

Proceedings of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Maize Technologist Association of India held at on 13th January, 2020

A meeting of the Executive Committee (EC) of the Maize Technologist Association of India (MTAI) was held at ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi on 13th January, 2020 under the chairmanship of the President, MTAI.

The following EC members attended the meeting.

1. Dr. Sujay Rakshit, President, MTAI and Director, ICAR-IIMR, Ludhiana
2. Dr. Ishwar Singh, Vice- President, MTAI and Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Delhi Office, Pusa campus, New Delhi
3. Dr. Ashok Kumar, Secretary, MTAI and Principal Scientist, ICAR, KAB-I, New Delhi
4. Dr. Ganapati Mukri, Treasurer, MTAI and Scientist (Sr Scale), Division of Genetics, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
5. Dr. Pradyumn Kumar, Editor-in-chief, Maize Journal and *Ex-Emeritus* Scientist, Division of Plant Entomology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

At the outset the President welcomed all the EC members present in the meeting and briefed about agenda of the meeting.

After confirmation and approval of the proceedings of last EC meeting held on 5th December, 2019 by the committee, the following agenda items were discussed in the meeting.

A. MTAI awards

The EC discussed in detail the eligibility and guidelines for various awards proposed by the committee constituted by the President, MTAI under the chairmanship of Dr J. S. Chawla, Professor & In charge AICRIP on maize, PAU, Ludhiana and finalized eligibility and guidelines for the proposed awards for further consideration of the GB. (attached as Annexure-1)

1. Dr. N.L. Dhawan Life Time Achievement Award:

The award may be instituted in the name of late Dr. N.L. Dhawan, the first Project Coordinator of AICRP on Maize to honor maize researchers/teachers, who have made outstanding professional contributions at the national/international level in maize research and development as evident from patents, technologies developed, published work, promoting the maize technologies, teaching, *etc.*

Eligibility:

- i. The award shall be open to all Indian Scientists who have attained minimum of 55 years of age and have made significant contributed in the field of maize research and development.
- ii. The contributions of the awardee should have national/international impact



A panel/committee of three renowned scientists nominated by the Executive Committee (EC) shall recommend the name of the awardee. The President, MTAI or his nominee shall be member secretary for this panel. The member secretary shall submit the proceedings of the meeting of the panel/committee to EC for final decision. Decision of EC shall be final. However, this award shall not be of routine and regular nature and only one award shall be conferred at one time with a gap of 3-5 years. The award shall include a plaque and citation. No separate applications shall be invited for. N.L. Dhawan Life Time Achievement Award

2. Dr Joginder Singh Outstanding Research Award:

This award may be instituted in the name of late Dr. Joginder Singh, the second Project Coordinator of AICRP on Maize. It aims at recognizing significant achievements of researchers in maize R&D. The award shall be biennial in nature and only one award shall be conferred at a time. Applications shall be invited from maize workers across India having minimum 10 years experience in the field of maize research and development. Applicant must be a life member of MTAI for minimum three years at the time of date of submission of the application. Interested scientists should submit applications through proper channel in the prescribed form along with self-attested copies of supporting documents and a summary of contributions (about 500 words) precisely enumerating the work done and its relevance to the objective of the award in hard as well as soft copy. The nominations in the prescribed application proforma must reach to the Secretary, MTAI by the notified date to be announced while inviting applications.

Criteria for Selection:

The awardee shall be selected on the basis of following criteria (**Max 50 marks**).

- i. Involved in the development of hybrids/genetic stock/patents/cloning of new genes/technology development and dissemination /concept in the field of maize as evidenced by research papers published in peer reviewed journal of minimum NAAS ratings of 6.0. (2 marks for each with maximum 20 marks)
- ii. Best 20 research papers (sum of NAAS ratings divided by 10, **Max 20 marks**)
- iii. Externally funded projects completed (1.5 mark for PI & 0.75 mark for Co-PI for each completed project of at least of 3 years duration and minimum budget of ₹ 10 lakhs, **Max 5 marks**)
- iv. Any other Awards and recognitions (1 mark for each award/recognition, **max 5 marks**)

A panel/committee of judges nominated by the EC shall evaluate the applications and recommend the name of the awardee to EC for final decision. The Secretary, MTAI or his nominee shall be member secretary for this panel. Decision of EC shall be final. The recipient of the award is expected to deliver a talk based on his contributions during the National Seminar. The award shall include a plaque and certificate.

