



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
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B-16/1, First Floor, Rajajipuram
Lucknow-226 017 (U.P.) | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. P.K. Joshi
Coordinator (IFPRI), NASC
Pusa, New Delhi-110 012
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| 3. Dr. A.P. Gore
Professor
Department of Statistics
University of Pune
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| 4. Dr. Rahul Mukerjee
Professor
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| <p>5. Dr. K.K. Bhardwaj
Professor
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| <p>6. Dr. A.K. Srivastava
Ex-Joint Director of IASRI
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Principal Advisor
DAC, Ministry of Agriculture
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The QRT report of the Institute for the period 2001-05 has been approved by the Council vide letter no. PA/ADG(PE)/2009 dated 09 March 2009.

Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

The Joint 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. The composition of RAC is as follows:

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| <p>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</p> | <p>Chairman</p> | <p>7. Dr. Rajeeva L. Karandikar
Executive Vice-President-Analytics
Cranes Software International Limited
4th Floor, Block I, Shankaranarayana
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| <p>2. Dr. S.S. Acharya
Former Director
Institute of Development Studies
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Director,
Indian Agricultural Statistics Research
Institute (IASRI)
Library Avenue, Pusa Campus
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| <p>3. Dr. Rahul Mukerjee
Professor
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Director
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and Policy Research (NCAP)
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New Delhi-110 012</p> | <p>Member</p> |
| <p>4. Dr. A.K. Nigam
Director
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B-16/1, First Floor, Rajaji Puram
Lucknow-226 017 (UP)</p> | <p>Member</p> | <p>10. Assistant Director General (ESM)
Indian Council of Agricultural Research
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 114</p> | <p>Member</p> |

The 10th meeting of RAC of IASRI and 2nd meeting of the Joint Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of IASRI and NCAP was held on 04 December 2008 at the Institute under the Chairmanship of Dr. P.V. Shenoi, former Special Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operation, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by all the members except Dr Rahul Mukerjee and Dr Rajeev L Karandikar. Dr. VK Gupta, National Professor, ICAR and Dr. Rajender Parsad, National Fellow and HDs from IASRI and NCAP also attended the meeting as special invitees.

Dr. VK Bhatia made a presentation about the achievements, functions, and future research programs of IASRI. The details of the training and teaching activities of IASRI were also presented by him.

Dr. PK Joshi made the presentation about the achievements, functions, impact and future research programs of NCAP. He also presented new policy initiatives undertaken by NCAP.

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 retrieve up to date useful information.

Chairman invited the suggestions from all the members on presentations made on the research achievements and future programs of both the Institutes and after discussions, the following points emerged:

- i) Both the institutes have very strong research capabilities and thus should pursue rigorously to achieve their mandates in the context of the national priorities. They need to formulate collaborative studies with strong statistical base for proper economic evaluation of agricultural research and policy implications.
- ii) In order to formulate research studies in the areas such as biotechnology, conservation agriculture, plant variety protection, biodiversity etc., efforts may be made for the capacity building of the scientists of the both the institutions.
- iii) Research results must be properly validated and the outcomes of the research studies be disseminated to different stakeholders including the govt. agencies.
- iv) IASRI may focus its attention in developing sound statistical methodologies for assessing precise information on:
 - Crop acreage and production including horticultural crops at lower level using small area techniques along with the confidence band
 - Area and production of sugarcane in India
 - Farmers' income in relation to several inputs and labour availability
 - Risk assessment and crop insurance
 - Loss in crop yields due to erratic rainfall
 - Crop weather models for forecasting
 - Development of decision support system for major crops
- v) IASRI and NCAP may jointly initiate methodological studies for the construction of different types of Index

numbers both at macro and micro level. This would primarily involve identification of suitable variables along with their weightage criteria based on statistical consideration and economic importance. The index numbers on food security, farm products, soil fertility, land degradation, water table, farm income etc. would be of great national importance.

- vi) NCAP may include the following studies in their research program:
 - Dynamics of farmers' income over time
 - Assessing market efficiency - Comparative study of innovative marketing models
 - Impact of loan waiver scheme
 - Qualifying impact of resources conservation approaches, including watershed, zero tillage on agricultural performance and livelihood security

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

The 57th Meeting of the Management Committee was held on 07 January 2009 under the Chairmanship of Dr. V.K. Bhatia, Director, IASRI. The following agenda items were discussed:

- Confirmation of proceedings of the 56th meeting of the Management Committee held on 27 July 2007.
- Review of action taken on recommendations of the 56th meeting of the Management Committee held on 27 July 2007.

- For reimbursement of expenditure incurred on residential telephone lines proposed to be provided to all the six Heads of Division of Institute
- To discuss proceedings of the meetings of the Institute Research Committee held on 17-18 August 2007, 22-23 February 2008 and 07- 08 August 2008
- Expenditure statement of IASRI budget for the year 2003-04 to 2008-09
- For considering the proposal to make amendments in the Staff Quarters Allotment Rules, 1999
- Any other item with the permission of the Chair

Institute Research Committee

The Institute Research Committee (IRC) 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. V.K. Bhatia, Director is the Chairman and Dr. V.K. Mahajan, Principal Scientist and In-charge (RCMU) is the Member Secretary of the IRC.



A view of Institute Research Committee meeting

Two meetings of the Institute Research Committee (IRC) were held during 07–08 August 2008 and 18–21 February 2009. In the first meeting 06 new research projects were approved and progress of 40 ongoing research projects were discussed. In the second meeting three Institute funded new research projects were approved and progress of 38 ongoing research projects was reviewed.