

*Proceedings of  
Annual General Body  
Meeting*

*16 December 2015*



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**Date: 16-12-2015**

**Venue: Anna Auditorium, TNAU, Coimbatore**

**Time: 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm**

## **PROGRAMME**

Welcome – Dr. D. Prasath, Secretary, ISS

- Overview of ISS activities – Dr. K. Nirmal Babu, President, ISS
- Presentation of Proceedings of last GB meeting – Secretary
- Presentation of Secretary's report (2014-15) – Secretary
- Presentation of Audited financial report – Treasurer
- Presentation of editors report (JOSAC) – Editor, JOSAC
- Declaration of results of Election for ISS Office Bearers (2016-2017)

## **AGENDA**

- Proposal to Enhance ISS membership fee (Rs. 5000/-)
- Honorary Fellowship to senior members
- Any other item

Vote of Thanks – Dr. C.N. Biju, Joint Secretary, ISS



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING  
HELD ON 16-12-2015**

The annual general body meeting of Indian Society for Spices was held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 between 8.00 to 9.00 pm at Anna Auditorium, TNAU, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Dr. K. Nirmal Babu, President, ISS presided over the meeting. Dr. D. Prasath, Secretary, ISS welcomed the members.

• **Presentation of Proceedings of last GB meeting & Secretary's report (2014-15)**

Secretary presented the proceedings of the previous General Body held at Hotel Crystal Court, Madikeri, Karnataka during 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and Secretary's report for the year 2014 and 2015. The General Body approved the proceedings and Secretary's report for the previous year.

• **Presentation of Audited financial report**

Dr. E. Jayashree, Treasurer, ISS, presented the audited accounts of the Society for the years 2013-14 & 2014-15 and the same was approved by the members.

• **Presentation of Editors report (JOSAC)**

Dr. K. Kandiannan, Editor, Journal of Spices and Aromatic Crops (JOSAC), presented the Editors report. He informed that the present Editorial Board published four issues of the journal namely, 23 (1), 23 (2), 24 (1), 24 (2) were published and issue 25 (1) is ready for release. 100 manuscripts were received during the period under report among which 36 were accepted and 32 were rejected. At present 32 manuscripts are under various stages of processing. The same was approved by the members.

• **Declaration of results of Election for ISS Office Bearers (2016-2017)**

Mr. KG. Jegadeesan, Assistance Finance and Accounts Officer of ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode functioned as the Returning Officer, ISS, and the election results were declared. The following members were declared elected;

President	:	<i>No valid nomination</i>
Vice President	:	<i>No valid nomination</i>
Secretary	:	<i>No valid nomination</i>
Joint Secretary	:	<i>No valid nomination</i>
Treasurer	:	Dr. R. Praveena
Executive Council	:	1. Dr. S.J. Ankegowda 2. Dr. Homey Cheriyan 3. Sri. B. Krishnamoorthy 4. Dr. M. Tamil Selvan 5. Dr. C.K. Thankamani

The General Body unanimously elected Dr. K. Nirmal Babu as President; Dr. M.R. Sudharshan, Former Director (Research), Spices Board, Kochi as new Vice-President; Dr. D.



Prasath as Secretary and Dr. C.N. Biju as Joint Secretary. The new Executive Council assumed charge immediately after the declaration and approval of results.

- **Proposal to Enhance ISS membership fee**

The proposal to enhance ISS life membership fee from Rs. 3000 to 5000 was discussed in the GB and it was advised to enroll more members instead of enhancing the life membership fee.

The present membership of the Society has 683, which includes 637 Life members, 13 Ordinary members, 29 Institutional members, 2 Sustaining members and 2 Honorary Patrons.

- **Honorary Fellowship to senior members**

The proposal to institute Honorary Fellowship to senior member of ISS was discussed. It was suggested that the proposal may be discussed and approved in Executive Council first and seek suggestion/approval from all the life members through e-mail.

- **Any other item**

The GB requested Prof. K.V. Peter to help on enhancing NAAS rating of JOSAC. He expressed his views and suggestions for implementation.

Dr. P.N. Ravindran, Former President & Founder Secretary, ISS appreciated the activities of ISS and extended his full support.

