

From: [Scott Allen Jackson](mailto:Scott.Allen.Jackson)
To: [rajeev varshney](mailto:rajeev.varshney)
Subject: Re: DivSeek Steering Committee Election
Date: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 8:08:32 AM

already done, Rajeev:)

On Mar 2, 2015, at 10:53 PM, Varshney, Rajeev (ICRISAT-IN)
<R.K.Varshney@CGIAR.ORG> wrote:

Dear Scott

I have included your name in the voting - hope that you will be doing the same for my name and will include me in your priority. Mutual Cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks and kind regards

Rajeev

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ruth Bastow <ruth.bastow@divseek.org>
Subject: DivSeek Steering Committee Election
Date: February 25, 2015 at 11:32:40 PM GMT+5:30
To: "Upadhyaya, HD (ICRISAT-IN)"
<H.UPADHYAYA@CGIAR.ORG>, "Varshney, Rajeev (ICRISAT-IN)" <R.K.Varshney@CGIAR.ORG>

Dear ICRISAT

I am contacting you on behalf of the DivSeek Joint Facilitation Unit regarding the election process for the **DivSeek Steering Committee**, as your organization is a partner in the DivSeek Initiative.

We have received nineteen (19) nominations for election to Steering Committee. A full list of candidates and associated short biographies are provided in the attachment to this email, together with the **voting form**.

On the voting form, please select **eight (8)** nominees and place them in ranked order (the most preferred nominee being in position 1). Please return the completed form by **6 March** to Ruth Bastow (ruth.bastow@divseek.org).

Please note that each partner organization can only submit **ONE** completed voting form.

We would also ask that each voting partner organization consider the composition of the eight-member steering committee with regards to different categories of expertise, regions and types of organizations, as set forth in the DivSeek Charter.

The Joint Facilitation Unit will be responsible for collecting the forms and processing the results.

After close of the election, the Chairperson of the Assembly will confirm the willingness of the elected candidates to serve, including on the basis of the aforementioned balancing criteria, and communicate the final composition of the Steering Committee to DivSeek Partners.

The first Steering Committee will have staggered appointments, with four of the members appointed for two years and the other four for one year. All the members will be eligible for a second term of two years. The four top-ranked elected candidates will be assigned a two-year term; the next four will be assigned a one-year term.

The Steering Committee provides an active link to the community that underpins the DivSeek Initiative. It plays a key role in ensuring that DivSeek meets its strategic objectives, as outlined by the Partners Assembly. The Committee works with the Joint Facilitation Unit to develop an annual work plan. It meets twice a year, and may also have additional Skype/phone calls in between meetings. The functions of the Steering Committee as outlined in the Charter (attached) are:

To prepare the agenda for the Assembly;

To provide inputs and eventually endorse the draft DivSeek annual work plan and the draft budget of the Joint Facilitation Unit, accompanied by a resource mobilization plan, and the annual progress report;

To periodically collect information about interactions among Partners and convey such information to the Assembly;

To advise the Assembly on the strategic direction of activities and projects associated with DivSeek;

To work with the Joint Facilitation Unit to prepare and present information and updates on DivSeek for the constituencies and governing bodies of the institutions providing the Joint Facilitation Unit.

As usual, please do not hesitate to ask the Joint Facilitation Unit for

any clarification we may provide.

Kind regards,

Ruth Bastow

(on behalf of the Joint Facilitation Unit)

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Form.pdf><DivSeek Steering Committee Nominees.pdf>