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**Proceedings of the Annual General Body meeting of ARICARE for the year 2019-20,  
held on 11.10.2020**

The AGM of ARICARE for the year 2019-20 was held on 11.10.2020 (Sunday) on virtual mode using Google Meet App. The meeting was started at 5.00 P.M. Dr. K. K. Satapathy, President, welcomed all the members, specially the new members of ARICARE. About 34 members were present in virtual AGM. In the beginning, the President expressed deep sorrow and gratitude to the departed souls of Dr. Rathindra Nath Adhikari and Shri Ashok Kumar Karmakar. Dr. R.N. Adhikari left for heavenly abode on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020. He retired from service on superannuation as Principal Scientist from ICAR-CS&WCRI, Dehradun on 30.06.2013. Shri Ashok Kumar Karmakar expired on 29.07.2020. He retired from service on superannuation as Technical Asstt.(T-4) from ICAR-NBSS & LUP, Regional Centre, Kolkata on 31.12.2000. The President requested all the members to stand in silence for half minute to pay homage to the departed souls. Dr. K. K. Satapathy briefed the purpose of establishing ARICARE, its objectives and various activities. He informed the house that due to the illness of the Secretary, Dr. B.K. Bandyopadhyay; the Assistant Secretary, Dr. Dulal Chandra Nayak will help him to conduct today's meeting. He then requested the Asstt. Secretary Dr. D.C.Nayak to continue with the business of AGM as per agenda. Dr. Nayak welcomed all the members, particularly, those new members who were present in the AGM for the first time.

**Agenda-1:** *Confirmation of the proceedings of last AGM and Secretary's report (2019-2020).*

The Assistant Secretary started to present the proceedings of last Annual General Body Meeting. But due to internet disturbance, he was unable to continue. The President requested Mr. Sumitranjan Sarkar, Treasurer to read out the proceedings of last AGM. It was unanimously accepted by the house without any modification. The Secretary's report (2019-2020) was presented by the President as Dr. Nayak was not properly audible due to the internet problem.

**Secretary's Report: Activities of ARICARE during 2019-20**

The major activities of ARICARE during the period are briefly described below.

- During the period from 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2020, four Extended Governing Body (EGB) meetings were held at ICAR-IVRI Res. Stn, Belgachia, Kolkata on 02.07.2019; ICAR-CIFE, res. Station, Salt Lake on 30.09.2019; ICAR-IVRI on 21.12.2019 and ICAR-

NINFET, Tollygunge on 26.02.2020 where all members and members of different subcommittees were invited to attend besides the GB members. Thanks to all Directors/ Heads and staff members of those Institutes for providing the every logistic facilities for holding the meetings.

- Vijaya Dasami get-together was arranged on 02.11.2019 at ICAR-NBSS & LUP, Salt Lake, Kolkata with the initiatives of **Picnics, Get-together and Cultural sub-committee** of ARICARE. It was a very good gathering of the members and their families. In the heart-touching cultural program, many members and their families were participated.
- A domestic tour was organized by **Tour Sub-Committee** to visit Himachal Pradesh and Punjab during Nov.27<sup>th</sup> to Dec.8<sup>th</sup> 2019. Nine persons including family members participated in the tour. Another tour during July 2019 was also organized to visit Ranchi and Purulia. Five persons participated in the tour. No International Group tour could not be materialized due to lack of sufficient number of participants.
- A picnic cum get-together was arranged at Purba Kolkata Motsya Jibi Samabai Samity Ltd, EM Bye-Pass, Kolkata on 18.01.2020 with the initiatives of **Picnics, Get-together and Cultural sub-committee** of ARICARE. The picnic was participated by a large numbers of members along with their families and all enjoyed the Picnic.
- It was a great success that two issues of ‘**e-newsletter**’ were brought out in July 2019 and January 2020 in time. All appreciated the quality of the e- newsletter. It was due to very sincere efforts by **e-journal subcommittee** of ARICARE.
- With the initiative of **Pension, administration and medical** subcommittee of ARICARE, some urgent issues had been resolved.
- Illish Utsov was organized at ICAR-NINFET, Tollygunge on 02.09.2019. Sixteen persons participated and enjoyed in the event.
- Felicitation was given to senior members having completed 80 years or more years of age to Dr. Durga Prasad Ghorai, Dr.Apurba Kumar Bandyopadhyay, Dr.Partha Sarathi Sengupta and Mrs. Biva Nandy (family pensioner) with due respect and honour. The Program was arranged in the Governing Body-cum- General Body meeting of ARICARE held at ICAR-NINFET, Tollygunge, Kolkata on 26.02.2020. Mrs.Biva Nandy could not be present in person but she was represented by her son and grandson. Dr.Ghorai and Dr.Bandyopadhyay were accompanied with their spouses.
- The website of ARICARE was launched in March, 2019 and suggestions of members were received for further modification and improvement.

