

Secretary's Report

It is my privilege to give a brief report of the activities of the newly elected IARI Alumni Association (IAA). It may be mentioned that as a result of the initiative taken and support provided by Dr. A.K. Singh, Director, IARI & Chief Patron, IAA and Dr. Anupama Singh, Dean and Joint Director (Education) & Patron, IAA, the elections to the Executive Committee (EC) were successfully conducted online by Dr. P.S. Brahmanand, Projector, Water Technology Centre, IARI, Returning Officer & Chairman, Election Committee and his team. The results were formally announced on 19.02.2024. The newly elected EC is as follows:

IARI Alumni Association EC Composition (2024-26)

Chief Patron:	Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Director, IARI
Patron:	Dr. Anupama Singh, Dean & Joint Director (Education)
President:	Dr. Rajendra Singh Paroda
Vice Presidents:	Dr. Gagana Kumar Mahapatro Dr. Rakesh Chandra Agrawal
Secretary:	Dr. Anil Kumar Singh
Joint Secretary:	Dr. Sridhar Gutam
Treasurer:	Dr. Rajarshi Roy Burman
Members:	Dr. B.M. Prasanna Dr. A. Amarender Reddy Dr. V. Govindasamy Dr. Malavika Dadlani Dr. S.M. Manu
Ex-officio Members:	Immediate Past President: Dr. S.L. Mehta Immediate Past Secretary: Dr. K.V. Prabhu Registrar: Shri Pushpendra Kumar, Jt. Director
(Adm.)	President, PGSSU: Shri Shivam Chaubey

It is a privilege for the IAA to be headed by Dr. R.S. Paroda one of most distinguished alumnus, as President, IAA. The very first EC meeting was promptly held on Feb. 26, 2024 followed by three meetings on 23rd April, 10th May and 19th June 2024. The Local Office Bearers (LOB) meetings were also held periodically to review the progress.

In addition to increasing the visibility of IAA, it was strongly felt that IARI Alumni should play a greater role in taking forward IARI to attain the status of a Global University. Since the Bye Laws of the IAA had been formulated a fairly long time back, a revision in the Bye Laws was also needed urgently and necessary action taken. After several rounds of discussion including legal consultation, the revised Bye Laws of the Association will be put up for consideration and approval to the GB.

It was also decided to have a new logo for the IAA. Designs were invited from the students of IARI and more than seventy entries were received. After considerable deliberations, the new logo of IAA was finalized and is now in place. In modern era, the website of any organization is very important and it is being revamped through unstinted support of Dr. R.C. Agarwal, DDG

(Education) & Vice President, IAA and his team. The information available in the IARI Alumni Directory was incomplete and the process of compiling and completing it was also initiated. There is a very significant number of IARI Alumni whose information is incomplete. The directory would be available on the IAA website and the alumni are requested to update their details wherever needed. It was also decided to keep the IARI Alumni regularly updated through e_Newsletter. It was released earlier in the day and will be sent to all IAA members electronically.

It was also expressed that Alumni Associations of many well-known institutions in the country have an Alumni Centre/Complex where alumni stay, meet, interact with staff and students and overall, help their Alma mater to develop and progress further. A committee was constituted and the process initiated to take necessary steps in this direction. An office space has been provided temporarily from which IAA has started functioning and courtesy Dr. A.K. Singh, Director, IARI, IAA would be having a proper office in a few months' time.

IARI Alumni has undoubtedly contributed very significantly, nationally and internationally, towards food, nutrition, environmental and livelihood security of billions of farmers through agricultural research, education and extension. They have left an ineradicable mark in their chosen profession. A committee was constituted to identify some of the distinguished IARI Alumni and EC unanimously decided to honor them on this occasion when IARI Alumni Meet is being organized on June 22, 2024.

Anil K. Singh
Secretary

Dated: June 19, 2024