



## **Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**14 February 2011, NASC Complex, New Delhi, India**  
**(10:00 – 13:00 hrs)**

### **AGENDA NOTES**

#### **1. Welcome Remarks**

Dr. Raj Paroda, Executive Secretary will welcome the members of the Executive Committee. He will also provide information on the reasons for which some members could not attend the meeting.

#### **2. Chairman's Address**

Dr. S. Ayyappan, Chairman, APAARI will deliver the opening address and emphasize on issues relating to current agricultural challenges in Asia and the Pacific. He shall also highlight the current situation with regard to Indian agriculture and would emphasize on the role of APAARI in strengthening partnership for AR4D.

#### **3. A Brief Report**

The Executive Secretary will brief the members on progress since the last General Assembly meeting held in Suwon, Republic of Korea on 12 October, 2010. He will also highlight the progress relating to recent APAARI publications, meetings organized / new membership, signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with ICRISAT for resource generation and extension of support from COA, Chinese Taipei for the next three years.

(A brief report on APAARI activities carried out during 2010 is attached as Annexure I)

#### **4. Membership Status**

The Executive Secretary will provide an up-dated status of APAARI memberships in the categories of NARS, Associate, Affiliate and Reciprocal members.

It is indeed encouraging that some of the NARS, Agricultural Universities and Institutes have recently joined APAARI as its affiliated members. APAARI Secretariat is making continuous efforts to enroll more new members.

The payment of membership fee, except a few, has by and large been regular. Almost all the associate members, particularly CGIAR institutes, have paid their membership fee on an increased rate of US\$ 5,000/year, beginning 2009. Details of membership payment are provided in Annexure II.

## **5. Audited Accounts for 2010 and an update on Assets and Liabilities**

The audited accounts statement for the year 2010 will be made available during the meeting since currently Auditing is in progress. Statement of Assets and Liabilities will also be presented during the meeting for review and approval by the Executive Committee.

Also new Auditor has to be appointed for the biennium 2011-2012 as was decided in the General Assembly Meeting in Suwon. Accordingly, quotations have been invited from potential Auditors from Bangkok and details will be made available during the meeting for final decision.

## **6. Status of Fund Investment for Resource Generation**

To meet the increased expectations and program activities particularly in line with prioritized global issues related with agriculture e.g. climate change, biotechnology, ICT, LFM, biofuel, transboundary diseases etc., APAARI would need additional resources in the next five years. It is, therefore, critical to ensure generation of resources. During the last GAM, a suggestion was made to explore through ICRISAT more secured ways of investing a part of the Corpus Fund of one million US dollars. It was also agreed that Chairman and Executive Secretary explore possibility of investing initially US\$ 500,000.- from out of Fixed deposit of one million dollars with ICRISAT for resource generation. Subsequently, Dr. Dar was approached by Dr. Abd. Shukor for special consideration of only 10% overhead charges which was agreed for signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). As such, the memorandum of agreement was signed by the Executive Secretary with Dr. William Dar, DG, ICRISAT (see Annexure III) and a sum of US\$ 500,000.- has since been transferred to ICRISAT account by Siam Commercial Bank, Bangkok, Thailand on 27 January, 2011 and same has been received by ICRISAT already. Members may kindly note the progress made so far on this subject.

## **7. Collaboration with GFAR Concerning GCARD Road Map**

Dr. Monty Jones, Chairman, GFAR has recently circulated the GCARD Road Map (Annexure IV) Dr. Mark Holderness, Executive Secretary, GFAR will brief the members regarding follow up action needed to implement the Road Map. Members will have an opportunity to discuss the Road Map and its implications for APAARI.

## **8. Future Activities and Plan of Work 2011**

Executive Committee members would be briefed regarding Program of Work and Budget for 2011, as approved by the General Assembly in Suwon (Annexure V). Recently, the proceedings of Program Committee of GFAR have been circulated according to which an annual support of US\$ 345,000 dollars for different activities has been reflected in the Budget Table (Annexure VI). This would require readjustment of APAARI program schedule. Accordingly, members may like to consider necessary changes for implementation.

## **9. Secretariat Matters and Strategy for Sustainability**

The Executive Secretary will brief the members with regard to current status and future plans regarding APAARI Secretariat functioning and its two main programs: APCoAB and APARIS. Also strategy for future sustainability and possible succession with regard to senior secretariat staff will be discussed.

## **10. Any Other Matter**

Any additional item, as necessary, will be discussed with the permission of the Chair.

## **11. Chairman's Concluding Remarks**

The Chairman will give his closing remarks and the Executive Secretary will propose a vote of thanks.

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