- During the period we have lost Dr. Rathindra Nath Adhikari who left for heavenly abode on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020. He retired from service on superannuation as Principal Scientist from ICAR-CS&WCRI, Dehradun on 30.06.2013.

The Assistant Secretary is thankful to all the members particularly the president, the Secretary, the members of the Governing Body and members of different subcommittees for their very active initiatives throughout the period. He is also thankful to all the new members who joined ARICARE after the last AGM to till date and their active participation on today's meeting.

### **Agenda-2: Treasurer's Report**

The President requested the treasurer, Mr. Sumitranjan Sarkar to present the Auditor's report and the statement of accounts for the period 2019-2020. Mr. Sarkar presented the Auditor's report including the statement of accounts of ARICARE for the year 2019-2020. After clarification of one or two points raised by the members, the accounts were passed unanimously.

### **Agenda-3: Activities of the Association for 2020-21**

The usual activities of ARICARE will be organized, but it may be on virtual mode instead of physical meet if the pandemic COVID-19 continues. The president proposed to organize at least one virtual meeting in a month to meet and talk each other besides the Governing body/ or sub-committee meetings. Dr. Gautam Roy informed that recently he had released a Bengali book named "Kalpanic Galpa Guchha" written by him. All members appreciated his effort and congratulated him. The president requested him to help the Society for arranging a active facebook cultural programme of ARICARE. He told that he needed some help for anchoring purpose. The president assured that Mr. Swapan Sinha and Dr. Debanjan Sur would assist him.

The president also proposed to publish one yearly magazine in addition to the e-Newsletter. He requested Dr. (Mrs.) Chaitali Dutta to take the responsibility. The social welfare activity was discussed in detail which was also mentioned in many virtual meetings. The president proposed to create a fund with minimum donation of Rs. 500/- or more. Some members suggested that first we should decide the objectives of the fund, then the members will contribute. Dr. Mrinmoy Datta proposed the name of the fund as "ARICARE Charity Fund" which may be used to help the corona virus affected people at present and in future, it will be used as relief to poor people in different occasions. The circular in this regard will be decided in the GB meeting.

### **Agenda-4: Amendment of Rules and regulations (Bye-Laws)**

The President requested Mr. Sumitranjan Sarkar to place the necessary amendments. He mentioned that inclusion of patron, new Chapters under ARICARE, Rule of life Membership and election of Governing body etc were drafted for modification as per the suggestions of some members and was circulated to e-mail of the members for further suggestions. The President appreciated his effort and requested him again to circulate the Bye-Laws for critical review by the members. The matter will be finalized in next year in the Annual General meeting.

#### **Agenda-4:** Formation of a Consultancy company under ARICARE

The President informed the house that in our association, many talented persons of different fields were present. He proposed to start a Consultancy firm under ARICARE from which the Society could earn some money from the service charge; on the other hand the participating members would be engaged in different activities with economic benefit. The matter was also discussed in virtual group meetings. The President requested Dr. M.S. Basu and Mr. Sumitranjan Sarkar to work out the modalities of this activity. Dr. Basu explained that wide range of experts was present in our association and if the biodata of the experts are circulated in our website and other platforms, there will be no problem for getting good projects on consultancy mode. Many members appreciated Dr. Basu's encouraging remarks and ARICARE's good effort.

#### **Agenda-5:** Election of Governing Body and Formation of Sub-committees for 2020-21.

The President mentioned that the Governing Body and the Sub-committees for 2019-20 will continue for 2020-21 as there was no physical AGM in this year. Some members suggested for two years tenure of the GB and Sub-committees for good output. The President told that there will be no Sub-committee for e-Newsletter and the editorial board will act for the purpose. Dr. Mrinmoy Datta, the Convener of the editorial board informed that the members of the Board were selected.

Governing Body and the Sub-committees for 2020-21 are as the following:

#### **Governing Body:**

1. Dr. Krishna Kishore Satapathy ..... President (Ex-NINFET)
2. Dr. Mrinmoy Datta..... Vice President (Ex-ICAR Res.Complex for NEH Region)
3. Dr. Bimal Kumar Bandyopadhyay ..... Secretary (Ex-CSSRI)
4. Dr. Dulal Chandra Nayak..... Asstt. Secretary (Ex-NBSS& LUP)
5. Mr. SumitRanjan Sarkar ..... Treasurer (Ex-NINFET)
6. Mr. Binoy Krishna Saha ..... Asstt. Treasurer (Ex-NBSS& LUP)