3. Dr. N.N. Singh Young Scientist awards:

The award may be instituted in the name of late Dr. N.N. Singh, the first Director of the Directorate of Maize Research. It aims at recognizing young scientists/teachers making significant contribution in maize research. The award shall be biennial in nature and two awards shall be conferred at a time. The applications shall be invited from maize researches across India below the age of 40 at the time of submission of the application. Applicant must be a life member of MTAI for minimum three years at the time of submission of the application. Interested scientists should submit their application in prescribed form through proper channel along with self attested copies of supporting documents and a summary of contributions (about 500 words) precisely enumerating the work done and its relevance to the objective of the award in hard as well as soft copy. The nominations in the prescribed application proforma must reach to the Secretary, MTAI by the notified date to be announced while inviting applications.

Criteria for Selection:

The awardee shall be selected on the basis of following criteria (50 marks).

- i. Involved in the development of hybrids/genetic stock/ patents/cloning of new gene/technology development and dissemination /concept in the field of maize as evidenced by research papers published in peer reviewed journal of minimum NAAS ratings of 6.0. (2 marks for each with maximum 20 marks)
- ii. Best 10 research papers (Sum of NAAS ratings divided by 5, Max 20 marks)
- iii. Externally funded projects completed (2 mark for PI & 1.0 mark for Co-PI for each completed project of at least of 3 years duration and minimum budget of 10lakhs, Max 10 marks)

A panel/committee of judges nominated by the EC shall evaluate the application and recommend the name of the awardee to EC for final decision. The Secretary, MTAI or his nominee shall be member secretary for this panel. Decision of EC shall be final. The recipient of the award is expected to deliver a talk based on his contributions during the National Seminar. The award shall include a plaque and certificate.

4. Manihar Best PG Research in Maize Awards:

This is a sponsored award to recognize outstanding PG research in the field of maize. The award shall be biennial in nature and one award each shall be given for completed degree (within three years of completion) for M. Sc and Ph. D. research work, respectively in the area of maize research. The applications shall be invited from students/scientists across India, who has completed MSc/PhD degree within three years from the last date of submission of application. Interested students/scientists should submit their application in prescribed proforma through proper channel along with self attested copies of supporting documents and a summary of research work precisely enumerating the work done and its relevance to the objective of the award in hard as well as soft copy. The nominations in the prescribed application proforma must reach to the Secretary, MTAI by the notified date to be announced while inviting applications.



Criteria for Selection:

The awardee shall be selected on the basis of following criteria **(25 marks)**.

For M. Sc. (25 marks)

- i. Publications from M.Sc. research work (Sum of NAAS ratings divided by 4, Max 10 marks)
- ii. Fellowship like JRF/NET/GATE, *etc.* attained during the degree program (5 marks for each, max 5 marks)
- iii. Evaluation of the research problem by committee in relation to relevance and quality of research work (10 marks)

For Ph. D. (25 marks)

- i. Publications from Ph.D. research work (Sum of NAAS ratings divided by 8, **Max 10 marks**)
- ii. Fellowship like JRF/NET/GATE, *etc.* attained during the degree program (5 marks for each, **max 5 marks**)
- iii. Evaluation of the research problem by committee in relation to relevance and quality of research work (**10 marks**)

A panel/committee of judges nominated by the EC shall evaluate the application and recommend the name of the awardee to EC for final decision. The Secretary, MTAI or his nominee shall be member secretary for this panel. Decision of EC shall be final. The recipient of the award is expected to deliver a talk based on his contributions during the National Seminar. The award shall include a plaque and certificate.

5. MTAI Fellow:

Applications shall be invited for the serving scientists with following eligibility:

- i. Must be life member of MTAI for at least 5 years.
- ii. Should have published minimum of two research papers in Maize Journal.

Interested scientists should submit their application in prescribed form through proper channel along with self attested copies of supporting documents and a summary of contributions (about 500 words) precisely enumerating the work done and its relevance to the objective of the award in hard as well as soft copy. The award shall be biennial in nature and the maximum four awards shall be conferred at a time. The nominations in the prescribed application form must reach to the Secretary, MTAI by the notified date to be announced while inviting applications.

Criteria for Selection:

The awardee shall be selected on the basis of following criteria **(50 marks)**.



- i. Involved in the development of hybrids/genetic stock/ patents/cloning of new gene/technology development and dissemination /concept in the field of maize as evidenced by research papers published in peer reviewed journal of minimum NAAS ratings of 6.0. (2 marks for each with **maximum 20 marks**)
- ii. Best 10 research papers (Sum of NAAS ratings divided by 5, **Max 20 marks**)
- iii. Externally funded projects completed (2 mark for PI & 1.0 mark for Co-PI for each completed project of at least of 3 years duration and minimum budget of 10lakhs, **Max 10 marks**)

A panel/committee of judges nominated by the EC shall evaluate the application and recommend the name of the awardee to EC for final decision. The Secretary, MTAI or his nominee shall be *ex officio* member secretary for this panel. Decision of EC shall be final. The recipient of the award is expected to deliver a talk based on his contributions during the National Seminar. The award shall include a plaque and certificate. To start with as a one time opportunity for those life members of MTAI who have worked for maize research & development for more than 10 years and have retired before 31.12.2019 shall be nominated by the EC for MTAI Fellow without inviting applications.

