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The Twelfth General Assembly Meeting (GAM) of Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI) was held on 12 October, 2012 at the National Agricultural Science Centre (NASC) Complex, Pusa Campus, New Delhi, India. The meeting was hosted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi. The agenda of the meeting is given in Annexure I. In all, 38 members attended the GAM (Annexure II).

Agenda 1: Welcome and Chairman's Address

Dr. S. Ayyappan, Chairman, APAARI welcomed the participants on behalf of APAARI and also on behalf of ICAR, as the host organization. He emphasized that APAARI today is recognized not only by its members within the region but also by other international institutions and organizations as one the most vibrant regional fora, providing neutral platform for scientific partnership among NARS to learn from each others experiences, especially successes in the field of agricultural research for development (AR4D). In addition, APAARI has also been facilitating the participation of CSOs (NGOs and FOs) and farmers in its activities. He further mentioned that APAARI firmly believes in partnership and thus has been pursuing a paradigm shift from NARI to NARS. The progress made by APAARI over the last 20 years, under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Raj Paroda, Executive Secretary is indeed commendable and praiseworthy. In true sense, APAARI is acting today as a Think Tank for the AR4D related issues for the NARS of the region. It has also succeeded in forging strong linkages among the stakeholders and has provided an important neutral platform for all.

Dr Ayyappan further mentioned that in order to address the challenges, there is need to build partnership since no individual NARS will be able to address them alone. The role of APAARI as a facilitator for strengthening partnership among agricultural research

institutions is, therefore, critical to move forward. APAARI today is a self-sustaining organization, with some regular support for its two main programs: APCoAB and APARIS coming from ACIAR, Australia and COA, Chinese Taipei besides funding support for specific activities from GFAR, FAO, ADB, JIRCAS, and CGIAR Centers. He appreciated the support of CG Centers especially in facilitating some networks. He also thanked all members for their regular payment of membership fee.

Dr. Ayyappan highlighted that during 2011 and 2012, several international/regional conferences/expert consultations/workshops were organized, including a highly successful global conference on women in agriculture. In addition, many training programs on different aspects were also organized, which helped in capacity development. A full text of Chairman's address is given at Annexure III

The following new publications of APAARI/APCoAB were also released during the meeting:

- (i) "Workshop on Climate-Smart Agriculture in Asia: Research and Development Priorities: Proceedings and Recommendations" by S. Ayyappan, Chairman, APAARI, India
- (ii) "Regional Workshop on Implementation of Suwon Agrobiodiversity Framework: Proceedings" by Mr. Ropate Ligairi, Vice-Chairman, APAARI, Fiji
- (iii) "Regional Dialogue on Conservation Agriculture: Proceedings and Recommendations" by Dr Ifthkar Ahmad, Chairman, PARC, Pakistan

Agenda 2: APAARI Progress Report

Dr. Raj Paroda, Executive Secretary welcomed the APAARI members and expressed his appreciation for their excellent support in carrying out the programs and activities during the biennium 2011–2012. Dr. Paroda highlighted the progress made by APAARI relating to: (i) review of the progress on agricultural biotechnology related activities undertaken by the Asia-Pacific Consortium on Agricultural Biotechnology (APCoAB), (ii) review of the progress of activities relating to Asia-Pacific Research Information System (APARIS), (iii) regional workshops/consultations on conservation agriculture, implementation of Suwon Agrobiodiversity Framework, improving wheat productivity in

Asia, climate-smart agriculture, global conference on women in agriculture, biosafety and biosecurity, reproductive management of animal production, and communication management and knowledge sharing. In addition, policy dialogues on need assessment for prioritizing AR4D were organized in Bangladesh, India and Nepal and based on these policy dialogues, a regional synthesis report for South Asia was developed which will be presented in GCARD 2. APAARI in collaboration with Asian Farmers Association (AFA) also organized a workshop at Bangkok to address the problems of small holder farmers, the outcome of which will be presented in GCARD 2.

Dr. Paroda also highlighted APAARI's efforts in facilitating CGIAR Networks such as CORRA, CLAN, PGR Networks – SANPGR, EAPGR, RECSEA-PGR, PAPGREN, strengthening partnerships and collaboration and the efforts made for implementing GCARD Road Map. Most members were highly appreciative of the significant achievements of APAARI and the commendable role of Dr. Raj Paroda.

