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1. NAME OF THE SOCIETY :

The name of the Society shall be **“SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF
HORTICULTURE”**

2. HEADQUARTERS AND ADDRESS OF THE SOCIETY :

The headquarters and address of the Society shall be at ICAR- Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Hesaraghatta Lake Post, Bengaluru-560 089.

3. AREA OF OPERATION :

The area of operation of the Society shall be all over India and other countries

4. FOUNDER MEMBERS :

The Founder Members of the Society are those who were actually present on the date of registration of the Society and whose signatures were taken.

5. OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY :

- i) To advance the scientific principles and practices into horticulture, to promote the profession of horticultural science (fruits, vegetables, ornamental crops, medicinal and aromatic crops, tuber crops including potato, plantation crops, spices, cashew, cocoa etc.) and to contribute for the development of infrastructure for the promotion of horticulture.
- ii) To provide scientific and technical advice to Government and industry organisations engaged in regulating horticultural trade.
- iii) To promote close relationship with the International Society for Horticultural Science and other related societies both national and international in the field of horticulture.
- iv) To publish a Journal in English called “Journal of Horticultural Science” which shall include original research papers on any aspect of horticulture.

- v) To provide a medium for exchange, discussion and dissemination of current developments in the field of horticultural science by holding meetings, symposia etc.
- vi) To publish catalogues, bibliographies, checklists, monographs, books, reviews, etc., in the field of horticultural science.
- vii) To recognise the contribution of outstanding researchers in all aspects of horticultural science and to institute suitable annual or biennial awards.
- viii) To establish and maintain a research and reference library in pursuance of the objectives of the Society with reading and writing rooms and to furnish the same with books, reviews, magazines, newspapers and other publications.
- ix) To raise funds for the furtherance of the objectives of the Society and to receive donations, subscriptions, gifts in cash and kind or property whether movable or immovable.
- x) To invest and deal with the funds of or the money entrusted to the Society, not immediately required, in such a manner as may from time to time be determined by the Executive Council of the Society.
- xi) To purchase, take on lease, accept as a gift or otherwise acquire, any land or building wherever situated in India which may be necessary or convenient for the Society.
- xii) To construct, maintain and alter any buildings or works which may be necessary or convenient for the purpose of the Society.
- xiii) To assign, mortgage, lease, exchange and otherwise transfer or dispose of all or any property, movable or immovable, of the Society for the furtherance of the objectives of the Society.
- xiv) To create a Corpus Fund in conformity with the provisions of Income Tax Act, 1961 and as per the requirements /needs of the Society.
- xv) To do all such other lawful things as the Society may consider necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.

Each of the above objectives shall be deemed to be independent of and without prejudice to one another. The benefits of the Society shall be open to all irrespective of caste, creed or religion whose interests comply with the objectives of the Society. The funds and income of the Society shall be solely utilized for the achievements of the objectives and no portion of it shall be utilized for payment to the members by way of profit, interest, dividend etc.

In these Bye-Laws unless the contrary is indicated the term Society means “**SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE**”.

6. MEMBERSHIP :

- i) Membership of the Society shall be open to all individuals over 18 years of age, interested in any branch of horticultural science. Any such eligible individual may assume membership by applying on prescribed proforma to the Secretary and paying

the prescribed admission and membership fee. The Executive Council shall have the absolute power to admit/reject any person as a member and the decision of the Executive Council shall be final and conclusive

ii) The Society shall consist of the following categories of members :

PATRON :

Any person who is practicing as a horticulturist and pays Rs. 20,000.00 as membership fee or any institution donating a sum of Rs. 20,000.00 (US \$ 1000) to help the cause of the Society.

LIFE MEMBER :

Any person who is practicing as a horticulturist and pays Rs. 5,000.00 as membership fee.

HONORARY MEMBER :

Any individual who has contributed for the development of horticulture across the globe and nominated by the **Executive Council member**.

ANNUAL MEMBER :

Any person/institution desiring to receive the journal for a period of one year and pays Rs. 1,000.00.

