



QRT, RAC, Management Committee and IRC

Quinquennial Review Team (QRT)

A Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) to review the work done by Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI), Pusa, New Delhi for the period 2001–05 constituted by the Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi had number of meetings. The composition of the QRT was as under:

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| 1. Prof. A.K. Nigam,
Director,
Institute of Applied Statistics &
Development Studies (IASDS),
B-16/1, First Floor, Rajajipuram,
Lucknow-226 017 (U.P.) | Chairman | Policy Research (NCAP),
Library Avenue, Pusa Campus,
New Delhi-110 012 | |
| 2. Dr. P.K. Joshi,
Coordinator (IFPRI), NASC,
Pusa, New Delhi-110 012 | Member | 3. Dr. A.P. Gore,
Professor,
Department of Statistics,
University of Pune,
Ganeshkhind,
Pune-411 007 | Member |
| Presently
Director,
National Centre for Agricultural Economics and | | 4. Dr. Rahul Mukerjee,
Professor,
Indian Institute of Management,
Joka Diamond Harbour Road,
P.O. Alipur, Kolkata-700 027
West Bengal | Member |
| | | 5. Dr. K.K. Bhardwaj,
Professor,
School of Computer Systems Sciences,
Jawaharlal Nehru University,
New Delhi-110 067 | Member |

6. Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Member-Secretary
 Ex-Joint Director of IASRI,
 B-25/G-1, Dilshad Garden,
 Delhi-110 095

The sixth meeting of QRT was held from 12-13 April 2007. In this meeting, all the committee members, *i.e.* Prof. A.K. Nigam, Dr. P.K. Joshi, Dr. A.P. Gore, Dr. Rahul Mukerjee, Dr. K.K. Bhardwaj and Dr. A.K. Srivastava were present. They first met the Director. The team then met Scientists of Division of Design of Experiments and Professor (Agricultural Statistics). They visited the Division of Computer Applications, the Remote Sensing and GIS labs and the Library of the Institute. They also visited the Students' Hostel and interacted with the students. The team also met separately the Technical staff of the Institute, and Administrative and Finance and Accounts Officers.

A Meeting of Member- Secretary, QRT with all the Heads of Divisions of the Institute was held on 17 May 2007.

The Chairman, QRT had an interactive meeting with IMC of the institute on 27 July 2007 for getting feedback from the members of the IMC.

Chairman, QRT on the advice of Director General of the Council gave the final report of QRT to the Director of the Institute on 02 August 2007 and Director, IASRI along with his comments submitted the same to the Council on 03 August 2007.

QRT has expressed some observations and also suggested seven recommendations for the improvement of research and teaching activities of the Institute. Besides recommendations on research component there are some general observations on administration, finance etc.

Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

The common Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI) and National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NCAP) was constituted for a period of three years w.e.f. 29 January 2007 except the membership of non-official members at S.No. given below, 11 and 12, and 13 and 14, whose term will be upto 08 September 2007 and 07 December 2007 respectively. The composition of RAC is as follows:

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| 1. Dr. P.V. Shenoi,
Former Special Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Govt. of India and Director, ISEC,
20-C, First Main Road,
RMV Extension, Stage-II, Block-I,
Bangalore-560 094 | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. S.S. Acharya,
Former Director,
Institute of Development Studies,
8-B, Jhalana Institutional Area,
D-95, First Floor, Krishna Marg, Bapu Nagar,
Jaipur-302015 (Rajasthan) | Member |
| 3. Dr. Rahul Mukerjee,
Professor,
Indian Institute of Management,
Joka Diamond Harbour Road,
P.O. Alipur, Kolkata-700 027 (W.B.) | Member |
| 4. Dr. A.K. Nigam,
Director,
Institute of Applied Statistics and
Development Studies (IASDS),
B-16/1, First Floor, Rajaji Puram,
Lucknow-226 017 (UP) | Member |
| 5. Dr. A.P. Gore,
Professor,
Department of Statistics,
University of Pune,
Ganeshkhind, Pune-411 007 | Member |
| 6. Dr. S.M. Jharwal,
Principal Advisor,
DAC, Ministry of Agriculture,
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 114 | Member |
| 7. Dr. Rajeeva L. Karandikar,
Executive Vice-President-Analytics
Cranes Software International Limited,
4th Floor, Block I, Shankaranarayana
Building, 25 Mahatma Gandhi Road,
Bangalore-560001 | Member |
| 8. Director,
Indian Agricultural Statistics Research
Institute (IASRI),
Library Avenue, Pusa Campus,
New Delhi-110 012 | Member |
| 9. Director,
National Centre for Agricultural Economics
and Policy Research (NCAP), | Member |