Concerning the shifting of office in Bangkok, Dr. Su-San Chang, Director General, International Cooperation, COA, Chinese Taipei announced a contribution of US \$ 15,000 for renovation of new office of APAARI in FAO Annex Building, Bangkok. All members were highly appreciative of this support and thanked her.

It was emphasized that APAARI should now scale-up its activities for research education and extension, undertake impact analysis for its initiatives and develop success stories on various aspects such as investment trends in R&D, etc.

Agenda 3: Membership and Fee Payment Status

The Executive Secretary, APAARI informed that APAARI has been striving to increase its membership in different categories (Regular, Associate, Affiliate, and Reciprocal membership).

Members found it encouraging that during the current biennium (2011-2012), different Agricultural Universities and some of the developing NARS joined APAARI as new members. In all, 4 new members joined APAARI, which indeed was an encouraging development. Current membership of APAARI stands at 56. Efforts are still on to enroll more new members, especially the national research systems of Indonesia, Myanmar, Lao

PDR, Cambodia, etc. Efforts are also being made for the revival of membership of CAAS (China) but so far with no success.

The new members who have joined during this biennium (2011-2012) are:

1. CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Himachal Pradesh, India
2. University of Nottingham, Malaysia Campus, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
3. The Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (CAPSA), Bogor, Indonesia
4. The University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bangalore, India

CABI, UK has also decided to join APAARI as a new Member effective 2013, as per recent decision of CABI Management Board. Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA), New Delhi was kind enough to upgrade its membership from Affiliate to Associate Category, which was highly appreciated. Some other members have also desired to move to higher categories. Asian Farmers Association (AFA) has also been approached to become a reciprocal member.

Regarding payment of membership fee, General Assembly noted with satisfaction that almost all the members have been paying regularly. Details of membership payment are provided in Annexure IV.

Agenda 4: Presentation of Audited Accounts, Assets and Liabilities

The Accounts of APAARI for the period January-December 2011 and January-August, 2012 audited by the M/s A Group of Persons Proplus, Bangkok, were approved. The audited statement (Annexure V) were circulated to all members present in order to apprise them of the current status of accounts and expenditure as against the approved budget by APAARI in the 11th APAARI GAM held in Suwon, Korea in 2010.

Members were pleased to learn that the expenditures are within the approved budget and the fixed deposit of US \$ one million is intact. Moreover, APAARI is neither donor-driven nor project implementer and yet it is self-sustaining organization. This was highly appreciated by the General Assembly.

The members perused and reviewed the statements and approved the Audited Accounts together with APAARI Assets and Liabilities Statement. Also, a decision was taken to

extend the term of current Auditor for the next biennium 2013-2014 since the current Auditor has served only for two years (2011-2012) and there is a merit in having the same Auditor continuing for next two years.

Dr Mark Holderness desired to get the details examined for the difference in the closing balance of 2011 and Opening balance of 2012. Dr Paroda clarified that this might have happened due to some expenses incurred from APCoAB account. However, since Ms Urairat Rujirek, Accounts Officer was not able to attend GAM due to personal reasons, it was agreed that a clarification to this effect will be provided along with the minutes of the meeting.

Accordingly, same is given below:

The apparent discrepancy between the closing balance shown in 2011 statement and the opening balance in 2012 statement, is due to the fact that the transfers to/from APCoAB account, have not been included in the main table but are shown below the table on the same sheet. These amounts (US\$ -7247.77 and US\$ +69,467.95) have been taken into account while calculating the final year ending balance of US\$ 1,126,603.33 shown at the bottom of the same page and carried forward in the Account Statement of 2012. Moreover, this audit statement is only for the period 1 January, 2012 to 31 July, 2012 and hence required clarification shall be ensured while getting accounts audited for entire year 2012.

Agenda 5: Report on Investment

Dr. Raj Paroda informed the GAM that an amount of US\$ 500,000 was invested through ICRISAT in India for taking the benefit of higher interest rate. The value of this investment on maturity date (2/2/2012) was US\$ 520,164 after premium payment to Bank and ICRISAT's charge of 10% on the interest return. Hence, a total of US\$ 20,164 was earned after one year of investment i.e. on 2 February, 2012 with approximately 4.05% interest gained. This was much higher than what was earned as interest (US \$ 3948) for the same amount and period with Siam Commercial Bank, Bangkok. As per approval in the last Executive Committee Meeting, this amount of US\$ 520,164 was further reinvested through ICRISAT for one more year (upto February, 2013).