STUDENT MEMBERS :

Student Members are those who are studying Bachelor's, Master's or Doctoral degree in any field of science and pay Rs. 700.0 for a year. Student Members have all the privileges of a member except that of eligibility to hold office in the Executive Council.

iii) Any member who defaults to pay the annual dues for one year shall cease to be a member of the Society at the end of the year. Defaulted members shall forfeit the membership privileges. By payment of the arrears any defaulted member may apply to the Society for reinstatement. In case the arrears of membership fee are for five years, the Executive Council shall decide such cases for readmission. Membership fee shall be paid in advance.

iv) A member may withdraw from the Society by expressing his desire to do so in a letter addressed to the Secretary. The Society, however, shall not be liable to return any fee that may have been paid by the member in advance.

v) A register of the members shall be maintained at the Headquarters of the Society

vi) A member shall be disqualified or removed for the conduct subversive of the objectives of the Society or detrimental in any way to the interest of the Society. A reasonable opportunity of being heard shall be given to the concerned member by the Executive Council before taking action and only upon passing a resolution by the General Body a member can be removed.

vii) Under no circumstances a member shall transfer his/her membership to another person.

7. PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS :

- i) The Founder Members are the staff of Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, who formed the Society. They will be considered as Life Members and shall enjoy all the privileges of the Life Members.
- ii) Only Patrons, Founder Members and Life Members are eligible for voting and hold office and shall further be entitled to the issues of the Journal of the Society and any other publications of the Society as the Executive Council may determine. They shall also have the privileges of introducing guest visitors to the ordinary scientific meetings of the Society.
- iii) Honorary members shall enjoy all the privileges of an ordinary member, without paying the subscription, except that they shall not be eligible for the Journal or for any office.
- iv) Student Member shall be receiving two journals for the annual subscription.
- v) Only the research articles authored by the members of the Society shall be published in the Society's Journal.
- vi) Patron or a representative of a Patron shall enjoy all the privileges of a Life Member.

8. MEMBERSHIP FEE :

- i) There shall be an Admission Fee of US \$ 5 for all foreigners. However, it is US \$ 2 for SAARC countries and Rs. 200.00 for Indians.
- ii) The membership fee of the Society shall be as follows : (INDIA, SAARC Countries and Other Countries)

Patron	: Rs. 20,000.00
Life Member	: Rs. 5,000.00
Annual Member	: Rs. 1,000.00 (For foreign authors US \$ 105 and for SAARC Countries US \$ 55)
Student Member	: Rs. 700.00

- iii) Any change in membership fee may be ratified only in General Body meeting.
- iv) The annual subscriptions of the Society's Journal from non-members and institutions in India shall be Rs. 1,500.00 and US \$ 150 or equivalent amount abroad, inclusive of postage, bank and other charges. The journal will be sent by surface mail.
- v) Payment of foreign currency shall be in the form of International Bank Draft or Coupons.

9. THE FINANCIAL YEAR :

The financial year begins on 1st April and ends on 31st March of the subsequent year.

10. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OR GOVERNING BODY :

i) The administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested with the Executive Council consisting of twenty members. Six Office Bearers viz., Two Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, Two Joint Secretaries and Treasurer and Six Zonal Councillors shall be elected once in Three **years** by the General Body by voting with secret ballots, retiring members being eligible for re-election. The new office bearers will nominate six more Executive Council members and the Regional Chapter will nominate two more Executive Council members. The Council so elected shall hold office till the next council is duly elected by the General Body.

The Executive Council shall ordinarily meet once in two months as per the convenience of all the members. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Council shall be FOUR, of whom there should be at least two who are holding the office of the President, the Vice President, the General Secretary, the Joint Secretary and the Treasurer. The Executive Council meetings shall be called by notice under the signature of the General Secretary or the Joint Secretary or any other officer authorised in this behalf by the President. The notice specifying the day, date, time and place of the meeting along with the Agenda and Notes on Agenda shall be communicated to each member of the Executive Council at the address registered with the Society not less than 15 days before the date fixed for the meeting, provided that the President may call a meeting of the Executive Council at such shorter notice as may be expedient. The Executive Council meeting may also be called at the request of three members of the Council.

Notice shall be sent by hand, by ordinary post, speed post, by courier or e-mail or by any other electronic means. Non-receipt of such notice or postal delay in reaching the notice to any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of such meetings.

If there be no quorum present within half-an-hour from the time appointed for holding a council meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for half an hour on the same day or to any other day as the President may determine. In the adjourned meeting, only the subjects in the Agenda shall be transacted irrespective of there being a quorum or not.

At every meeting of the Executive Council proceedings of the previous meeting shall be read and recorded.

The subjects in the Agenda shall be discussed and decided on consensus, in the absence of which, voting will be resorted to and decided on the majority of votes. In case of a tie, the President shall cast his/her deciding vote. The proceedings of the Executive Council meeting shall be circulated to the members.

The Executive Council shall not act contrary to the general policy of the Society and sanctions of the Executive Council shall be subject to review at the next meeting of the Society.

In case the Executive Council meeting is not possible, decisions may be taken in consultation with all members through correspondence. **The period of the Executive Council, unless extended, shall be for three years.**

Any member of the Executive Council who remains absent from three consecutive meetings without any valid reason and without the permission of the Executive Council shall cease to be a member of the Executive Council, but will be eligible for reappointment.

The vacancy caused thereby or by any other reason shall be filled up by the Executive Council by nominating any life member who meets the criteria for Executive Council membership.

The Executive Council shall have the powers to constitute Sub-Committees with specific authority, functions and responsibilities and their proceedings / reports shall be submitted to the Executive Council for adoption/ratification from time to time.

ii) OFFICE BEARERS :

The office bearers viz., President, Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, Joint Secretaries and Treasurer, shall all be honorary.

(a) President : The Director, ICAR-IIHR will be an Ex-Officio President of the Society and there will be no election for the post of President;

(b) Vice- Presidents : Two

(c) General Secretary : One

(d) Joint Secretaries : Two

(e) Treasurer : One

iii) The posts of General Secretary and Treasurer are to be elected from the members at the Headquarters.

iv) The office bearers shall not hold the same office for two consecutive terms.

11. POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL :

i) The Executive Council shall be responsible for the efficient management of affairs of the Society. They shall be in-charge of money and properties, movable and immovable, belonging to the Society. They shall also be responsible for placing a report on the working of the Society for the year together with an audited Balance Sheet, an Income and Expenditure Account, an Auditor's Report and a Budget for the ensuing year before the Annual General Body Meeting for approval.

ii) The Executive Council shall have the power to :

a) To invest and deal with the funds and money entrusted to the Society in such manner as they deem fit in any Nationalized Banks or Scheduled Banks on behalf of the Society.

b) To invest surplus funds available in Government Securities, Term Deposits with the Nationalized Banks or Scheduled Banks and also to pledge securities or deposits in the said banks in the name of the Society.

- c) To open Bank Accounts in the name of the Society with the Nationalized Banks or Scheduled Banks and such accounts shall be operated jointly by the President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer (any two of them).
- d) To acquire, lease properties and raise loans for the development of the Society, in case of emergency, immovable property shall be leased with the approval of the General Body.
- e) To admit members after due verification and fulfilment of the eligibility norms and also to frame rules from time to time.
- f) To fix membership fees.
- g) To frame rules, regulations, Bye-Laws, policies and procedures for effective implementation of the objectives of the Society which do not conflict with the provisions of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 and the Rules there under.
- h) To frame Service Rules, including Cadre and Recruitment Rules, to regulate creation of posts, to make appointments thereto and to regulate the service conditions including fixation of salary and allowances (honorarium), promotion, age of superannuation, conduct of disciplinary proceedings and other issues of the staff members of the Society.
- i) To have administrative control.
- j) To review progress of the Society periodically and take suitable actions to maintain efficiency and discipline in them.
- k) To ensure that the income and the property of the Society wheresoever derived from, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Society and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly or otherwise by way of profit to any member of the Society.

