

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS MEMBER OF ISO FAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2024

Academic title, first and surname:	Dr Mahesh Chander	
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Personal information (volunteer):	Gender: Male	Year of birth: 1964
Academic position:	Principal Scientist & Head	
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ISO FAR member:	Since: 2005	Member no.: 251
ISO FAR membership paid (mandatory, can be arranged after application but before elections at the GA):	2020: Yes	2021: Yes
Short CV including up to 5 important projects and 5 publications	Attached	
My reasons to join the ISO FAR Board:	1. To promote organic agriculture research towards sustainability 2. Expanding science based development of organic agriculture in developing countries, beyond EU, USA & other developed countries as potential alternative to conventional agriculture in Asian countries in particular 3. To promote research on Organic Animal Husbandry, since it is lagging behind in matters of organic agriculture research	
My possible contributions to Board activities:	1. To write, document & promote evidence based articles in support of Organic agriculture 2. To organize/promote academic & scientific events on organic agriculture 3. To collaborate/liaison with academic & research institutions to have joint activities for promotion of science based development of organic agriculture	

By submitting this application, I declare my interest to participate the ISO FAR Board of Directors during the period from the General Assembly in Rennes, France 7 September 2021 until the next GA, in 2024. I am aware that ISO FAR does not pay for services provided by board members to the organization, or any other cost related to the role of being a board member. In exceptional cases, travel costs may be refunded.

I am aware that only people attending the GA in Rennes, either physically or by web-link, are available for elections. All candidates will be given the floor for a BRIEF oral presentation (3 minutes) during the GA.



21 June, 2021, Izatnagar, Bareilly, India

Location, date and signature

Curriculum Vitae: Dr Mahesh Chander

1. **Name** Dr Mahesh Chander
2. **Date of Birth** 14th August, 1964 (57 Years)
3. **Qualifications** B.Sc. Agriculture & Animal Husbandry, 1984
M.Sc. Communication & Extension, 1987
PhD Extension Education, 1991
4. **Current Engagement** Working as scientist with Indian Council of Agricultural Research since 1991, currently holding the position of **Principal Scientist & Head, Div. of Extension Education at ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute.**
5. **Experience**
 - i) 29 years of experience in conducting research on socio-economic and Extension Education issues concerning livestock development (Projects completed 14)
 - ii) Teaching and supervising Masters and Doctoral students in the discipline of Livestock Extension Education. Supervised 48 Master's and PhD students as Major guide. Guided three theses on organic agriculture topics.
 - iii) Participated in national and international level seminars/conferences/training/workshops in the area of organic agriculture
 - iv) Published papers relating to organic agriculture including livestock and rural development topics.
 - v) Member of International Organic Standards Committee of IFOAM, Germany
 - vi) Member of several national & International Committees on organic agriculture including Member of International Advisory Board or EU Horizon 2020 project: Organic Plus under implementation in 14 countries.
 - vii. Member of IFOAM Organic Standards Committee for three terms since 2007

6. 05 Projects handled

Title	Duration
1. The Integrated development of Selected villages under Ramagarh Development block of Nainital District in Uttar Pradesh –An Action Research project	1993-97
2. Systems Approach to Livestock Health and Production Delivery System in sub- Himalayan Region of India	1997-99
3. Extension Education Interventions in Livestock Production Systems	1999-2004
4. Organic Livestock Production in India: A SWOT analysis	2005-09
5. ICAR Agricultural Extension Network Project on “ New extension Methodologies and Approaches (NEMA): Performance of selected NARS technologies: determinants, constraints and Impact”	2019-2021

7. 05 Publications

List of Publications

1. Chander, M., B. Subrahmanyeswari, Reena Mukherjee and S Kumar.2011. Organic livestock production: an emerging opportunity with new challenges to producers in tropical countries. Rev.Sci.Tech.Off. Int. Epiz, 30 (3), 969-983.
2. Chander, M., Kannadhasan, M.S. 2021. Landless animal and poultry production prospects: an overview on feeding and sustainability with special reference to fruit and vegetable wastes (FVWs). Organic Agriculture, 11, 285–300 . <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13165-020-00292-5>
3. Chander Mahesh and Reena Mukherjee .2005. Organic Animal husbandry: concept, Status and Possibilities in India – A review. Indian Journal of Animal Science, 75 (12): 1460-1469.
4. Chander Mahesh & B Subrahmanyeswari (2013): Organic Livestock Farming. Directorate of Knowledge Management in Agriculture, New Delhi, ICAR, 293p.
5. Gerold Rahmann; Khalid Azim; Irena Brányiková ; Mahesh Chander ; Wahyudi David ; Jan Willem Erisman ; Daniel Grimm ; Andrew Hammermeister ; Li Ji ; Anja Kuenz ; Anne-Kristin Løes & Wan Abd Al Qadr Imad Wan-Mohtar ; Daniel Neuhoff ; Saliou Niassy ; Victor Olowe ; Mia Schoeber ; Jessica Shade ; Jörg Ullmann & Arnold van Hui.2021. Innovative, sustainable, and circular agricultural systems for the future. Organic Agriculture, 11:179–185

8. Awards & Recognition

- (i) **BEST TEACHER AWARD** by Indian Veterinary Research Institute (Deemed University)-2005
- (ii). **BEST TEACHER AWARD** by Indian Council of Agricultural Research-2011
- (iii) **YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD** by Indian Society of Extension Education In Recognition of outstanding research in Extension research and field extension services.
- (iv). **SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD** by Society for Community Mobilization & IVRI Deemed University for outstanding contribution in extension activities, academics, research and transfer of technologies.

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