

**Proceedings of meeting of the Executive Council of Maize Technologists Association of India held at IIMR, New Delhi on 14 December, 2018**

The followings were present:

1. **Dr. Sujay Rakshit**, President, MTAI and Director, ICAR-IIMR, Ludhiana
2. **Dr. Ishwar Singh**, Vice President, MTAI and Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Pusa campus, New Delhi
3. **Dr. Ashok Kumar**, Secretary, MTAI and Principal Scientist, NASF, ICAR, KAB-I, Pusa campus, New Delhi
4. **Dr. Ganapati Mukri**, Treasurer, MTAI and Scientist, Division of Genetics, IARI, Pusa campus, New Delhi
5. **Dr. Suby S.B**, Executive member, NEPZ and Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Pusa campus, New Delhi

At the outset, **President**, MTAI extended warm welcome to the newly elected Executive Council members of the MTAI and also expressed his deep gratitude and sincere thanks to the past EC for effectively managing MTAI affairs.

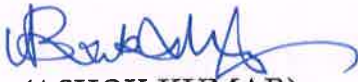
There after following agenda items were discussed:

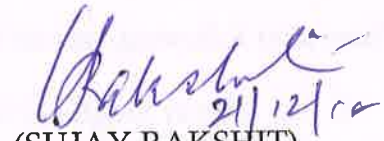
1. **Dr Ishwar Singh** briefed about the status of different activities of the Association. Dr Singh showed his concern for timely publication of Maize Journal and up-gradation of NAAS rating of the journal. The issue of continuation of registration of the association was also discussed and in this regard Dr Singh informed that for this 100 memberships are mandatory. At present there are less than 100 members, due to discontinuation of membership by annual members. Hence, it was decided that the possibility of making more members from IIMR, Ludhiana and AICRP centres need to be explored. The President kindly agreed to approach heads of AICRIP centres and IIMR scientists to become the member of the association. It was decided that executive members of each zone should mobilize scientist from their respective zones to become life member of MTAI.
2. **Dr Ashok Kumar** informed the house about the status of research papers available for bringing out next issue of the journal. Since the number of papers is not adequate, it was decided that all the In-charges of AICRIP on maize Centres and Executive members of each zone may be requested to mobilize the scientists of their centres and contribute two or three good articles for Maize Journal from their centre/zone. It was also decided to include one review article and research papers of foreign origin in the Maize Journal. The scientists working in international organisations may be requested to contribute articles. In this regard, President agreed to send the letter to each Centre/zone and some foreign maize scientists.
3. **Dr Ganapati Mukri** informed about the status of membership and account status of MTAI. At present only 83 members were enrolled as life members of the Association. It was also decided that, association should apply for the PAN number.

Further, the annual audit of the association account for FY 2017-18 is to be done at the earliest.

4. The name of **Dr Pradyumn Kumar** as Editor-in-Chief of the MTAI was unanimously decided for the tenure of present MTAI executive council.
5. The president showed the concern that the scientific activities need to be organised by the MTAI for active participation/contribution of the scientific community to exchange their past achievements and ideas for future research plan. President suggested organising a brain storming session on "*Emerging threats for maize cultivation in India*" by MTAI in collaboration of IIMR, Ludhiana. This may be organised during on the forthcoming foundation day of IIMR, Ludhiana. On this occasion an exhibition on available maize technologies with both public and private sector may be organised.

The meeting was ended to the vote of thanks to the chair.

  
(ASHOK KUMAR)  
Secretary

  
(SUJAY RAKSHIT)  
President