

**Plant Tissue Culture Association (India)**  
(Regd. Office Pune)

**Minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the PTCA (India) held at AFRI, Jodhpur on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018 on the occasion of the 'National Symposium on Plant Biotechnology: Recent Trends in Plant Propagation, Genetic Improvement & Industrial Applications'**

The following members were present:

1. Dr. I.D. Arya
2. Dr. Sarita Arya
3. Dr. D.K. Srivastava
4. Prof. Adinpunya Mitra
5. Dr. S.K. Nandi
6. Prof. S. Datta Gupti
7. Dr. Sandip Das
8. Dr. Debasis Chakrabarty
9. Prof. Veena Agarwal
10. Prof. Rakhi Chaturvedi
11. Dr. A.K. Sharma
12. Dr. Y.N. Nag
13. Dr. S. Chatopadhyay
14. Prof. M.V. Rajam
15. Prof. Ashwani Kumar
16. Fr. (Dr.) Vincent Braganza
17. Prof. Sumita Jha
18. Prof. Harvinder Cheema
19. Prof. N.S. Shekhawat
20. Prof. Pramod Tandon
21. Prof. Uma Kant
22. Dr. A.K. Banerjee
23. Prof. S.L. Kothari
24. Dr. Suchitra Bannerjee
25. Dr. Manju Modgal

Prof. Pramod Tandon, Secretary, convened the meeting and welcomed members of PTCA (I) present. Prof. Uma Kant, one of the senior most members of PTCA (I), was requested to Chair the meeting and he graciously agreed. Chairman made his opening remarks and thereafter the agenda was taken up.

**1. Confirmation of minutes**

The minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 at IICB, Kolkata, were confirmed.

## **2. Reporting items**

With the permission of the Chair, Secretary reported the following:

- i) Letters were written to both Prof. Suresh Chand and Dr. Amita Pal informing the decision of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 selecting them to deliver 'Prof. Gadgil Memorial Lecture' -2018 and 'Prof. H.E. Street Memorial Lecture' -2018, respectively.
- ii) Letter was written to Prof. R.V. Sonti informing him the decision of 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 electing him Honorary Member of PTCA(I) based on his high-standing and eminence in the field.
- iii) Letter was written to Dr. I.D. Arya informing him the decision of 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 to act as Convener of 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meet of PTCA(I) and Symposium at AFRI, Jodhpur in 2018.

## **3. Election of new members**

There were 5 new nominations of the following persons who had also made their presentations during 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of PTCA(I) at AFRI, Jodhpur on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018:

1. Dr. Naseem Ahmad, AMU, Aligarh (2018)
2. Dr. Tarun Kant, AFRI, Jodhpur (2018)
3. Dr. Vinod Kataria, JNVU, Jodhpur (2018)
4. Dr. Sumita Kachhwaha, UOR, Jaipur (2018)
5. Dr. Anil Kumar, Thapar University, Patiala (2018)

There were 3 nominations from previous years which were still valid as per following details:

1. Prof. K.N. Tiwari, BHU, Varanasi (2016)
2. Dr. P.C. Verma, NBRI, Lucknow (2016)
3. Dr. Neeta Shrivastava, Ahmedabad (2016)

All together there were 8 nominations for which ballot papers were issued to the members and they were briefed about the rules for selection of members and the procedure to be adopted for election. Prof. M.V. Rajam and Dr. Sharmila Chattopadhyay were requested to serve as the returning officers.

Dr. Tarun Kant and Dr. Anil Kumar received the required 75% of the votes of the members present. They were declared elected by the Chairman.

The nominations of Dr. Naseem Ahmad, AMU, Aligarh (2018), Dr. Vinod Kataria, JNVU, Jodhpur (2018), and Dr. Sumita Kachhwaha, UOR, Jaipur (2018) are still valid and would be considered again in the next meeting.

## **4. Budget presentation by Treasurer**

Dr. Ananjan K. Banerjee presented the statement of accounts and audit report, duly signed by CA which was approved by the members. The Treasurer informed that he would be closing the account soon which is in a bank quite far and has very small amount in it as balance and transfer the amount in the main account as decided in the last meeting.

## 5. Nominations of award lectures for 2019

There is only one lecture award for this year. The members unanimously selected Dr. Sharmila Chattopadhyay to deliver Prof. F.C. Steward Memorial Lecture (2019).

## 6. Venue for the next meetings

Secretary informed that he has received a letter from Dr. Visarada regretting her inability to host the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Symposium at Directorate of Sorghum Research, Hyderabad. Secretary informed that he has contacted Prof. Rakhi Chaturvedi and she has agreed to host the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Symposium at IIT, Guwahati in 2019. The members appreciated her help and decided that the next meeting be held in Guwahati.

## 7. Any other Item

- i) Secretary informed that nominations received for membership at times do not contain the required documents such as CV, list of publications etc. and received very late. The members reiterated that the nominations for membership of PTCA(I) must be sent by the proposers to the Secretary by 15<sup>th</sup> November along with a copy of the bio-data, list of publications, short write up on contributions and specific interest of the nominee and 5 best publications both in hard as well as soft copies. The nominations should be uploaded on our website.
- ii) Fr. Braganza informed the progress made with regard to PTCA(I) website [www.ptcai.in](http://www.ptcai.in). The website is fully functional and providing pertinent information. He distributed a form for PTCA Member Profile to be filled up by all members and requested that it must be returned to him soon for uploading. Members appreciated his efforts in launching the website of the Association and agreed to the suggestion that all relevant contents be put up on website including the information on members.
- iii) The members strongly felt the need to induct bright young scientists to membership. It was resolved that an agenda be prepared for amending the rules of membership. Prof. M.B. Rajam was requested to prepare the agenda and send to the Secretary who would circulate it to all the members and the matter would be discussed in the next Annual Meeting of PTCA (I) in 2019.
- iv) Members discussed the issues related to appointment of trustees, location of head office of PTCA(I) and name of the association. The Chairman requested the Secretary to prepare an agenda item on these matters and place it in the next meeting.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

  
Secretary, PTCA(I)