GAM decided that we should further re-invest the amount in fixed deposit with ICRISAT for another year i.e. upto February 2014. Members were also pleased with increased interest on the Fixed Deposits.

Agenda 6: The Work Plan and Budget for 2013-2014

The work plan and budget for 2013-2014 were presented by Dr. Raj Paroda. The work plan covered all the prioritized activities such as: (i) Publications, (ii) Meetings/Expert Consultations/Symposia etc., (iii) APARIS activities, (iv) APCoAB activities, and (v) Inter-regional Cooperation. Dr. Paroda mentioned that GAM is always linked with an expert consultation/workshop. It was emphasized that APAARI should also lay focus on role of youth in agriculture, establish formal linkage with Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) with a seat for APAARI, revise the guidelines for biosafety regulations, convince the policy makers through policy advocacy for higher investment in AR4D, small farm mechanization, and publish success stories in the fields of fishery and livestock.

Regarding budget, Dr. Paroda explained that there was only a marginal increase in the budget as compared to previous biennium. The work plan and proposed budget, as provided in Annexure VI and VII, respectively were approved by the General Assembly.

Agenda 7: Executive Committee for 2013-2014

The Executive Secretary explained the background and the procedure that has been in practice in the past for the formation of APAARI Executive Committee.

The main principle in the formation of Executive Committee is to have a balanced representation of two NARS each from three sub-regions (South & West Asia, South-East Asia, and the Pacific) and follow the principle of rotation of Chairman and Vice-Chairman coming from different sub-regions. For the sake of continuity, the outgoing Chairman continues as a member of the Executive Committee for the next biennium. The composition of all the previous Executive Committees since 1991 is provided at Annexure VIII.

Accordingly, the 12th General Assembly of APAARI unanimously endorsed the formation of new Executive Committee for the biennium 2013-2014 as under:

Executive Committee for 2013-2014

Chairman	:	Dr. Simon Hearn, ACIAR, Australia
Vice-Chairman	:	Dr. Masa Iwanaga, JIRCAS, Japan
Members	:	Dr. S. Ayyapan, ICAR, India Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad, PARC, Pakistan Dr. Sang-Jae Lee, RDA, Republic of Korea Mr. Misa Konelio, MAFFM, Samoa Dr. Mark Holderness, GFAR, Italy Representative of CG Centre (to be nominated by CGIAR)
Executive Secretary	:	Dr. Raj Paroda, India

Appointment of Executive Secretary

Dr. S. Ayyapan, Chairman, APAARI apprised the members that nine applications were received which were considered by the Search-cum-Selection Committee comprising Dr. S. Ayyapan (Chairman), Dr. Simon Hearn and Dr. Abd Shukor Abd Rahman. Based on the qualifications, experience of working with NARS in the region as well as being closely associated with functioning of APAARI, Dr. Raghunath Ghodake, Director General, NARI, Papua New Guinea was short listed, interviewed and selected for the position of Executive Secretary, APAARI.

However, in view of bigger challenges before APAARI due to CGIAR change management and donor perceptions as well as the continuity of programs and activities, the Search-cum-Selection Committee felt the need for continuation of Dr. Raj Paroda as Executive Secretary for the next 2 years rather critical at this stage. The Committee also felt that Dr. Ghodake, Executive Secretary (Designate) will in the mean time initiate the process for gradual succession of his current position as Director General, NARI, PNG and may start getting associated partially with APAARI activities in collaboration with Dr. Raj Paroda effective January, 2014 and plan to take over as full time Executive Secretary w.e.f. 1 January, 2015 to be stationed in Bangkok. These recommendations of the Search-cum-Selection Committee were also discussed in brief informal meeting of all members of Executive Committee present during the expert consultation. The Chairman,

therefore, desired the decision of Search-cum-Selection Committee, duly endorsed by the Executive Committee, to be approved by the GAM. Accordingly, same was unanimously approved.

The Chairman also formally requested Dr. Paroda to accept the offer to continue till 2014 in the interest of APAARI which he reluctantly agreed in the interest of APAARI. Dr. Ghodake also accepted the decision of GAM to serve as Executive Secretary, APAARI effective 1 January, 2015. He expressed sincere thanks to the Executive Committee and GAM for assigning him this important responsibility and assured to serve APAARI to the best of his ability.

