

Agenda item 3

Secretary's Report

It is my privilege to present a brief report of the activities of the IARI Alumni Association (IAA) during the period June 23, 2024 to December 01, 2025.

Seven EC Meetings were held between June 22, 2024 and Dec. 1, 2025: 21/10/2024, 02/12/2024, 06/01/2025, 05/05/2025, 16/05/2025, 20/08/2025, 24/10/2025.

1. The last General Body Meeting was held on June 22, 2024 in the Dr. C. Subramanian Hall and the proceedings were circulated to all IARI Alumni on July 5, 2024. Till date no comments have been received.
2. It was felt that the original Bye Laws of the Association need to be revised and after discussion in the General Body the proposed changes/modifications made and are attached as Annexure I. The revised Bye laws of the Association were submitted in the Registrar of Societies Office for information and approval. Official Communication is awaited.
3. The life membership of IAA was also revised and increased to Rs. 2000/-.
4. IAA has been able to obtain IT Exemption Certificate, DARPAN and CSR registration numbers.
5. Dr. L. Srinivasa Rao (IARI Batch 2006), Eldorado Agritech, Hyderabad has committed Rs. 20 lakhs each year for five years from January 2026 on wards.

6. Since IARI Alumni are spread all over the world, some of them would like to contribute in foreign currency. IAA has been able to open a FCRA account in SBI and permission to receive foreign grants is under process. Sehgal Foundation based in USA has committed a sum of USD Fifty Thousand as donation.
7. IARI Alumni Association (IAA) did not have any designated office space. Thanks to the Former Director & Chief Patron, Dr. Ashok K. Singh and current Director & Chief Patron, Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao with continued support of the Dean & Joint Director (Education) & Patron, Dr. Anupama Singh, IAA now has a proper furnished and functional office opposite Director's office. **It was formally inaugurated on April 15, 2025.**
8. IAA felicitated **Dr. M.L. Jat**, another illustrious alumnus of IARI, on April 21, 2025 for taking over as **Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR**, New Delhi.

Lectures and Interactions organized since June 22, 2024:

9. **Foundation Day Lecture on December 2, 2024 was delivered by Prof. G. Padmanaban**, Former Director of Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. He was the first recipient of India's topmost awarded for scientists "Vigyan Ratna" in 2024.
10. **Lecture on "Universal Food Security: A Global Perspective with Implications for India"** by Prof. Glenn Denning, Professor of Professional Practice, Founding Director of Master of Public Administration in Development Practice, Columbia University, USA: December 6, 2024.

10. **Lecture on “The Soil-Centric Green Revolution for Environmental Restoration in India”** by Prof. Rattan Lal, Director, Carbon Management and Sequestration Centre, The Ohio State University, Columbus, USA: December 11, 2024. Dr. Rattan Lal was World Food Prize laureate in 2020.
11. **Lecture on “Large Language Models (LLMs) and the Future of Education and Extension”** by Prof. Dharmendra Saraswat, Professor, Deptt. of Agricultural & Biological Engineering, Purdue University, USA: January 31, 2025.
12. **Lecture on “Managing India’s Food System Transformation – Top Policy Priorities”** by Prof. Prabhu L. Pingali, Professor of Applied Economics & Director, Tata-Cornell Institute (TCI), Cornell University, Ithaca, USA: March 12, 2025.
13. **Roundtable Consultation on “Industry-Academia Partnership in Making ICAR-IARI a Global Hub”**: Dr. Baskar Reddy and Dr. Anil K. Gupta: March 22, 2025.
14. **Roundtable discussion on “Changing Contours of Leadership in Agri Domain towards Innovative Entrepreneurship”** convened by Dr. Nagendra P Singh: May 5, 2025.
15. **Interaction Meet on “Options for Entrepreneurship for Agricultural Graduates”** by Dr. Chintala, Former Chairman, NABARD, October 31, 2025.

Seminars/Symposia etc.

16. National Seminar on “IARI Towards a World Class Higher Education Institution”, September 29-30, 2025.

Publications

17. IAA Newsletter (July-December 2024; January-June 2025); Bye Laws of the IARI Alumni Association

