The first meeting of the National Organizing Committee (IGC-2015) was held on 12-02-2014 at 4:00 PM under the chairmanship of Dr. S. K. Datta, DDG(CS), ICAR. The following members were present:
1. Dr. Panjab Singh, Ex-De ICAR & Chairman QRT of IGrRI
2. Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Chairman ASRB
3. Dr. Bhag Mal, Ex-Director, IGFRI
4. Dr. P. S. Pathak, Ex-Director, IGFRI
5. Dr. P. K. Ghosh, Director, IGFRI Jhansi
6. Dr. M. M. Roy, Director CAZRI, Jodhpur
7. Dr. A. Arunachalam, Principal Scientific Officer to DG, ICAR
8. Dr. D. R. Malaviya, IGFRI Jhansi
9. Dr. N Das, IGFRI Jhansi
10. Dr. A. K. Roy, IGFRI Jhansi
11. Dr. Sunil Kumar, IGFRI Jhansi
12. Dr. P. Kaushal, IGFRI Jhansi
13. Dr. A. K. Mishra, IGFRI Jhansi
14. Dr. J. P. Singh, IGFRI Jhansi

At the outset the Chairman welcomed the members and invitees for attending the meeting. Thereafter, Dr. P. K. Ghosh described the details of the progress made so far on the organization of IGC, 2015 at New Delhi. The committee was informed about the creation of IGC 2015 Website and its logo, constitution of Conference Secretariat, IGC Scientific Committee, opening of bank account and circulation of First Announcement. The committee appreciated the inclusion of representative from India in the newly constituted IGC Continuing Committee. He also outlined the main theme and sub-themes as mentioned in the accepted bid document. The committee deliberated the themes and suggested that these should be included in the forthcoming Second Announcement.

After long deliberation, the committee finalized the Steering Committee for IGC 2015 as detailed below:

Patron: Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of India
Chairman: Dr. Panjab Singh, Ex Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, New Delhi
Members
Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, New Delhi
Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation
Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Fishery
Secretary, ICAR, New Delhi
Secretary, Environment and Forest
Secretary, National Biodiversity Authority
Chairman, National Rainfed Area Authority
Chairman, National Dairy Development Board.
Agricultural Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture
Animal Husbandry Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture
Dr. M.S. Swaminathan. Eminent Agriculture Scientists
Dr. Mangala Rai, Ex Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, New Delhi,
Dr. R. S. Paroda, Ex Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, New Delhi,
Dr. R. B. Singh, President National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS)
Dr. G. B. Singh, Chairman, ASRB
Dr. S. K. Bandopadhyay, Member, ASRB
Dr. V. Sharda, Member, ASRB
Dr. S. K Dutta, Deputy Director General (Crop Science), ICAR, New Delhi
It was also agreed that few scientists of eminence working in the field of grassland would be co-opted as member of the Steering Committee.

Other relevant issues were discussed and following decisions were taken:

- Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi would be the venue for inaugural session.
- The printing quality of the Second announcement should be excellent.
- There would be both pre-congress and post-congress tours. The tours should include the visit of Indian Grassland Fodder Research Institute, National Research Centre on Agro-forestry, Central Arid Zone Research Institute and Grasslands in hilly regions.
- Proposal to change the conference (from scientists of China) was not accepted because it would create logistic and administrative problems.
- Sponsorship and exhibition would be major sources of fund. There could be different categories of sponsorship like Platinum (Rs. 15 Lakh), Gold (Rs. 10 Lakh) and Silver (Rs. 5 Lakh). The Second and Final Announcements may have the logos of sponsors.
- The issues related to Registration Fee were discussed in the meeting. As per the Approved Bid Document, the Registration Fee for International, Domestic and Associate delegates is $500, $500 and $250 respectively. The committee members felt that the Registration Fee for Domestic delegates was high especially for the delegates from the Indian Agriculture Universities / ICAR Research Institutions. It was suggested that the Conference Secretariat would initiate necessary action to obtain lump sum grant from the ICAR so that the Registration Fee for the Domestic delegates could be kept at par with the Associate Delegate i.e. $250 per delegate.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.