GAM also agreed that Executive Secretary may decide to recruit a consultant in Bangkok by mid 2013 to look after the office work and APARIS activities in case Dr. S. Attaluri decides to return back to his parent department due to personal reasons.

GAM also unanimously approved further extension of 2 years for Dr. J.L. Karihaloo as Coordinator, APCoAB in view of his valuable services.

Agenda 8: Venue of the Next General Assembly

The members of APAARI were informed by Dr. Raj Paroda that Vietnam is willing to host the Thirteenth General Assembly Meeting of APAARI to be held in October, 2014. However, Vietnam has indicated that it is an ODA receiving country and hence it will not be possible to allocate budget for air fare and hotel accommodation for the 10 NARS leaders as per existing practice. However, the authorities in Vietnam are willing to meet the expenses for conference room, local transportation, reception dinner and other logistic support including the human resource to organize the meeting. The General Assembly agreed to accept the offer and have the next GAM in Vietnam in October, 2014. Also, as per previous practice, APAARI shall also organize an Expert Consultation on some important theme alongwith the next GAM. The choice of the topic will be finalized by the new Executive Committee when it meets in April next year in Bangkok.

Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad offered to host the next Executive Committee alongwith an Expert Consultation in October next year in Pakistan on some important theme. All members accepted the proposal and thanked Dr. Ahmad for his kind offer.

Agenda 9: Any Other Items

The following important items were discussed under this item:

- (i) GCARD2: Revisiting the Road Map and its Implementation:** Dr. Mark Holderness, Executive Secretary, GFAR briefed about GCARD 2 and highlighted the six-point plan for transforming agricultural research for development around the world. These included i) need for collective focus on key priorities, ii) effective partnership, iii) increased investments, iv) greater capacity to generate, share, and make use of agricultural knowledge, v) effective linkages, and vi) better demonstration and awareness of development impact and returns. He also highlighted the challenges and opportunities in transforming AR4D, role of private sectors, focus on gender and youth, governance, sharing the resources. Dr Holderness also briefed about the GCARD 2 program structure and was pleased to know that a good participation of leaders from NARS, CG Centres, donors, CSOs, farmers and other stakeholders from the AP region was expected.
- (ii) Gender in Partnership Program (GAP):** Dr. Mark Holderness mentioned that the 1st Global Conference on Women in Agriculture, organized by APAARI and ICAR with support from GFAR and several other co-sponsors was a great success. The conference adopted Gender in Agriculture Partnership Program (GAP). He mentioned that there is renewed thinking now about looking at agriculture through women's eyes. The issues relating to drudgery, time and energy spent by women in house management and upkeep of children, and poor nutrition will be addressed through GAP. He also mentioned that GCWA will be held every 3 years and the next GCWA will be hosted by FARA in Africa in 2015.
- (iii) APAARI Joining the Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP):** Dr. Raj Paroda informed the members that Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP) is in the process of establishment which will be facilitated by FAO. He informed the members about the letter received from Dr. Ann Tutwiler, DDG, FAO requesting APAARI to join the TAP. The members felt that though APAARI is

persuing same objectives, yet it is not clear as to what will be the responsibility of APAARI and what benefits shall we get. Hence, better we seek further clarification in this regard. GFAR could possibly advise further in this regard.

(iv) Filling of Vacant Seats

- **Representation of NGOs and Farmers Associations on Executive Committee:** Dr. Paroda informed the General Assembly that earlier, representatives/nominees of NGO Association for Agriculture Research in Asia-Pacific (NAARAP) and International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP) were on the Executive Committee of APAARI but now both the organizations stand dissolved. Currently, both the seats are vacant and hence a decision is to be taken as to how we should fill these. The General Assembly authorized the Executive Committee to deliberate further and take appropriate decision.
- The two year term of Dr. Colin Chartres representing CG Center on the Executive Committee is over and hence the vacancy has to be filled. As per the established practice, GAM has a representative of CGIAR on rotation basis on the Executive Committee. Hence, it was decided that CGIAR Consortium Director be requested to nominate a Director General of CG Centers on the APAARI Executive Committee for the biennium 2013-2014.

- (v) APAARI collaboration with Southern Emerging Economies Advisory Group (SEAG) :** Dr. Paroda informed the members that APAARI had earlier established linkage with SEAG of ERA-ARD. Ms. Nerlie Manalili, an NGO from Philippines represented APAARI on SEAG during the first phase. He further mentioned that in order to continue collaboration with SEAG in its second phase, a person is to be nominated by APAARI for which GAM has to take a decision. The members felt that there is not much clarity about the role of APAARI and benefits of joining SEAG. Hence, it was suggested to better seek required clarity before nominating/joining this forum.

