

Proceedings of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Maize Technologist Association of India (MTAI) held at ICAR-IIMR Delhi office on 5th December, 2019

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the MTAI was held at ICAR-IIMR, Delhi office on 5th December, 2019 under the chairmanship of Dr. Ishwar Singh, Vice-President, MTAI. The following members attended the meeting;

1. Dr. Ishwar Singh, Vice President
2. Dr. Ashok Kumar, Secretary
3. Dr. Ganapati Mukri, Treasurer
4. Dr. Suby S.B, Executive Member

At the outset the Vice-President welcomed all the EC members present in the meeting and briefed about agenda of the meeting. The following issues were discussed in the meeting.

Organization of National Seminar on "Maize for Crop Diversification under Changing Climatic scenario": The proposal of the Director ICAR-IIMR, Ludhiana to organize a National Seminar in collaboration with ICAR-IIMR and PAU, Ludhiana was discussed and it was decided to hold the seminar in the month of February, 2020 at Ludhiana. In this regard it was decided that Director IIMR, Ludhiana and President of MTAI may be requested to constitute an organising committee. The committee so constituted will decide the sub-theme and programme of the seminar and propose to the Executive Committee before finalisation. It was also felt that since the National Seminar will be organized at Ludhiana, PAU may also be approached to be coorganizer of the event.

Awards: The President, MTAI and Director ICAR-IIMR, Ludhiana suggested that the MTAI during the seminar should recognize/honour the scientists, students, *etc.* who have contributed in the research and development of maize. After through discussion the EC suggested and agreed for the following awards under different category:

1. Life time achievement award
2. Outstanding research award
3. Young scientist award
4. Best PG research work award


The EC members were of the opinion that possibilities of sponsorship of these awards by the senior/eminent scientists may also be explored. If an eminent scientist is interested for sponsorship, his name may be put as pre-fixed before the award name. A committee may be constituted by the President, MTAI for development of the modalities and guidelines for frequency, eligibility and evaluation system for the above awards. Before circulating among all members of the MTAI and discussion in GB, the proposed modalities and guidelines will be first discussed in EC meeting. After approval by GB the awards and their guidelines will be finalized and accordingly the constitution/by-laws will be amended.

However, to start with few awards like Best Poster award (based on PG research work), Oral presentation award, Young scientist award and outstanding research award may be conferred during the proposed National Seminar and the joint initiatives could be taken by the ICAR-IIMR & PAU in collaboration of MTAI. It was suggested that to decide/finalize the procedure for invitation and evaluation of these awards a committee may be constituted at Ludhiana by the Director, ICAR-IIMR in consultation with VC, PAU, Ludhiana.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair and members.


(Secretary)
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(Vice-President)