



# ASSOCIATION OF AGROMETEOROLOGISTS

## SECOND MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE TERM 2017-19

As per circular no. **AAM/EC/19-2/2017** dated 4-10-2017, the second meeting of Executive Council of Association of Agrometeorologists for the term 2017-19 was held at 1530 hrs on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at CCS HAU, Hisar. Following members were present.

1. Dr. Akhilesh Gupta	President
2. Dr. Surender Singh	Vice President
3. Dr. Vyas Pandey	Secretary
4. Dr. B Ajithkumar	Member
5. Dr. K.K.Singh	Member
6. Dr. Mahender Singh	Member
7. Dr. Sandeep Singh Sandhu	Member
8. Dr K K Dakhore	Member
9. Dr V Geethalakshmi	Zonal member
10. Dr. R S Rana	Zonal member
11. Dr S Panneerselvam	Chairman, Coimbatore chapter

Dr. V.U.M. Rao, Ex-Officio member, Dr. J. D. Jadhav Vice president, Dr. Rani Saxena Jt Secretary, Mrs Rucha Dave Treasurer and Dr. S K Bal, Dr K K Agrawal, Dr U S Saikia Zonal members could not attend the meeting due to their preoccupation..

The meeting began with welcome remarks by Dr Vyas Pandey Secretary. Dr. Akhilesh Gupta, President of Association in his opening remarks welcomed all the members and zonal representatives. Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up for discussion.

## AGENDA ITEMS NO 1 AND 2: SECRETARY'S AND TREASURER'S REPORTS ON MINUTES OF LAST EC MEETING AND AUDIT REPORT FOR 2016-17

Secretary reported that the minute of last EC meeting was sent to all members through email as well as put on website. Secretary presented the various activities carried out by the Association after last EC meeting. The audit report for 2016-17 was presented by the Secretary, the same was endorsed by the EC.

## AGENDA ITEM NO 3: FELICITATION OF FELLOWS, RETIRED SCIENTISTS AND AWARD WINNERS

Secretary informed that EC had nominated 6 eminent scientists of agrometeorology discipline for Honorary Fellowship of Association (Prof M C Varshneya, Dr O P Bishnoi, Dr S S Hundal, Dr Y S Ramakrishna, Dr A S R A S Satry and Dr L S Rathore). Only three (M C Varshneya, S S Hundal and OP Bishnoi) were able to receive their fellowship in person during inaugural function of seminar. At this occasion, Association also felicitated Dr Ram Singh and Dr R K Pannu of CCSHAU Hisar retired scientists and life members of Association. Dr P D Mistry Best Ph D thesis award was presented to Dr Ankita Jha and Prof PSN Sastry best M Sc thesis awards was presented to Mr. Ajit Kumra Mandal. Dr S Venkataraman Young Scientists award was presented to Dr Sanatal Pradhan.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO 4: STARTING OF NEW CHAPTERS**

Secretary informed that as per initiative taken by the President and EC members, members are very enthusiastic in creating a new chapter and enquiring about its procedure. During this period one proposal is received from Delhi Chapter which has been approved by the EC. Delhi Chapter is comprised of Chairman- Dr K K Singh, Secretary- Dr D K Das and Treasurer- Dr Shalini Saxena. HQ has sent a seed money of Rs.10,000/ to open an account with bank and start its activities.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO 5: REVISITING CONSTITUTION OF ASSOCIATION**

It was informed that the modified constitution of Association of Agrometeorologists prepared by the committee constituted for this purpose, has submitted its report. It was suggested that the same may be uploaded on website and suggestions may be invited from all members. It may be put up in next General Body meeting of Association proposed to be held at IGAU, Raipur during 15-18 November 2017. All EC members were requested to give their inputs.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO 6 and 7: ACCOUNT DETAILS OF THE CHAPTERS**

President mentioned that the election of chapters should be in synchronous with the term of Executive Council. All members agreed for quick settlement of chapter accounts who have organized the events in past. Specifically, Pantnagar would be asked to expedite the process and settle the NASA 2014 accounts. It was pointed out by the president that all accounts are being monitored by the Gol and breach in account may lead to implication.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO 8 & 9: TRANSPARENT EVALUATION SYSTEMS AND CRITERIA FOR DIFFERENT AWARDS**

It was decided that a committee may be formed to go through the terms and conditions of various awards. Committee would also suggest minimum awards money and also suggest guidelines for instituting any new award EC authorized President to take appropriate decision in this regard.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO 10: ORGANISING NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Regarding organising next international conference, EC members were of the opinion that the next international conference may be held at Delhi instead of Ludhiana that was proposed earlier. EC authorized Dr K K Singh, Chairman- Delhi Chapter of Association of Agrometeorologists to submit proposal to organize the international conference in Delhi.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO 11: PROCEEDING OF SEMINARS**

Secretary informed that the proceeding of national seminar “AGMET 2016” has been brought out as special issue of the Journal of Agrometeorology which was released during the inaugural function of the seminar on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Dr Panneerselam and Dr Dheebakara of TNAU Coimbatore deserve due credit for bringing out the publication in time. Regarding proceeding of AGMET 2017, the matter was deferred.

#### **AGENDA ITEM NO 12: CHANGE IN REVIEW/EDITORIAL SYSTEM OF RESEARCH PAPERS**

The matter was deferred for the next EC meeting:

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the chair.