Agenda 10: Concluding Remarks

Dr. S. Ayyappan, Chairman, APAARI made his concluding remarks highlighting the future challenges and specific role of APAARI in strengthening AR4D related initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region. He expressed great satisfaction on the outstanding achievements of APAARI under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Raj Paroda as its Executive secretary. He also congratulated Dr. Paroda for accepting the decision of GAM for continuation as Executive Secretary for the next two years. He also congratulated Dr. Raghunath Ghodake for his selection as Executive Secretary (Designate) and to all the new members of Executive Committee elected for the biennium 2013-2014. Dr. Ayyappan also presented plaques to the outgoing/retiring members for their active role, significant contributions and outstanding support for APAARI activities.

Agenda 11: Vote of Thanks

At the end, Dr. Raj Paroda, Executive Secretary, APAARI proposed a vote of thanks and expressed his gratitude to Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR for Chairing the APAARI Executive Committee and hosting the 12th GAM in New Delhi, India. He also expressed his sincere thanks to Mr. Mason Smith and Mr. Ropate Ligairi who served as Vice-Chair and to all the members of Executive Committee, namely, Dr. Simon Hearn, Dr. Su-San Chang, Dr. Abd Shukor Abd Rahman, Dr. Tashi Samdup, Dr. Colin Chartres, Dr. Mark Holderness for their outstanding contributions and full support for efficient and effective functioning of APAARI.



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(14:00 – 18:00 hrs)**

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Chairman's Address : Dr. S. Ayyappan
2. APAARI Progress Report : Dr. Raj Paroda
3. Membership and Fee Payment Status : Dr. Raj Paroda
4. Presentation of Audited Accounts and Assets & Liabilities : Audited accounts will be presented during the meeting
5. Report of Committee on Recruitment of Executive Secretary, APAARI : Search Committee for Recruitment (Drs. S. Ayyappan (Chair), Simon Hearn, Abd. Shukor Abd. Rahman)
6. Work Plan and Budget for 2013-2014 : Dr. Raj Paroda
7. Executive Committee for 2013-2014 : Background to be provided by Executive Secretary
8. Venue of the next General Assembly : Suggestions from Members
9. Any Other Items (15 minutes each)
 - GCARD2 : Revisiting the Road Map & its implementation : Dr. Mark Holderness
 - Gender in Partnership Program (GAP) : Dr. Raj Paroda
 - APAARI Joining Tropical Agriculture Program (TAP) : Dr. Raj Paroda
 - Filling of Vacant Seats : Dr. Raj Paroda
 - APAARI Collaboration with SEAG : Dr. Raj Paroda
10. Concluding Remarks and Presentation of Plaques : Dr. S. Ayyappan
11. Vote of Thanks : Dr. Raj Paroda

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Dr. S. Ayyappan

Chairman, APAARI

Distinguished members of APAARI, invited speakers, delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you on behalf of APAARI as its Chairman and on my own behalf to this important biennial 12th General Assembly Meeting. It is highly encouraging to have excellent participation of APAARI members. I extend to you all a warm welcome.

I would also like to extend our thanks to all the member institutions for their continued support to APAARI activities during the biennium 2011-2012. Myself having served as Chairman of APAARI for the last two years, I must gratefully acknowledge your support and emphasize that I have been personally benefited from APAARI meetings and expert consultations, on thematic issues of regional importance. There is no exaggeration in presenting that APAARI today is recognized not only by its members within the region but also by other international institutions and organizations as one of the most vibrant regional fora, providing neutral platform for scientific partnership among NARS to learn from each others experiences, especially successes in the field of agricultural research for development (AR4D). In addition, APAARI has also been facilitating the participation of CSOs, NGOs and farmers in its activities. We firmly believe in partnership and thus are pursuing a paradigm shift from NARI to NARS. The progress made by APAARI over the last 20 years, under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Raj Paroda, Executive Secretary is, indeed, commendable and praiseworthy. In true sense, APAARI is acting today as a Think Tank for the AR4D related issues. It has succeeded in forging strong linkages among the stakeholders in the Asia-Pacific region.