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| 10. | Assistant Director General (ESM),
Indian Council of Agricultural Research,
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 114 | Member |
| 11. | Sh. Vijay Sardana,
Executive Director,
Centre for International Trade in
Agriculture and Agriculture based Industries,
82 & 83, Third Floor, Baikunth House,
Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019
(up to 08 September 2007) | Member |
| 12. | Dr. S.K. Dorge,
81, Shivaji Housing Society,
Senapati Bapat Road,
Pune-411 016 (Maharashtra)
(up to 08 September 2007) | Member |
| 13. | Dr. R.S. Deshpande,
Professor and Head,
ADRT Centre,
Institute for Social and Economic Change,
Nagarabhavi Post,
Bangalore-560072 (Karnataka)
(up to 07 December 2007) | Member |
| 14. | Dr. Mahesh Pathak,
Hony. Director,
Agro Economics Research Centre,
Sardar Patel University,
Mangalam 7, Gayatrinagar Society,
Nana Bazar, Ballabh Vidhya Nagar-388 120
(up to 07 December 2007) | Member |
| 15. | Dr. V.K. Bhatia,
Principal Scientist,
IASRI, New Delhi-110 012 | Member-Secretary |

The first meeting of the Joint Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of IASRI and NCAP was held on 26 November 2007 at the Institute under the Chairmanship of Dr. P N Sheno, former Special Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operation, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by all the members except Dr. A.P. Gore, Dr. Rahul Mukerjee, Dr. Rajeev L. Karandikar and Dr. Mahesh Pathak. Dr. J.P. Mishra could not attend the meeting due to pressing engagements at Headquarters. National Professor, ICAR and National Fellow and HDs from IASRI and NCAP were also attended the meeting as special

invitees. Dr. Vijay Kumar attended the meeting on behalf of Dr. S.M. Jharwal.



A view of Joint RAC of IASRI and NCAP

Before initiating discussion on the agenda items Dr. S.D. Sharma, Director, IASRI, made a presentation about the achievements, functions, impact and future research programmes of IASRI. Subsequently, Dr. P.K. Joshi, Director, NCAP made a presentation on its Perspective Plan Vision 2025, On-going research projects and Plan for 2008-09. After these presentations, Chairman, RAC emphasized that the information including achievements may be updated regularly on their respective websites so that whosoever is interested may get useful information. On the request of Chairman, RAC all other members of RAC gave their comments and views. From the discussions, the following points emerged:

- i. Both the institutes have very strong research capabilities and thus should pursue rigorously to achieve their mandates looking into the national priorities. They may also formulate collaborative studies with strong statistical base for proper economic evaluation of agricultural research and policy implications.
- ii. IASRI may initiate different research programmes for different areas of agricultural development based on the concept of Small Area Statistics techniques.
- iii. IASRI may initiate its efforts in re-visiting and evolving suitable sampling methodologies for crop estimation surveys including cotton, sugarcane and horticulture.

- iv. IASRI and NCAP may also bring out working papers on the already developed methodologies for its wider publication among the stakeholders.
- v. Both the institutions may examine deeply into the output and outcomes achieved for possible impact studies of different methodologies developed.