Dr. K. Nirmal Babu, President thanked all the members and former office bearers of the Society for their cooperation and support.

The meeting came to an end with Dr. C.N. Biju, Joint Secretary, proposed the formal vote of thanks.

Coimbatore  
16-12-2015

(D Prasath)  
Secretary



## Annexure I

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 27-11-13

The annual general body meeting of Indian Society for Spices was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013 between 7.30 to 8.30 pm at Hotel Crystal Court, Madikeri, Karnataka. Dr. M. Anandaraj, President, ISS presided over the meeting. Dr. V. Srinivasan, Secretary, ISS welcomed the members.

Secretary presented the proceedings of the General body held at UAS, Dharwad during 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011. General Body approved the Secretary's report for the previous year.

Dr. E. Jayashree, Treasurer, ISS, presented the audit and accounts of the Society and the same was approved by the members.

Dr. T.E. Sheeja, Assistant Editor, Journal of Spices and Aromatic Crops, presented the Editors report. She informed that the present Editorial Board published three issues of the journal namely, 21 (1), 21 (2), 22 (1) were published and issue 22 (2) is ready for release. 164 manuscripts were received during the period under report among which 78 were accepted and 25 were rejected. At present 93 manuscripts are under various stages of processing.

Dr. J.S. Pruthi Award for the best paper published in Vol. 20 is awarded to the paper "Effect of *Azospirillum* sp. and nutrients on yield of black pepper (*Piper nigrum* L.)" authored by C.K. Thankamani, V. Srinivasan, K.S. Krishnamurthy & K. Kandiannan, Vol. 20 (1) 2011, page 09-13.

Dr. J.S. Pruthi Award for the best paper published in Vol. 21 is awarded to two papers (1) "Characterization of polyphenol oxidase in ginger (*Zingiber officinale* R.)" authored by Ancy Joseph, B. Thayumanavan & Pournami R. Panicker, Vol. 21 (1), 2012, page 33-41 and (2) "*Paenibacillus gluconolyticus*, a promising potassium solubilizing bacterium isolated from black pepper (*Piper nigrum* L.) rhizosphere" authored by K.P. Sangeeth, R. Susheela Bhai & V. Srinivasan, Vol. 21 (2) 2012, page 118-124.

The present membership of the Society has 626, which includes 577 Life members, 18 Ordinary members, 27 Institutional members, 2 Sustaining members and 2 Honorary Patrons.

Mr. KG. Jegadeesan, Assistance Finance and Accounts Officer of IISR, Kozhikode functioned as the Returning Officer, ISS, and the election results were declared. The following members were declared elected;

President	:	<i>No valid nomination</i>
Vice President	:	Dr. S.J. Ankegowda
Secretary	:	<i>No valid nomination</i>
Joint Secretary	:	Dr. C.N. Biju
Treasurer	:	Dr. E. Jayashree



Executive Council :  
1. Dr. Homey Cheriyan  
2. Dr. Santhosh J. Eapen  
3. Dr. K.N. Shiva  
4. Dr. T.K. Jacob  
5. Dr. R. Ramakrishnan Nair

Immediately after the declaration of results, the new Executive Council assumed charge. The EC members' intern selected Dr. K. Nirmal Babu as new President and Dr. D. Prasath as Secretary based on consensus of the GB and they also assumed charge.

Regarding journal distribution, the members suggested to go for only online but few members expressed the need to continue printing versions.

The winner of 'Dr. V.S. Korikanthimath Award for the best Ph.D. thesis on Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic Crops' –Dr. K. Dhanya presented an illustrated talk based on her significant research work submitted for the award. Dr. V.S. Korikanthimath has enhanced the seed money for the award by adding the amount Rs. 25,000/- more.

Mr. Lalith Meisheri planter from Mumbai and Mr. O.V.R. Somasundaram planter from Pollachi, has sponsored Rs. 25,000/- each as seed money for 'Sugandhasree Innovative Farmer Award'.

Dr. M. Anandaraj, President thanked all the former office bearers of the Society for their cooperation and support.

The meeting came to an end with Dr. D. Prasath, Joint Secretary, proposed the formal vote of thanks.

Kozhikode  
27-11-2013

(V Srinivasan)  
Secretary



## