

**Proceedings of the Preparatory Meetings of 34<sup>th</sup> Institute Research Council (IRC) held on December 12 and 19, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Dr GP Singh, Director, ICAR-NBPGR and Chairman, IRC**

In view of recommendations of Research Advisory Committee (RAC), the 33<sup>rd</sup> Institute Research Council Meeting gave following recommendations:

Sl. No.	Recommendation
04/22	The number of programmes and projects needs to be reduced after review and mandated activities be prioritized keeping in view the financial limitations. Those projects having common activities at both Regional Stations and Headquarters should be merged with the respective divisions. The reorganization of the projects should be completed by March 31, 2023 and the reorganized projects shall be implemented from 2023-24 onwards.
05/22	All the Divisions/Units and Regional Stations need to work on merging of the projects and the same may be done by February, 2023 after which review will be done.

In compliance of the above, several round of interactions took place within the divisions and thereafter two Preparatory Meetings of Institute Research Council (IRC) were convened on December 12, 2023 at 11:00 AM and December 19, 2023 at 2:30 PM in Harbhajan Singh Committee Room under the Chairmanship of Dr. Gyanendra Pratap Singh, Chairman, IRC and Director, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi to discuss the revision and optimization of currently operating research projects. Following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr RK Gautam, Head, Division of Germplasm Evaluation
2. Dr Anju M Singh, Head Division of Germplasm Conservation
3. Dr PK Singh, Head, Division of Exploration and Germplasm Collection
4. Dr Rakesh Singh, Head, Division of Genomic Resources
5. Dr V Celia Chalam, Head, Division of Plant Quarantine
6. Dr Kavita Gupta, Nodal Officer, PME
7. Dr Sunil Archak, OIC, Germplasm Exchange and Policy Unit
8. Dr Hanuman Lal, OIC, AKMU
9. Dr Jameel Akhtar, Member Secretary, IRC

**Agenda:** Presentation of New Research Project Proposals (RPP I) by Heads and OICs for revision and optimization of In-house Research Projects.

The meeting started with the remarks from the Chairman, IRC, who provided insightful guidance and vision, emphasizing the importance of aligning research projects among Divisions in light of RAC & IRC recommendations and the subsequent communication from ICAR on 'Project based Budgeting'.

Thereafter, each Head of the Divisions and OIC, GEPU presented new research project proposals for their respective Divisions/Units including Regional Stations. The presentations were followed by extensive discussions and following broad recommendations were made:

1. Project of AKMU will be merged with other Divisional projects

(Action: Dr Hanuman Lal, concerned Heads and OICs)

2. Each Division including Regional Stations should have one project and 2-5 sub-projects.

(Action: All Heads of the Divisions and RS, OICs of Units)

Based on the deliberations and recommendations of the first meeting which was held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023, the follow-up meeting was held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to refine the project proposals. All the Heads of the Divisions/RS and OIC, GEPU presented revised new project proposals after incorporating suggestion and feedback of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Following recommendations were made after the deliberations:

1. It was also strongly recommended to have need-based collaboration with sister Institutes and inclusion of scientists from IARI, New Delhi and NIPB, New Delhi.

(Action: All Heads of the Divisions)

2. The activities under the sub-projects should clearly define the responsibilities of each scientist along with the time share in each of the proposed activities of involvements. More focus should be given to develop sub-projects with multi-disciplinary activities.

(Action: All Heads of the Divisions)

3. Presentations of respective divisions should be shared with all other divisions so that any duplicity can be avoided and also the interested scientists may propose their association the different activities, as per their expertise.

(Action: All Heads of the Divisions)

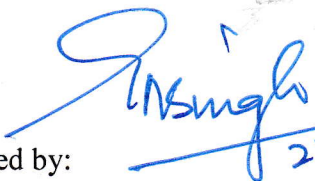
4. After the finalization of the Projects and sub-projects in the 34<sup>th</sup> IRC Meeting, the PI's will be required to submit the RPP-I (five years period i.e., Apr 1, 2023 - Mar 31, 2028) of the new project proposals and RPP-II (Apr 1, 202 - Mar 31, 2023) and RPP-III (last five years period i.e., Apr 1, 2018 - Mar 31, 2023) for the old projects.

(Action: Respective PIs)


Chairman, IRC desired to have further deliberation with Heads of the Divisions and IOCs of Units and Regional Stations on aligning of sub-projects among divisions and optimization of those project proposals, keeping in view the activities of the divisions and the regional stations, so as to ensure that there is no repetition of the activities across the divisions and projects, in the next meeting.

The meetings concluded with a vote of thanks to Dr. Gyanendra Pratap Singh for his visionary leadership and to all Heads and OICs for their active involvement and supportive.

Approved by:

  
27.12.2023

(Dr Gyanendra Pratap Singh)  
Chairman, Institute Research Council

  
27/12/23  
Jameel Akhtar  
Member Secretary, IRC