Management Committee

The Director of the Institute, who is In-charge of the overall management of the Institute, is assisted in the discharge of his functions by the Management Committee of the Institute (constituted by the Council) by providing a broad-based platform for decision making process by periodically examining the progress of the Institute activities and by recommending suitable remedial measures for bottlenecks, if any. The present Management Committee of the Institute comprises of:

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| 1. Prof. S.D. Sharma,
Director,
IASRI (ICAR),
New Delhi-110 012 | Chairman |
| 2. Director (Agriculture),
Government of Delhi, ITO,
New Delhi-110 001 | Member |
| 3. Sh. V.K. Singh,
Director (Agriculture),
Government of Uttar Pradesh,
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh | Member |
| 4. Dr. K.R. Kundal,
Joint Director (Research),
IARI, Pusa,
New Delhi-110 012 | Member |
| 5. Sh. Vijay Sardana,
Executive Director,
International Business
Centre in Agriculture and
Agriculture Related Industries,
82-83, Third Floor,
Baikunth House,
Nehru Place,
New Delhi-110 019 | Non-Official Member |
| 6. Dr. S.K. Dorge,
81, Shivaji Housing Society,
Senapati, Bapat Road, | Non-Official Member |

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| Pune-411 016 | |
| 7. Sh. Radhey Shayam,
Senior Finance and Accounts Officer,
ICAR, Krishi Bhawan,
New Delhi-110 114 | Member |
| 8. Dr. P.K. Agarwal,
Head,
Division of Environmental Sciences,
IARI, Pusa, New Delhi-110 012 | Member |
| 9. Dr. Madhuban Gopal,
National Fellow,
Division of Agricultural Chemistry,
IARI, Pusa, New Delhi-110 012 | Member |
| 10. Dr. R.K. Mahajan,
Principal Scientist (Agril. Stat.),
Division of Germplasm Evaluation,
NBPGR, Pusa, New Delhi-110 012 | Member |
| 11. Dr. R.L. Sapra,
Principal Scientist (Agril. Stat.),
Division of Genetics,
IARI, Pusa, New Delhi-110 012 | Member |
| 12. Dr. S.K. Tandon,
Assistant Director General (Engg.),
KAB-II, ICAR, Pusa,
New Delhi-110 012 | Member |
| 13. Chief Administrative Officer
IASRI (ICAR),
Pusa, New Delhi-110 012 | Member-Secretary |

The 55th Meeting of the Management Committee was held on 07 May 2007 under the Chairmanship of



55th Management Committee meeting is in progress

Prof. S.D. Sharma, Director, IASRI. The following agenda items were discussed:

- Confirmation of proceedings of the 54th meeting of the Management Committee held on 15 December 2006
- Review of action taken on recommendations of the 54th meeting of the Management Committee held on 15 December 2006



56th Management Committee meeting is in progress

56th meeting of the Management Committee was held on 27 July 2007 under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.D. Sharma, Director, IASRI. The following agenda items were discussed:

- Confirmation of proceedings of the 55th meeting of the Management Committee held on 07 May 2007
- Review of action taken on recommendations of the 54th meeting of the Management Committee held on 07 May 2007
- Consideration of Institutes Quinquennial Review Team(QRT) (2001-05)
- Institutes 11th Five Year Plan(2007-08 to 2011-12)
- Under the Medical Attendance Rules, 1944 employees(both in service and retired) residing in area of Najafgarh and Sonapat which are not covered in CGHS area, can take medical treatment from Authorised Medical Attendant

on conditional basis from 26-02-2007 to 25-02-2009- approval for

- Any other item with the permission of the chair

Institute Research Committee

The Institute Research Committee (IRC) formerly known as Staff Research Council (SRC) of the Institute (renamed as per Council's O.O. No. 5 (1) / 2004- Gov.



A view of Institute Research Committee meeting

Cell dated 25 August 2006) is an important forum to guide the scientists in the formulation of new research projects and to review the progress of on-going research projects periodically. It also monitors the follow up action on the recommendations of the Quinquennial Review Team (QRT), Research Advisory Committee (RAC) in respect of technical programmes of the Institute. Dr. S.D. Sharma, Director is the Chairman and Dr. V.K. Bhatia, Principal Scientist and In-charge (RCMU) is the Member Secretary of the IRC. New guidelines of IRC for monitoring progress of new and ongoing research projects were finalised.

Two meetings of the Institute Research Committee (IRC) were held during 17–18 August 2007 and 22–23 February 2008. In the first meeting 13 new research projects were approved and progress of 35 ongoing research projects were discussed. In the second meeting three Institute funded new research projects were approved and review of progress of 48 ongoing research projects were discussed.

