



ASSOCIATION OF AGROMETEOROLOGISTS

Nineteenth Annual Report 2017-18

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General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body meeting of the Association was held at CCS HAU, Hisar on 12 October 2017 and subsequently ordinary general body meeting was held at IGAU, Raipur on 15th November 2017. First of all house observed 2 minute silence to mark the sudden demise of Dr. P. D. Mistry, a pioneer agrometeorologist of the country. It was resolved to send a condolence message to his family. General body thanks Dr. V. Geethalakshmi and Dr. Ga. Dhibakaran for smoothly conducting the election of Executive Council through e-ballot. The audit and annual report for year 2016-17 was presented by the Secretary which were approved by the House. The revised bye-laws of Association was sent to all members and also put on website for inviting the feedback from the honorable members. It was presented during Raipur GB meeting and house authorised president and executive members to finalize the same. Different chapters also presented their reports / activities at Raipur G.B. meeting.

GB approved the proposal that all Fellows Honorary Fellows may suffix “FAAM” with their names. General body also approved the four new chapters of the Association (Delhi, Jammu, Faizabad and Raipur) as recommended by the executive council.

Executive Council

During the year under report the EC communicated through email and also met on 21st April 2017 at TNAU, Madurai, 12th October at CCS HAU, Hisar and 15th November 2017 at Raipur to transect the business.

During its first meeting at Madurai, President Dr. Akhilesh Gupta outlined the proactive approach for the Association and set a coordination mechanism between Executive Council members with other Societies / Institutes / Members / Chapters and Public.

EC nominated following zonal representatives

1. Dr. U. S. Saikia for Eastern zone
2. Dr. S. K. Bal for Western Zone
3. Dr. K. K. Agrawal for Central zone
4. Dr. V. Geethalakshmi for Southern zone
5. Dr. R. S. Rana for Northern zone

EC also approved the proposal received for formation of following new chapters.

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| 1. New Delhi chapter | – | Chairman Dr. K. K. Singh |
| 2. Jammu chapter | – | Chairman Dr. B. C. Sharma |
| 3. Faizabad chapter | – | Chairman Dr. P. Tripathi |
| 4. Raipur chapter | – | Chairman Dr. G. K. Das |

Enrollment of Members

During the year 2017-2018, 90-life members were enrolled with Association. Thus the total number of life memberships increased up to 1269 by the end of March 2018. A total of 294 annual members were enrolled during the year 2017. Association had prepared certificates of Life Members which were sent to all members through email.

Organization of Seminar

The national seminar **AGMET-2017** on “Agrometeorology for Sustainable Development with special emphasis on Agrometeorological Practices for Climate Resilient Farming and Food Security” was held at CCS HAU Hisar -125 004, Haryana during 12-14 October 2017. Seminar was attended by 260 senior and junior scientists including PG students. Dr L A Ramdas Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof M. C. Varshneya. In all, 230 papers were presented which included 182 oral and 48 poster presentations besides 15 Invited Lead talks on different themes of the seminar. During the inaugural function awards/certificate/mementos were presented to awardees of various awards instituted by the Association. The event was sponsored by DST, ICAR, ISRO, MoES, IITM and NABARD etc. Dr. Raj Singh and Dr. Surender Singh deserve due credit for successful organization of the seminar. The next international seminar “INAGMET 2018” was proposed to be organised in New Delhi jointly with IMD and IARI.

Financial Status

As per account audit report for year 2017-2018, the total income was **Rs.14,94,966.36/-** and the total expenditure was **Rs. 9,55,490.30** giving a surplus of **Rs.5,39,476.06**. A sum of **Rs.31,34,308.-** has been kept as fixed deposit with Central Bank of India which includes FD for various awards and memorial lectures. For organising seminar at Hisar Rs.11.40 lakh was received from ICAR/DST/MoES/ISRO. NABARD had reimbursed Rs 82,000/- towards the proceedings of AGMET-2017.

Awards

A committee comprising of Dr. A. M. Shekh, Dr. P. C. Joshi and Dr. B. K. Bhattacharya was formed to evaluate the applications received for various awards for year 2017. The members sit for two days at Anand and finalized the various awards.

