



## QRT, RAC, Management Committee and IRC

### Quinquennial Review Team (QRT)

A Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) was constituted by the Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi to review the work done by the Institute for the period 2001-05. The QRT report of the Institute for the period 2001-05 has been approved by the Council and Council's comments and plan of action for implementation were received and action taken report on the recommendations of the QRT was sent to the Council.

### Research Advisory Committee (RAC)

The composition of Joint Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI) and National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NCAP) constituted for a period of three years w.e.f. 29 January 2007 is as follows:

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| 1. Dr. PV Shenoi | Chairman<br>Former Special Secretary, (DAC) |
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| 2. Dr. SS Acharya   | Member |
| Honorary Professor<br>33, Shahi Complex, Sector -11<br>Udaipur-313 002 (Rajasthan)                              |        |
| 3. Dr. Rahul Mukerjee   | Member |
| Professor<br>Indian Institute of Management<br>Joka Diamond Harbour Road<br>P.O. Alipur, Kolkata-700 027 (W.B.) |        |
| 4. Dr. AK Nigam   | Member |
| A-2/605, Shoba Aqua Marine<br>Bellander, Outer Ring Road<br>Bangalore-560 037                                   |        |
| 5. Dr. AP Gore  | Member |
| Bakul, 40 Empress Garden View Society<br>Sopan Baug, Pune-411 001   |        |

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| <p>6. Dr. SM Jharwal<br/>                 Chairman<br/>                 National Pharmaceutical Pricing<br/>                 Authority, Department of Chemicals &amp;<br/>                 Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals &amp;<br/>                 Fertilizers, Govt. of India, 3rd Floor<br/>                 YMCA Culture Centre Building<br/>                 1, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110 001</p> | <p>Member</p>           |
| <p>7. Dr. Rajeeva L Karandikar<br/>                 Professor<br/>                 Chennai Mathematical Institute<br/>                 Plot H 1, CIPCOT IT Park, Padur P.O.<br/>                 Siruseri-603 103 (Tamil Nadu)</p>   | <p>Member</p>           |
| <p>8. Prof. VK Bhatia<br/>                 Director<br/>                 Indian Agricultural Statistics Research<br/>                 Institute (IASRI)<br/>                 Library Avenue, Pusa Campus<br/>                 New Delhi-110 012</p>  | <p>Member Secretary</p> |
| <p>9. Dr. Ramesh Chand<br/>                 Director<br/>                 National Centre for Agricultural Economics<br/>                 and Policy Research (NCAP)<br/>                 Library Avenue, Pusa Campus<br/>                 New Delhi-110 012</p>   | <p>Member</p>           |
| <p>10. Dr. Lal Krishna<br/>                 Assistant Director General (ESM)<br/>                 Indian Council of Agricultural Research<br/>                 Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110 114</p>  | <p>Member</p>           |

The 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Research Advisory Committee of IASRI and 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Joint Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of IASRI and NCAP was held on 16 January 2010 under the Chairmanship of Dr. PV Shenoj, former Special Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Co-operation, New Delhi.

The meeting was attended by all the members except Dr. Rahul Mukerjee, Dr. SM Jharwal, Dr. Rajeeva L Karandikar and Dr. Lal Krishna. Dr. VK Gupta, National Professor, ICAR, Dr. Ramesh Chand, National Professor, ICAR, HDs from IASRI and Principal Scientists from NCAP also attended the meeting as special invitees.



A view of 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Research Advisory Committee

Dr. VK Bhatia, Director, IASRI presented 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. BC Barah, Acting Director, NCAP presented the achievements, functions, impact and future research programs of NCAP. He also presented new policy initiatives undertaken by NCAP.

After these presentations, Chairman made opening remarks. He 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 actionable points emerged:

1. Both IASRI and NCAP should involve themselves in macro-studies having national importance. Micro studies should only be taken up for developing methodologies.
2. Both IASRI and NCAP should concentrate on the basic research in the problems arising from the real applications in agricultural research and also on novel applications of statistical, econometric and informatics tools. These Institutes should not involve themselves in data generation or providing estimates as there are several other government agencies for performing these tasks.