12. GENERAL BODY :

- i) The General Body shall be the supreme authority in respect of all matters pertaining to the Society except those which are earmarked exclusively for the Executive Council and shall consist of members whose names are entered in the Register of Members.
- ii) Annual General Body Meeting :
 - a) The Annual General Body Meeting of the Society shall be held within six months of the closure of the financial year i.e., before 30th September of the succeeding financial year. The General Secretary shall issue the notice of the Annual General Body Meeting with the approval of the Executive Council to all the members of the Society. Notice of the Annual General Body Meeting shall be given 21 days before the date fixed for the meeting specifying the day, date, time and place of the meeting and also contain a statement of the business to be transacted and shall be communicated in writing to every member at the address mentioned in the Register of Members.
Notice of the Annual General Body Meeting shall be sent by hand, by ordinary post, speed post, by courier or e-mail or by any other electronic means to all the members of the Society. It shall be accompanied by a copy each of the audited Balance Sheet, the Statement of Income and Expenditure together with the audit report thereon and the report of the Executive Council relating to the preceding year.

Notice of any propositions intended to be moved at the meeting shall be given to the General Secretary 10 days before the meeting and a list of such propositions shall be notified on the notice board of the Society five days before the meeting.

Non-receipt of such notice by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.

b) The quorum for every meeting of the General Body shall be **twenty members** present in person. If there be no quorum present within half-an-hour from the time appointed for holding a meeting, if convened upon the requisition of the members it shall be dissolved, in any other case, the meeting shall be adjourned for half-an-hour on the same day or to any other day as the President may determine. The business on hand shall be transacted in the adjourned meeting irrespective of there being a quorum or not.

c) At the Annual General Body Meeting of the Society, the following business shall be transacted :

i) Adoption of the minutes of the proceedings of the previous meeting;

ii) Consideration and adoption of audited Balance Sheet, Income and Expenditure Statement and reports of the Executive Council and Auditors for the preceding year;

iii) Election of members of the Executive Council;

iv) Appointment and fixation of remuneration of Auditors for the following year;

v) Approval of programme of activities of the Society and Budget Estimates for the ensuing year; and

vi) Consideration of any other matter which may be brought before the meeting in accordance with the regulations of the Society.

d) Every member shall have the option to cast one vote. The matters shall be decided on majority of votes. **Voting in all cases shall be in person.** In case of election by secret ballot and in case of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote.

e) ELECTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The elections to the Executive Council shall be held in the ANNUAL GENERAL BODY Meeting of the Society. The election process shall be conducted by the Returning Officer appointed by the Executive Council and shall be governed by the following rules :

1. Voters List has to be prepared and published three months earlier to the date of Annual General Body Meeting.

2. All Patrons, Founder Members and Life Members of the Society shall be included in the list of voters and shall be eligible to propose, second or contest the election.

3. The elections shall be by secret ballot.

4. Voting shall be in person and not by proxy.

5. A member desirous of standing as a candidate for the Executive Council shall file the nomination in the prescribed form with the Returning Officer in accordance with the Calendar of Events.

6. Election shall not be necessary if the number of nominations received do not exceed the number of seats.

7. The Calendar of Events for conducting the elections shall be as follows and the dates and timings of the events shall be specified in the Notice :

- i) Filing of the nominations 15 days prior.
- ii) Publication of preliminary list of candidates contesting for election 12 days prior.
- iii) Scrutinizing of nominations 11 days prior.
- iv) Withdrawal of nominations 9 days prior.
- v) Final publication of candidates 8 days prior.
- vi) Receipt of the pdf copy of the ballot through registered e-mail of the member to the Returning Officer 2 days prior.
- vii) Elections, if necessary, be held and results be declared on the day of the Annual General Body Meeting.