1. Dr P D Mistry award for the Best Ph D thesis in Agril Meteorology
For year 2017, five theses were received out of which thesis of **Dr Ankita Jha** of GBPUAT, Pantnagar was adjudged as the best one.
2. Prof P S N Sastry award for the Best M. Sc. thesis in Agril Meteorology
For year 2017, out of six theses received, the thesis of **Mr. Ajit Kumar Mandal** of TNAU, Coimbatore was recommended for the award.
3. Dr S Venktaraman Young Scientist Award
For year 2017, out of four applications were received, **Dr Sanatan Pradhan** of ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneshwar could qualify for award.
4. Dr S Venktaraman Best Paper Award on biotic/abiotic stress management
Only one paper was received, which was not upto mark for the award
5. B. V. Ramana Rao award for best paper in Agricultural Meteorology
Only one application was received, which was found not suitable for the award.

Fellows/Honorary Fellows

No application was received for Fellows of the Association during the year.

Association conferred honorary fellowship to following scientists during the year.

1. Dr. O. P. Bishnoi
2. Dr. S. S. Hundal
3. Prof. M. C. Varshneya
4. Dr. Y. S. Ramakrishna
5. Dr. A. S. R. A. S. Sastry
6. Dr. L. S. Rathore

The mementos and citations were presented to Dr. O. P. Bishnoi, Dr. S. S. Hundal, Prof. M. C. Varshneya during “National Seminar AGMET-2017” at Hisar, Dr. Y. S. Ramakrishna and Dr. A.S.R.A.S. Sastry were conferred at Raipur meeting and Dr. L. S. Rathore in absentia.

Publication of Journal of Agrometeorology

Journal of Agrometeorology is quarterly publication appearing in March, June, September and December. The journal is well appreciated by National and International organizations. It is being indexed by CAB International, Current contents, INSDOC, Scopus, AGRICOLA and others indexing agencies. During 2017, **234** papers were received, including **16** papers from foreign countries, **73** papers were published /accepted, **107** papers were rejected and rests are under the process of revision. The Journal is rated by NAAS as 6.40 for year 2018 which is one of the best Indian Journals.

Web Page of the Association

Association has its website with new domain name www.agrimetassociation.org. It has been made a dynamic website. Member can view/edit/update their profile on the website. New members can also register/enroll on the website. All abstracts and full papers are available on website with search engine. All members are requested to visit the site and give their feedback for its further improvement to secretary.aam@gmail.com.



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Secretary

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD FROM 01/04/2017 TO 31/03/2018

EXPENDITURE (Rs)		INCOME (Rs)	
Audit fees	17,490	Annual Membership fee	1,07,253.36
New Delhi Chapter	10,000	Bank Interest	57,343
Hisar Chapter (seminar)	3,00,000	TDS refund	21,770
Raipur Chapter	10,000	Library Subscription	86,600
Jammu Chapter	10,000	Govt. Grant – ICAR (2.0 Lakh)	11,40,000
Postage / Courier Expenditure	1,06,269	SERB (2.0 Lakh)	
Printing Expenditure	3,20,250	MoES (3.0 Lakh)	
Award exp. Medals	16,525	ISRO (1.0 Lakh)	
Salary & Honorarium	1,18,000	NRDMS (3.0 Lakh)	
Bank charges	395.30	CSIR (0.40 Lakh)	
Travel Exp.	38,561	NABARD	82,000
Website dev. and Main.	8,000		
Surplus carried over B/S.	5,39,476.06		
Total	1,494,966.36	Total	1,494,966.36

Balance Sheet as on 31-03-2018

Funds and Liabilities		Assets	
TRUST FUNDS OR CORPUS		CASH AND BANK BALANCE	
Life membership (Old)	16,41,086	F.D with C.B.I., Anand	31,34,308
Add during the year	2,71,000	Saving A/C with CBI	3,31,675.29
Less: 1/20 th Portion I/E A/c.	95,604		
Institutional fee (Old)	10,000	Cash on hands	14,619
Dr P. D. Mistry Award	1,00,000	Dr PD Mistry (FD)	1,00,000
Dr L. A. Ramdas Lecture	1,00,000	Dr LA Ramdas (FD)	1,00,000
Prof PSN Sastry award	51,000	Prof PSN Sastry (FD)	51,000
Dr S Venkataraman Award	1,20,000	Dr S Venkataraman Award (FD)	1,20,000
B. V. Ramana Rao Award	1,00,000	B. V. Ramana Rao Award	1,00,000
LOANS FROM TRUSTEE	-----	FURNITURE AND FIXTURE	
INCOME EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		Balance as per balance sheet	39,850
Balance as per last balance sheet	10,71,190.23	Add during the year	12,300
Add Trf. From Fund A/c.	95,604		
Add surplus as per Income Exp	5,39,476.06		
Total	40,03,752.29	Total	40,03,752.29



Secretary
Association of Agrometeorologists,
A.A.U. Anand

Sd/
M.A.Shah & Co.
Chartered accountant

Anand