brain storming session and training

- A National Seminar for 3-4 days to be conducted during second week of May 2022) All formalities committees will be decided in Next EC meeting)
- A brain storming session on **Rice and Water** in the month of December 2021/ January 2022 for 1-2 days at IIRR or Ranchi (Action; Dr. O.N.Singh, Dr. Bandana and Dr. R.M.K)
- A training program on Statistical analysis was proposed in the month of November/ December 2021 for about 10-12 days. It was decided to have a nominal fee of Rs.250/- for SARR members, Rs. 500/- for Students and Rs. 750/- for non-SARR members (Action: Dr Santosha Rathod to prepare brochure for circulation)
- President requested zonal councillors to organize events/activities at zonal level for which SARR headquarters will extend its full support, physically and financially.

It was also decided to purchase 50 copies of Dr. EA Siddiq's autobiographical book entitled "My journey with no dreams" for distribution among SARR members and SARR members of different AICRIP centers. (Action: Dr. B.Nirmala).

In his concluding remarks, President, Dr. RM Sundaram, advised for having EC meeting once in two months to have an update of the SARR activities. He requested all the EC members to participate in the forthcoming IIRR foundation day in person.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Y Chandra Mohan, Vice-President, SARR.