Note :

Days mentioned above denote the number of days prior to the date of Annual General Body Meeting and time being 6 p. m.

8. An eligible member desirous of standing for the elections may send his/her nomination paper to the Returning Officer and obtain the acknowledgement.

9. The nomination paper shall clearly indicate the names and addresses of the candidate, proposers and seconders. The nomination has to be proposed by one member and seconded by another member. It shall be duly signed by them and also signed by the candidate signifying his/her willingness to stand for election to the Executive Council.

10. The Returning Officer shall publish preliminary list of candidates contesting for election to the Executive Council.

11. The nomination papers shall be scrutinized by the Returning Officer.

12. The Returning Officer shall publish the final list of qualified candidates.

13. Any candidate wishing to withdraw his/her nomination can do so by informing the Returning Officer in writing within the stipulated time. Once the application for withdrawal of the nomination is submitted, it cannot be withdrawn or cancelled under any circumstance.

14. If the number of qualified candidates is less or equal to the number of members to be elected, the Returning Officer shall intimate the Chairman of the Annual General Body Meeting the names of the qualified candidates who shall be declared as elected.

15. If the number of qualified candidates is more than the number of members to be elected then the names of all such candidates shall be printed on the ballot papers or voting slips in alphabetical order in Kannada and English and the copy there of shall be displayed on the notice board of the Society.

16. The Returning Officer shall scrutinise the Ballot Papers including the pdf copies of the ballots received through the registered e-mail of the members. Soon after the counting of votes is completed, candidates who have secured the maximum number of votes for each post shall be declared elected by the Returning Officer.

17. In the event of equal number of votes among the candidates to be elected, the Returning Officer shall forthwith decide by lot and declare the elected candidates. Such candidates may be present at the time of drawing the lot.

18. If no nominations are received for the membership of the Executive Council to be elected, the General Body shall nominate the members to the Executive Council at the Annual General Body Meeting.

iii) Special General Body Meeting :

A Special Meeting of the General Body may be convened at any time on the requisition of the President of the Executive Council or on the requisition of not less than one third of the total number of members of the Executive Council or on the requisition of one tenth of the total number of members of the Society entitled to vote who shall state in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to be convened. The Executive Council shall within ten days from the date of the receipt of the requisition, proceed duly to call a meeting for the consideration of the business stated on a day not later than forty days from the date of receipt of the requisition.

The rules applicable for convening the Annual General Body Meeting shall be applicable to Special Meeting of the General Body except that it may be convened as provided herein and the notice of such meeting shall be accompanied by an agenda setting out the business for which the meeting is requisitioned.

13. DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS :

i) PRESIDENT :

The President shall be the chief controlling authority of the Society and can take decisions in urgent matters subject to ratification in the ensuing meeting of the Executive Council/General Body. He/She shall preside over the meetings of the Executive Council and the General Body and shall approve the proceedings of all such meetings. He/She shall carry out all other tasks and discharge responsibilities specifically mentioned in the Bye-Laws and delegated by the Executive Council. He/She shall arrange for a proper custody of the accounts of properties of the Society both movable and immovable.

ii) VICE-PRESIDENT :

The Vice-President shall act for the President in his/her absence and perform all the functions of the President. He/She shall render assistance to the President in the working of the Society and perform such functions as may be assigned to him/her by the President.

In the absence of the President and the Vice-Presidents at any meeting, some other member of the Executive Council elected from among those present, other than the General Secretary, shall act as a President at the meeting of the Executive Council or the General Body.

iii) GENERAL SECRETARY :

The General Secretary shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Society and his/her duties and responsibilities are as under :

a) He/She shall be responsible for the day to day affairs of the Society;

b) He/ She shall convene all the meetings of the Sub Committees, the Executive Council and the General Body;