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| <p>3. IASRI should continue rigorously pursuing the efforts in applications of Design of Experiments in National Agricultural Research System.</p> <p>4. The research efforts in small area estimation may be strengthened.</p> <p>5. Both IASRI and NCAP should prepare the index on food security, land degradation, etc. on macro level for state/country rather than district level indices.</p> <p>6. IASRI should impart trainings only in the advanced level of statistical techniques and for basic principles of statistical techniques, it is suggested to explore the possibility of utilizing the strength available with different SAUs and General Universities for its outreach activities such as sensitizing the agricultural researchers in the statistical techniques and their potential applications in agricultural sciences.</p> <p>7. Vacant scientific positions at IASRI and NCAP should be filled on priority basis and for this concerned authorities may be approached.</p> <p>8. Combining the disciplines of Agricultural Statistics and Computer Applications in ASRB Examinations would affect the quality of research. The authorities in ASRB need to be informed urgently and requested to take remedial measures on priority.</p> | <p>4. Dr. HS Gupta<br/>         Director<br/>         IARI, New Delhi-110 012</p> <p>5. Prof. Devi Prasad Tripathi<br/>         General Secretary &amp;<br/>         Chief Spokesman<br/>         National Congress Party<br/>         C-9/9782, Vasant Kunj<br/>         New Delhi-110 070</p> <p>6. Sh. Madhusudan Sathe<br/>         Yashodhan, 2071<br/>         Vijay Nagar Colony<br/>         Near SP College<br/>         Pune-411 030</p> <p>7. Finance and Accounts Officer<br/>         IARI, Pusa, New Delhi-110 012</p> <p>8. Dr. PK Agarwal<br/>         National Professor, ICAR<br/>         IARI, Pusa, New Delhi-110 012</p> <p>9. Dr. Madhuban Gopal<br/>         National Fellow<br/>         Department of Chemicals<br/>         IARI, New Delhi-110 012</p> <p>10. Dr. RK Mahajan<br/>         Principal Scientist (Agril. Stat.)<br/>         Division of Germplasm Evaluation<br/>         NBPGR, Pusa, New Delhi-110 012</p> <p>11. Dr. RL Sapra<br/>         Principal Scientist (Agril. Stat.)<br/>         Division of Genetics<br/>         IARI, Pusa, New Delhi-110 012</p> <p>12. Dr. SK Tandon<br/>         Assistant Director General (Engg.)<br/>         KAB-II, ICAR, Pusa<br/>         New Delhi-110 012</p> <p>13. Head of Office<br/>         IASRI (ICAR)<br/>         New Delhi-110 012</p> | <p>Member</p> <p>Non-Official Member</p> <p>Non-Official Member</p> <p>Member</p> <p>Member</p> <p>Member</p> <p>Member</p> <p>Member</p> <p>Member</p> <p>Member</p> <p>Member</p> <p>Member</p> <p>Member Secretary</p> |
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### Institute 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 Institute Management Committee (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 Institute Management Committee comprises of:

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| <p>1. Prof. VK Bhatia<br/>         Director, IASRI (ICAR)<br/>         New Delhi-110 012</p> <p>2. Director (Agriculture)<br/>         Government of Delhi, ITO<br/>         New Delhi-110 001</p> <p>3. Sh. VK Singh<br/>         Director, Agriculture Statistics<br/>         Government of Uttar Pradesh<br/>         Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh</p> | <p>Chairman</p> <p>Member</p> <p>Member</p> |
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The 58<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Institute Management Committee was held on 13 January 2010 under the Chairmanship of Dr. V.K. Bhatia, Director, IASRI. The following agenda items were discussed:

- Confirmation of proceedings of the 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Management Committee held on 17 January 2009.

- Review of action taken on recommendations of the 57<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Management Committee held on 17 January 2009.
- Significant research achievements with respect to Project Information and Management System of ICAR (PIMS-ICAR) and Expert System on Wheat Crop Management were presented by the scientists of the Institute.
- Proceedings of Institute Research Committee meeting.
- Budget estimates for the year 2009-10 and actual expenditure incurred upto 31 December 2009 in respect of Plan/Non-plan of the Institute.
- Reconstitution of Institute Grievance Committee.
- To review the allotment rules of IASRI staff quarters.
- Any other item with the permission of the Chair.



58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Management Committee is in progress

Some specific recommendations with respect to research and teaching activities of the Institute were:

1. Members expressed their serious concern about the large number of vacant scientific personnel positions. They felt that necessary proposal may be sent to the Council for recruitment and placement of scientists at the Institute on priority basis so that research and teaching activities can be carried out smoothly.
2. The declining number of students in M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Agricultural Statistics and Computer Application was viewed seriously by all the members and it was decided that Academic Council, PG School, IARI may be approached to allow the students from Mathematical/Statistical Sciences to take remedial courses during early

morning of summer vacations so as to enable them to complete their respective degrees in stipulated period.

### 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. Rajender Parsad, In-charge (RCMU) is the Member Secretary of the IRC.

Two meetings of the Institute Research Committee (IRC) were held during 18–20 August 2009 and 19–20



A view of Institute Research Committee meeting

February 2010. In the first meeting 05 new research projects were approved and progress of 46 (37 Institute funded, 02 in collaboration with other Institutes, 06 outside funded and 01 AP cess funded) ongoing research projects were discussed and 04 research projects were declared completed. In the second meeting one new research project was approved and progress of 46 (35 Institute funded, 02 in collaboration with other Institutes and 09 outside funded) ongoing research projects were reviewed and 11 research projects were declared completed.

Two meetings of the Institute Research Committee (special) were held on 06 July 2009 and 02 January 2010 to discuss and modify the six monthly achievements and targets fixed by the scientists of the Institute before sending them to the Council.