General guidelines for the above proposed MTAI awards:

- i. The proposed awards shall be conferred biennially at the time of National Seminar/symposium/conference.
- ii. A scientist once awarded shall not be considered again for the same award.
- iii. Official bearers of the EC of MTAI shall not be eligible for any of these awards.

In addition to above proposed awards the organizers of the National Seminar may confer best poster and best farmer award during the Seminar/symposium/conference to be decided by a panel constituted by the organizing committee.

B. General Guidelines for conducting National Seminar at Ludhiana

- i. The organizers of the National seminar shall open an account in a any bank in the name of the **“Organizing Secretary-National Seminar”**. The Chairman of the Local organizing committee shall nominate two persons (preferably the organizing secretary and the co-organizing secretary/ treasurer as joint signatory for operating this account).
- ii. All procurement/ purchases needed for organizing the national seminar shall be made as per standard purchase procedures through a committee duly constituted by the Chairman of the Local organizing committee. All purchases shall be approved by the chairman of the Local organizing committee.
- iii. The MTAI shall contribute ₹ 50,000/ (Rupees fifty thousand only) as a seed money for day-to-day needs for conducting the seminar.
- iv. All funds (sponsorship/registration) rose by the organizers of the National seminar shall be deposited in the MTAI account.
- v. No payment exceeding ₹ 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) shall be made in cash to any vender/firm.





- vi. The organizers shall make payment of bills up to ₹ 30000/- (Rupees thirty thousand only) by account payee cheque/online transfer to the vendor. However, all payments exceeding ₹ 30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand only) shall be made after deducting income tax as per guidelines by account payee cheque/online transfer.
- vii. The organizers of the National seminar shall plan their expenditure matching with the raising of funds through sponsorship/registration.

C. Financial proposal for organizing National seminar at Ludhiana;

An estimate of expenditure for organizing Seminar submitted by the Organizing Secretary of Seminar, was discussed and approved in principle (attached as Annexure I). It was also emphasized that Local organizing Committee should explore the possibilities for raising the funds through sponsorship, registration etc.

D. Constitution of Committees for MTAI awards:

Two committees are constituted for evaluating the applications and selecting suitable candidates for the award by EC, MTAI (attached as Annexure II).

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the secretary to the chair and members, who participated in the meeting.


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SECRETARY, MTAI 18/11/2020


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PRESIDENT, MTAI 18/11/2020

Annexure II


Screening committee for the award for National Seminar 2020

Two committees are constituted for selecting suitable candidates for the award by EC, MTAI in its meeting held at ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi on 13th January, 2020 under the chairmanship of the President, MTAI.

1. Screening Committee I (for screening Dr. NL Dhawan life time achievement award)
 - a. Dr. Pravin Rao, Vice-Chancellor, PJTSAU, Hyderabad-Chairman
 - b. Dr. SC Chatterjee, Director, PDP, Hyderabad-Member
 - c. Dr. VA Tonapi, Director, ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad-Member
 - d. President MTAI or his nominee- Member secretary

2. Screening Committee II (for other MTAI awards)
 - a. Dr. RK Singh, Director, ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana-Chairman
 - b. Dr. KS Thind, ADR, PAU, Ludhiana-Member
 - c. Dr. Preeti Mamgi, Principal Scientist, ATARI, Zone-I, Ludhiana-Member
 - d. Secretary MTAI or his nominee-Member Secretary


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Annexure I

A proposal of estimate of expenditure, received from the organizing secretary for the seminar. The EC, MTAI approved in principle the estimate of the seminar in its meeting held at ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi on 13th January, 2020 under the chairmanship of the President, MTAI.

Estimate of organizing Seminar on 9-10 February, 2020 at Ludhiana

S. No.	Item	Quantity	Price per unit (₹)	Total amount including 18% GST (₹)
1.	Bag	275	600.00	1,65,000
2.	Pad (50 pages with printed front page)	275	35.00	9,625
3.	ID card (non-plastic and single side printing)	250	25.00	6,250
4.	Badge	250	15.00	3,750
5.	Certificate	275	15.00	4,125
6.	Blue Pen	275	15.00	4,125
Sub-total				1,92,875
Hall Decoration				15,000
Food charges		Lunch for 200 x 2	@ 170	68,000
		Dinner for 200(including No-veg)	@ 200	40,000
High tea (2 times)		For 250	@ 60	30,000
Sessional tea		For 200 x 3	@ 12	7,200
Transport		5 vehicle for three days	@ 2500/day	40,000
Gifts & Mementoes				30,000
Shawls				25,000
Souvenir				50,000
Misc				25,000
Total				5,23,000


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