- c) He/She shall record proceedings of all the meetings and shall ensure that minutes are approved by the President and entered in the respective Minute Books within ten days from the date of conclusion of the meeting;
- d) He/She shall preserve minutes of all the meetings of the Sub Committees, the Executive Council and the General Body;
- e) He/She shall exercise supervision over the accounts and administration of the Society;
- f) He/She shall arrange for proper custody of accounts of the properties of the Society, both movable and immovable;
- g) He/She shall operate the Bank Accounts jointly with the Treasurer or the President;
- h) He/She shall write the Confidential Reports of the staff members and evaluate their performance periodically;
- i) He/She shall represent/delegate any one to represent the Society in all legal proceedings by or against the Society;
- j) He/She shall take action to implement the resolutions passed by the Executive Council and the General Body; and
- k) He/She shall perform any other duties entrusted to him/her by the Executive Council.

iv) TREASURER :

The duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer are as under:

- a) He/She shall be responsible for the proper up keep of the accounts and preparation of annual accounts of the Society;
- b) He/She shall arrange to submit books and records for audit;
- c) He/She shall be the custodian of the funds and investments of the Society jointly with the General Secretary;
- d) He/She shall operate the Bank Accounts jointly with the General Secretary and in the absence of the General Secretary, with the President;
- e) He/She shall check the Cash Book and other Books of Accounts at regular intervals and shall report to the management, irregularities or deficiencies, if any, noticed by him/her; and
- f) He/She shall prepare Budget Estimates for the ensuing year in consultation with the General Secretary.

v) JOINT SECRETARY :

The Joint Secretary shall perform all the duties and functions of the General Secretary in the absence of the General Secretary and also assist the General Secretary in discharging his/her duties and responsibilities.

vi) ZONAL COUNCILORS :

All Zonal Councillors shall develop horticultural science in their own regions and shall work in close association with the President in decision making.

14. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS :

The Executive Council of the Society shall keep at the registered office of the Society or at such other place in the State as it thinks fit, proper books of account with respect to :

- (a) All sums of money received and expended by the Society and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place;
- (b) All sales and purchases of goods and services by the Society; and
- (c) The assets and liabilities of the Society.

All accounts of the Society shall be maintained regularly. Every Balance Sheet of the Society shall give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at the end of the year and every Income and Expenditure account shall give a true and fair view of the excess of income over expenditure or excess of expenditure over income of the Society for the year.

The Corpus Funds of the Society shall include :

- i) All the money received as grants/grants-in-aid and endowments;
- ii) Donations and Membership Fees from Patrons, Life Members and Annual members;
- iii) Such other sums of money as the Executive Council may transfer to it from time to time; and

The Current Funds of the Association shall include :

- i) All recurring grants/grants-in-aid from the Government;
- ii) Interest accruing on Corpus Funds which may be invested by the Association which will earn interest.
- iii) Membership Fees from Student Members and annual subscriptions of Society's Journal;
- iii) Other receipts not earmarked for Corpus Funds.

15. ANNUAL AUDIT :

- i) The accounts of the Society shall be closed on 31st March every year and shall be duly audited by a person who can act as an auditor under Section 141 of the Companies Act, 2013 (i.e., by a Chartered Accountant).
- ii) Life Member of the Society designated by the Executive Council as an Internal Auditor shall examine the accounts of the Society once in a quarter and submit a report to the Executive Council.

16. THE EDITORIAL BOARD :

- i) The Editorial Board shall consist of one Chief Editor and two Associate Editors. Five members of well known repute in all aspects of horticulture shall be nominated by the Executive Council, who will assist in the publication of good quality papers. The Associate Editors shall be nominated by the Executive Council.
- ii) The Chief Editor shall be responsible for the timely publication of the journal of the Society. He/She shall act as convener of the Editorial Board. The Editorial Board will be the final authority for the scrutiny and publication of the articles in the journal. All articles will be referred to the competent specialists. It will plan the editorial policies of the journal from time to time. The period of the Board members, unless extended, shall be four years.

An annual or biennial meeting of the Chief Editor, Associate Editors and members may be held at the time of the Annual General Body meeting of the Society.