While appreciating the role played by the NARS in the region, CGIAR Institutions, FAO, etc. in raising food production and productivity, we are still faced with enormous problems such as eradication of poverty, ensuring food security and conservation of our natural resources, beside main problems of increased population, climate change, as well as expanding urbanization and globalization. Also, the benefits of international public goods, generated by the

International Centers as well as leading NARS, have not yet reached the common resource poor farmers in many parts of the world, especially in the developing countries of the region.

You would agree with me that no single organization or individual can address all emerging issues related to AR4D. However, based on my experience, I can say that developing countries of Asia-Pacific have lately strengthened their research capabilities to address these challenges and we are required to do yet more. It is also clear that to address these challenges we need partnership initiatives since no individual NARS will be able to address them alone. The role of APAARI as a facilitator for strengthening partnership among agricultural research institutions is, therefore, critical to move forward.

It is also heartening that with your full support, APAARI is today a self-sustaining organization, with some regular support for its two main programs: APCoAB and APARIS coming from ACIAR, Australia and CoA, Chinese Taipei beside funding support from GFAR, FAO, ADB, JIRCAS, CGIAR Centers such as CIMMYT, ICARDA, IFPRI etc. for specific activities. We also appreciate full support of all CG Centers as our members in facilitating various networks. However, our major operational support comes from the contribution of annual membership fee by NARS, Associate and Affiliated members. I am very pleased that our membership is increasing significantly. Four new members have joined APAARI during the last two years.

During 2011 and 2012, several international/regional conferences/expert consultations/workshops were organized on Conservation Agriculture, Implementation of Suwon Agrobiodiversity Framework, Improving Wheat Productivity in Asia, Climate-Smart Agriculture, Global Conference on Women in Agriculture, Biotechnology, Biosafety and Biosecurity, Reproductive Management of Animal Production, Communication Management and Knowledge Sharing.

In addition, many training programmes were organized on bioassay for pesticide residues on fruits and vegetables, *in vitro* and Cryopreservation of plant genetic resources and information communication management in collaboration with APAARI member countries. Various publications comprising success stories, status reports and proceedings of conferences/expert consultations/workshops were brought out and widely circulated and posted on APAARI, APCoAB websites.

Distinguished members, I do not wish to preempt Dr. Raj Paroda's report on the achievements of APAARI. However, before I conclude, let me place on record that I received full support from all of you in discharging my responsibilities as Chairman, APAARI.

In conclusion, I would like to extend once again a very cordial welcome to all of you to this General Assembly. I have no doubt that, with your continued support, APAARI will reach newer heights and achieve its goals and mission quite successfully.

For me personally my association with this Forum had been very rewarding and highly satisfying. I assure you of my best possible support to all our initiative in future as well.

Thank you.

Status of Contribution by Associate Members

S.No	Country	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
1	The World Vegetable Center (AVRDC), Chinese Taipei	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
2	Bioversity International , Rome, Italy	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
3	International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Mexico	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
4	International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), Syria	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
5	International Crops Research institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), India	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
6	International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), USA	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
7	International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Kenya	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
8	International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Manila, Philippines	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
9	International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Sri Lanka	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
10	PNG University of Technology, Papua New Guinea	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
11	SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), Bangladesh	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
12	Sugar Research Institute of Fiji (SRIF), Fiji		Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	
13	The World Fish Center, Malaysia	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
14	Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA), India				Rec.	Rec.
15	International Centre for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF) India	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	

Status of Contribution by Affiliate Members

S.No.	Country	2009	2010	2011	2012
1	Anand Agricultural University (AAU), India		Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
2	Agriculture Research Institute of Afghanistan (ARIA), Afghanistan	Rec.			
3	Birsa Agricultural University (BAU), India	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	
4	Central Agricultural University (CAU), Imphal India		Rec.	Rec.	
5	Northern Marianas College – CREES, Northern Mariana Islands		Rec.	Rec.	
6	Navsari Agricultural University – NAU, Gujarat, India		Rec.	Rec.	
7	Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture Technology & Sciences, India	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
8	Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Gujarat, India		Rec.	Rec.	
9	Universiti Putra Malaysia		Rec.	Rec.	Rec.
10	CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Himachal Pradesh, India			Rec.	Rec.
11	University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus, Selangor, Malaysia			Rec.	
12	CAPSA-UNESCAP, Indonesia				Rec.
13	University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, India				Rec.

