



INDIAN SOCIETY OF TREE SCIENTISTS

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Nauni, Solan, Himachal Pradesh – 173 230

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President

To

Sub: Reviving Indian Society of Tree Scientists- reg

Dear Colleague,

As President of Indian Society of Tree Scientists - Solan, I at very onset apologies for not communicating with you for about a decade. The Society had gone dormant since 2009 and hence we lost contact with each other. I am confident that due to your attachment with the Society it might have heart you. However, it is never late and in 2014 with some young scientists we again started our efforts to revive the Society. We organized an International Conference at Chandigarh thereafter National conference in Maharashtra and Gujarat. This year we are planning to show our presence in Eastern region of the country.

The "Journal of Tree Science" has also been revived and all old issues have been published. I am to inform you that in a small period of three years since 2014 we have got NAAS rating of 3.51, our journal is online (www.ists.in), each paper is getting doi number.

In General body meeting held in January 2018, we have decided to revive Nanda memorial and Seth memorial award we have also planned to start best research paper, best thesis, life time achievement award, ISTS Fellow from 2018 onward.

To reconnect to the roots (life members) we are trying our level best to update the list of the life members. It is requested that your updated address with email and contact number may please be sent to secretary@ists.in email. Your cooperation is to build the society again is solicited.

Next meeting of the Indian Society of Tree Scientists is proposed to be held at Ranchi between November 17-19, 2018.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P.K.Khosla)

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	<p>2) Nanda Memorial award for Young Scientist: It will consist of a certificate and a memento. Age limit has been increased to 40 years instead of 35 years.</p> <p>3) Life time achievement award: New award is started. It will consist of a certificate and memento. The minimum age limit would be 55 years.</p> <p>4) ISTS Fellow: This is also a new initiative of the society. There would be three categories of Fellows of ISTS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Founder members b) Other members of ISTS c) Corporate Fellow <p>For a and b above a person with 15-20 years of research experience is eligible. Initially it can be started with 5-10 Fellows per year who have contributed significantly towards the research and extension in forest and its allied branch and for the society. From subsequent years, the fellow may be restricted to one or two per year per category. The Fellow will be called Fellow of Indian Society of Tree Scientists (FISTS). Corporate Fellow would be nominated.</p> <p>5) It was decided that from 2018 Society will be giving two best M.Sc and Ph.D thesis award each in the field of Forestry/Agroforestry. The best Thesis award will carry a certificate and it will be presented in the seminar conducted by ISTS.</p> <p>6) It was decided that "Best paper award" will be started from Year 2017 issue onwards. There will be three award First, Second and third best paper award in a year. The best paper award will carry a certificate only. The best paper will be selected by a committee constituted each year by the President of the society. For 2017 the committee includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Dr. Sanjeev Chauhan, Head CAZARI at Leh b) Sh. Jagdish Chander IFS, CCF- Haryana c) Dr T.K. Kunhamu, Head, college of Forestry, KAU
<p>Resource generation issues for the Society</p>	<p>Society is facing financial crunch and hence emphasis should be made to increase the resource. Some of the measures are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Contacting more libraries for annual membership. 2) Increasing members by encouraging new scientists/ students. 3) Minimum 25 % total registration in seminar should be provided to the Society account by the organizers.
<p>Reviving the linkages and members of the Society</p>	<p>It was observed although activities of society are regularised and its visibility has enhanced and in the recent past. Yet efforts are needed to associate the past life members and request them to contribute to the cause of the society. Following steps were suggested and entrusted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. P.K. Khosla, President will write letter to all the old members of the society regarding revival of the society and their active participation in future.

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	<p>and their active participation in future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prof. P.K. Khosla, President of the Society will also meet Vice-Chancellor of the Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry and request for a link of the Society website on University website.- Prof. P.K. Khosla, President of the Society will also write letters to all Schools/department of Forestry for encouraging the research papers and subscribing the Journal for Tree Sciences for their library.- The List of the existing members needs to be updated and old members need to be corrected for the email address and corresponding address. Dr R S Chandel will be supplying the information records/ register lying in the office of Director of Research as discussed. Besides efforts will be made to register the Journal with Scopus. Also clarification will be sought from Commissioner Income tax regards income tax exemption for donations to ISTS. Dr. K S Verma, Dr. D.K. Khurana, Dr Pankaj Panwar will to do the needful.
<p>Members of Governing body, Executive members, Zonal councilor, Advisory board and Editorial board</p>	<p>It was felt that since Society needs revival of members and their address for election. Therefore, till the data base is created the Governing body, Executive members etc will be nominated for one year. The list of the nominated members of various bodies is attached for perusal. Consent may be taken from all the nominated members.</p>

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Prof. K.S. Verma

(Secretary General)
Prof. D.K. Khurana



(President)
Prof. P.K. Khosla

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