17. AWARDS :

The following awards have been constituted :

- i) Life Time Achievement Award (LTA) : The Executive Council members will nominate the awardees by consensus. This award will be given to the leading horticulturists once in two years in the Annual General Body meeting.
- ii) SPH Fellow :The Fellowship award of SPH will be given to 3-6 depending on the number of applicants. The details of the score card will be circulated among the members.
- iii) Dr. G. S. Randhawa Award for “Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Research in Horticulture” : This award will be given to the best Ph. D. thesis in Horticulture.

The details of the Awards conferred will be displayed in the website of the Society.

18. FUNDS :

- i) The funds of the Society shall consist of (a) Admission Fee, (b) Annual Subscriptions of Members, (c) Life Membership Fee, (d) Patron Fee, (e) Donations, (f) Grants-in-aid from Government Institutions, Societies or individuals interested in the activities of the Society, (g) Subscriptions to the Journal of the Society and sale of proceeds of the publications, (h) Charges for publishing advertisements in the publications of the Society and (i) Any other sources determined by the Council.
- ii) The funds and income of the Society shall be utilised for the achievements of its objectives and no portion of it shall be utilised for payment to the members by way of profit, interest, dividend etc.
- iii)The funds and money of the Society shall be accumulated for any particular purpose or may be invested in the modes specified under the applicable provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961, amended from time to time.
- iv) The membership amount received from Life Members, Patrons and Founder Members shall be treated as capital funds and can be invested in the form of Fixed Deposits. The routine expenditure may not be carried out using these funds.

19. AMENDMENTS :

Any amendments or additions to these Bye-Laws shall be made by the General Body at a meeting specially convened for the purpose of which not less than twenty one days written notice shall have been given to every member of the Society and at which not less than three-fourths of the members present shall vote in favour. No amendments to the Society's Bye-Laws/Rules and Regulations shall be made which may prove to be repugnant to the provisions of Section 2(15), 11, 12 &13 and 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as amended from time to time.

20. FINANCIAL STATUS, DISSOLUTION AND AMALGMATION :

- i) The Society is a non-profit scientific and educational body. No member of the Society shall be entitled to any distributive share of its assets and profits. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, all its assets remaining after payment of its just debts, shall be given for public purpose to Quasi-Government or Government or another society whose objectives are similar to those of this Society and which enjoys recognition under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as amended from time to time.
- ii) Dissolution of the Society shall be decided by the Executive Council of the Society, they shall do so only with the consent of the State Government and after obtaining the sanction of not less than three-fourths of the number of members present at a General Body meeting specially convened for the purpose.
- iii) The amalgamation of the Society shall be in conformity with the provisions of the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960.

21. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President or the General Secretary as shall be appointed by the Executive Council for the occasion.

22. Matters not covered under these Bye-Laws shall be decided upon by the Executive Council. These Bye-Laws supersede all the previous ones, provided nothing in these Bye-Laws affect the actions already taken under the previous Bye-Laws or Rules and Regulations.

Sl. No.	Name Occupation and Address	Age	Designation	Signature
1	Dr. S. D. Shikhamany Director, IIHR, Bangalore-560 089.	58	President	Sd/-
2	D. N. K. Krishna Kumar Principal Scientist & Head, Div. Of Entomology & Nematology, IIHR, Bangalore-560 089.	53	Vice-President	Sd/-
3	Dr. G. S. Prakash Principal Scientist & Head, Div. Of Fruit Crops, IIHR, Bangalore-560 089.	55	General Secretary	Sd/-
4	Dr. G. S. R. Murti Principal Scientist & Head, Div. Plant Physiology and Biochemistry, IIHR, Bangalore-560 089.	58	Treasurer	Sd/-
5	Dr. N. K. Srinivasa Rao Principal Scientist, Div. Of Plant Physiology and Biochemistry, IIHR, Bangalore-560 089.	56	Joint Secretary	Sd/-
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We the above named subscribers have agreed to form ourselves into a Society under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 and sign on the 25th day of November, 2005.

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Witness :

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