#### **Members:**

1. Dr. Apurba Kumar Bandyopadhyay (Ex- CARI)
2. Dr. Mukti Sadhan Basu (Ex-NRC for Groundnut)
3. Dr. Dhurjhati Prasad Sinhababu (Ex-CRRI)
4. Mr. Bansi Dhar Mandal (Ex-CRIJAF)
5. Dr. Suprakash Saha (Ex-CRIJAF)
6. Mr. Samar Ghosh (Ex- IVRI)
7. Dr. Ashok Kumar Dev Roy (Ex-Avian Res. Instt)
8. Mr.Subhas Chandra Chakraborty(Ex-CRIJAF)
9. Mrs. Priti Rekha Ghatak (Ex- NINFET)
10. Dr.Budheswar Maji (Ex-CSSRI)
11. Dr.Mantu Kumar Basak (Ex- NINFET)
12. Dr.Gobinda Kripa Bhattacharya (Ex- NINFET)
13. Dr.Thakahari Das (Ex- NBSS& LUP)
14. Dr.Asok Majumder (Ex- NINFET)
15. Mr Ujjal Ghosh (Ex-CIFRI)

## **Editorial Board for e-Newsletter**

1. Dr. Mrinmoy Datta ----- **Convener**
2. Dr. D.C. Nayak
3. Dr. M. S. Basu
4. Prof. A. K. Pal
5. Dr. S.C. Saha

## **Different sub-committees for the year 2020-21:**

### **1. Pension, administration and medical**

- (i) Mr. Bansi Dhar Mondal (Ex-CRIJAF) ----- **Convener**
- (ii) Mr. Samar Ghosh (Ex-IVRI)
- (iii) Mr. Ujjal Ghosh (Ex-CIFRI)
- (iv) Mr. Subhas Chandra Shitt (Ex-Water Technology)
- (v) Mr. Sumit Ranjan Sarkar (Ex- NINFET)
- (vi) Dr. Asok Majumder (Ex- NINFET)
- (vii) Mr. Binoy Krishna Saha (Ex- NBSS& LUP)

### **2. Tours** (National, International and Short Tours)

- (i) Mr. Sumit Ranjan Sarkar ( Ex- NINFET) --- **Convener**
- (ii) ) Dr. Krishna Kishore Satapathy ( Ex- NINFET)
- (iii) Dr. Mrinmoy Datta (Ex- ICAR Res.Complex for NEH Region)
- (iv) Dr. Bimal Kumar Bandyopadhyay (Ex-CSSRI)
- (v) Mrs. Jayasree Nath (Ex- NINFET)
- (vi) Dr. Dhurjhati Prasad Sinhababu (Ex- CRRI)
- (vii) Mr. Binoy Krishna Saha (Ex- NBSS& LUP)

### **3. Picnics, Get-togethers and Cultural**

- (i) Mr. Sumit Ranjan Sarkar (Ex- NINFET) ----- **Convener**
- (ii) Dr. Gautam Roy (Ex- NINFET)
- (iii) Mr. Binoy Krishna Saha (Ex-NBSS & LUP)
- (iv) Dr. Asok Majumder (Ex- NINFET)
- (v) Mr. Swapan Kumar Sinha (Ex- NINFET)
- (vi) Dr. Sudhansu Sekhar Pal (Ex-IIFSR)
- (vii) Dr. Suprakash Saha (Ex-CRIJAF)
- (viii) Mr. Subhas Chandra Chakraborty (Ex-CRIJAF)
- (ix) Mr. Lillamoy Patra (Ex- NINFET)
- (x) Mrs. Jayasree Nath (Ex- NINFET)
- (xi) Dr. (Mrs.) Chaitali Dutta (Ex- NINFET)
- (xii) Mrs. Priti Rekha Ghatak (Ex- NINFET)

#### **4. WhatsApp and Facebook**

- (i) Dr. Gautam Bose (EX-NINFET) ----- **Convener**
- (ii) Dr. Mukti Sadhan Basu (Ex-NRC, Groundnut)
- (iii) Dr. Mrinmoy Datta (Ex- ICAR Res. Complex for NEH Region)
- (iv) Mr. Swapan Kumar Sinha (Ex- NINFET)
- (v) Dr. Mantu Kumar Basak (Ex- NINFET)
- (vi) Dr. Budheswar Maji (Ex-CSSRI)

#### **Agenda-6:** Any other issues

Mr. Sumitranjan Sarkar requested the President to discuss on medical issues. The President told that though it was an important issue, the meeting would not be continue as many members left the virtual platform. The matter will be discussed in detail in the respective Sub-committee meeting.

#### **Concluding remarks**

The President felt that there was a noisy disturbance during the meeting as some of us were not fully habituated in muting system of virtual meeting. He requested the Conveners of all the sub committees to meet on virtual mode as and when required to discuss and decide about activities to be taken up for the year 2020-21. He wished good health for all members and their family during this pandemic situation.

The meeting was ended with vote of thanks to all the members for their presence and active participation in discussions.

Dulal Chandra Nayak  
Assistant Secretary  
ARICARE, Kolkata

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