SUMMARY ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF APAARI

Annexure V

01 January – 31 August 2012

(Amount in US Dollars)

ITEMS	RECEIVED	DISBURSEMENTS		BALANCE
		Budget	Actual Used	
				1,126,602.33
Amount B/F				
1. NARS Membership Fee & ACIAR Support	169,000.00			
2. Associate Membership Fee	79,000.00			
3. Affiliate Membership Fee	9,000.00			
4. Funds from (GFAR, FAO, ASTI, COA, Symposium Co-sponsor & etc.)				
4.1 Receipts and Refunds	178,615.48			
4.2 Profit and Loss on Bank Transfers	2,626.45			
5. Interest Income	20,452.94			
6. Publications		25,000.00	36,777.14	
7. APAARI Secretariat Support:				
7.1 Salary		180,000.00	99,245.07	
7.2 Office Stationery, Postage & Communication		35,000.00	21,956.96	
7.3 Miscellaneous		30,000.00	26,251.03	
8. Consultancy/Travel/SSA/Honorarium		75,000.00	66,715.61	
9. Training/Selected Research Projects/Network Support		80,000.00	31,907.00	
10. Meetings		90,000.00		
10.1 Expenses for APARIS Meeting			-	
10.2 Expenses for Executive Committee Meeting & Expert Consultation			110,647.11	
10.3 Expenses spent by APAARI on behalf of LoA			82,952.16	
TOTAL	458,694.87	515,000.00	476,452.08	
Remark: plus-Expenditure made by APCoAB for meeting US\$ 4,290.15 Less-Transferred Expenditure made by APCoAB on December 2011 US\$ 7,247.77 Transferred to APCoAB US\$ 30,000.00				1,108,845.12

Exchange Rate: 1 US\$ = 30.17 Baht

Cash Investment at ICRISAT

Amount in Fixed Account (U.S.Dollar)

Amount in Saving Account (U.S.Dollars)

Amount in Current Account (Baht: 276,744.81)

Amount in Saving Account (Baht:209,460.25)

Cash in hand (Baht 3,029.-)

US\$ 518,822.73

US\$ 503,948.17

US\$ 36,900.68

US\$ 9,172.85

US\$ 6,942.67

US\$ 100.40

TOT:\$1,075,887.50



Dr. Raj Paroda
Executive Secretary APAARI



Ms. Urairat Rujirek
Accountant APAARI



Mr. Wittaya Jenchotsuwan
External Auditor

SUMMARY ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF APAARI

01 January – 31 December 2011

(Amount in US Dollars)

ITEMS	RECEIVED	DISBURSEMENTS		BALANCE
		Budget	Actual Used	
Amount B/F				1,019,455.11
1. NARS Membership Fee & ACIAR Support	182,740.00			
2. Associate Membership Fee	65,000.00			
3. Affiliate Membership Fee	15,018.21			
4. Funds from (GFAR, FAO, COA, Symposium Co-sponsor & etc.)				
4.1 Receipts and Refunds	355,037.00			
4.2 Profit and Loss on Bank Transfers	431.43			
5. Interest Income	3,413.13			
6. Publications		25,000.00	16,854.29	
7. APAARI Secretariat Support:				
7.1 Salary		150,000.00	164,814.39	
7.2 Office Stationery, Postage & Communication		35,000.00	15,922.13	
7.3 Miscellaneous		30,000.00	28,246.27	
8. Consultancy/Travel/SSA/Honorarium		70,000.00	56,061.55	
9. Training/Selected Research Projects/Network Support		70,000.00	65,000.00	
10. Meetings		80,000.00		
10.1 Expenses for APARIS Meeting			71,133.00	
10.2 Expenses for Executive Committee Meeting & Expert Consultation			34,240.74	
TOTAL	621,639.77	460,000.00	452,272.37	
Remark: Expenditure made by APCoAB US\$ 7,247.77 Transferred to APCoAB US\$ 69,467.95				1,188,822.51

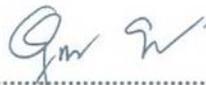
Exchange Rate: 1 US\$ = 30.17 Baht

Cash Investment at ICRISAT	US\$ 500,000.00
Amount in Fixed Account (U.S.Dollar)	US\$ 502,624.73
Amount in Saving Account (U.S.Dollars)	US\$ 121,120.99
Amount in Saving Account (Baht: 78,180.19)	US\$ 2,591.32
Amount in Current Account (Baht:4,974.81)	US\$ 164.89
Cash in hand (Baht 3,029.-)	US\$ 100.40

