

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL BODY MEETING  
**INTERNATIONAL COTTON RESEARCHERS' ASSOCIATION (ICRA)**  
**6 October 2022, Cairo, Egypt**

**INTRODUCTION**

The General Body Assembly meeting of The International Cotton Researchers Association (ICRA) was held on 6 October in the Diamond ballroom of Steigenberger Hotel, Cairo Egypt. A total number of 220 ICRA members participated in the meeting.

The meeting was chaired by Dr Negm, Chairman ICRA; Dr Eric Hequet, Vice-Chair ICRA; Dr Khalid Abdullah, President ICRA Secretariat and Dr Keshav Kranthi, Executive Director ICRA.

**AMENDMENTS TO BYELAWS:**

The following proposals for amendments to byelaws were discussed and approved unanimously by the General Body Assembly.

1. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** The ICRA Executive Committee is permitted to solicit corporate bodies and private sector organizations to be admitted as Associate members of ICRA. The membership fee would be decided by the ICRA-EC.
2. **TREASURER:** The Vice-Chair or any member of Executive Committees is permitted to officiate as Treasurer until the appointment of a new Treasurer.
3. **NUMBER OF ICRA-EC MEMBERS:** The number of ICRA Executive members (ICRA-EC) will be increased to twenty-five (25) to accommodate adequate geographical representation and to cover majority of the subject-matter disciplines on cotton research. The President of the ICRA-Secretariat and the Chief Scientist of the ICAC will by default be permanent members of the ICRA Executive Committee. The General Body Assembly will elect 15 ICRA-EC members to not exceed a maximum number of two members from any country. The General Body Assembly and/or ICRA-EC will co-opt 3-8 members to facilitate geographical representation and subject-matter disciplines that are not represented by the elected EC members.
4. **ICRA-ADVISORS:** The ICRA-EC will nominate/invite up to three Eminent Scientists to act as Advisors to the ICRA. The ICRA-Advisors will be invited to attend the ICRA-EC meetings to provide guidance on matters of importance as and when they arise.

**ELECTION OF ICRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Nominating Committee Received 35 applications for election as Executive Committee Members of the ICRA. Seventeen of the 35 candidates attended the WCRC-7 and participated in the elections. Dr Mohamed Negm and Dr Eric Hequet were elected by the ICRA-EC as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively in 2021 and were therefore considered as EC members-designate until the next World Cotton Research Conference.

Voting was held by the General Body Assembly to elect 15 Executive Committee Members of the ICRA. The candidates presented their vision for ICRA before the General Body Assembly. Voting was by show of hands and assessment of majority votes for election.

The following candidates were elected by the General Body Assembly

1	Dr. Akhteruzzaman	Bangladesh	Agronomy & Crop Physiology
2	Dr. Alex Mungai	Kenya	Value Addition & Social Sciences
3	Dr. Bruno Bachelier	France	Plant Breeding and Molecular Genetics
4	Dr. Felix Sawadogo	Burkina Faso	Pest Management
5	Dr. Ghorban Roshani	Iran	Crop Physiology and Soil Science
6	Dr. Ghulam Sarwar	Pakistan	Plant Breeding and Genetics
7	Dr. Jodi Scheffler	USA	Plant Breeding and Molecular Genetics
8	Dr. Marcelo Paytas	Argentina	Agronomy and Crop Physiology
9	Dr. Martin Simasiku	Zambia	Plant Breeding and Genetics
10	Dr. Nazife Ozkan	Turkiye	Plant Breeding and Genetics
11	Dr. Sandhya Kranthi	India	Entomology and Crop Protection
12	Dr. Souzan Sanad	Egypt	Spinning & Fibre Technologies
13	Dr. Tahani Yousif Elagib	Sudan	Agricultural Biotechnology
14	Dr. Venugopalan MV	India	Agronomy & Soil Science

Prof. Ibromkhim Abdurakhmonov, Hon'ble Minister of Innovation, Uzbekistan, was nominated and unanimously approved by the General Body Assembly as the ICRA Advisor.

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EC MEMBERS

- ICRA will convene a meeting of the newly elected ICRA-EC at the earliest possible convenience to discuss the future plans for ICRA.
- The newly elected Executive Committee shall co-opt new EC members for Geographical and subject matter representation in the next immediate ICRA-EC meeting.
- Each subject group will develop communication channels and social media networks to connect researchers of their subject area and to explore research collaborations.
- Each of the ICRA-EC subject-groups team will coordinate all activities related to research collaboration, conducting training programmes, certificate programmes, conferences, meetings, seminars, workshops, institution visits, review papers, reports and technical publications in their subject area.
- The EC members and ICRA experts will receive a certificate signed by the ICAC as and when required for their CV.

*Dr. M. Negm*

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Chairman, ICRA

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