TOT:\$ 1,126,602.33



Dr. Raj Paroda
Executive Secretary APAARI



Ms. Urairat Rujirek
Accountant APAARI



Mr. Wittaya Jenchotsuwan
External Auditor

APAARI WORK PLAN FOR 2013

Activities	Details
1. Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APAARI Newsletter (June and December, 2013) and APAARI on CD-2013 • Success story on bamboo genetic resources and improvement in South and Southeast Asia. • Success story on institutional mechanism for transfer of technology through KVKs in India • Success story on 1-2 selected crops/cropping systems <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proceedings of expert consultation on “Managing Trans-Boundary Diseases of Agricultural Importance in Asia-Pacific” • Proceedings of regional workshop/expert consultations organized by APAARI
2. Meetings/ Expert Consultations/ Symposia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APAARI Executive Committee Meeting (April, 2013) • APAARI Executive Committee Meeting, (October, 2013) • High Level Policy Dialogue for strengthening AR4D in Asia-Pacific region • Regional workshop on role of youths in agricultural research for development
3. APARIS Related Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APARIS Steering Committee Meeting • Success stories on agricultural information and learning systems in the Asia-Pacific Region • Regional workshop on bridging knowledge gaps and strengthening CIARD partnerships • Implementation of APAARI Communication Strategy; strengthening APARIS webspace and updation of ARD databases • Collaboration and networking with sub-regional/regional fora for knowledge sharing.
4. APCoAB Related Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APCoAB Steering Committee Meeting • 2-3 Training Programs on biotechnology related subjects (Germplasm Conservation, MAS for crop improvement, Tissue Culture etc.) • Regional dialogue on Status and Needs of Crop Improvement through Biotechnology, Including Marker Assisted Selection. • Publication of revised Biosafety Regulations of Asia-Pacific Countries. • Publication of Proceedings of Expert Consultation on Managing Trans-Boundary Diseases.
5. Inter-regional Cooperation	<p>Strengthening cooperation in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring participation of stakeholders in implementation, monitoring and evaluation of CGIAR CRPs relevant to the Asia-Pacific region • Encouraging participation of AARINENA, CACAARI and FARA representatives in APAARI meetings • APAARI participation in the meetings of important regional/international initiatives networks • Strengthening cooperation with INCANA- an inter-regional network on cotton

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2013-2014
(in US\$)

S. No.	Items	Proposed	
		2013	2014
1.	Publication (Newsletter, Success Stories, Directory, Technical Report etc.)	30,000	30,000
2.	APAARI Secretariat Support		
	Staff Salary	185,000	190,000
	Office Stationary and Postage	35,000	40,000
	Miscellaneous Items	35,000	35,000
3.	Consultancy/Travel/DSA etc.	80,000	85,000
4.	Training/Selected Research Projects/ APAARI Program and Network Support	80,000	85,000
5.	Expert Consultation(s)/General Assembly and Executive Committee Meetings	90,000	95,000
	Total	535,000	560,000

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2011 - 2012		
Chairman	Dr. S. Ayyappan	ICAR, India
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Members	Abd. Shukor Abd. Rahman Dr. Simon Hearn Dr. Su-San Chang Dr. Tashi Samdup Mr. Raul Montemayor Dr. Colin Chartres Fr. Antonio Francisco Lucas Dr. Mark Holderness	MARDI, Malaysia ACIAR, Australia CoA, Chinese Taipei CoRRB, Bhutan IFAP, Philippines IWMI, Sri Lanka NAARAP, Philippines GFAR, Italy
Executive Secretary	Dr. R.S. Paroda	India

2009 - 2010		
Chairman	Dr. Abdul Shukor Abdur Rahman	MARDI, Malaysia
Vice-Chairman	Dr. S. Ayyappan	ICAR, India
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	Mr. Somchai Charannarongkul	Thailand
	Dr. T. Menneson	New Caledonia
	Dr. Nguyen Van Bo	Vietnam
Executive Secretary	Dr. R.S. Paroda	India

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Vice-Chairman	Dr. J. Kumar	Fiji
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	Dr. Z. Karim	Bangladesh
	Dr. S. Anang	Malaysia
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Executive Secretary	Dr. R.S. Paroda	India

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Chairman	Dr. William D. Dar	Philippines
Vice-Chairman	Mr. Abbas Keshavarz	Iran
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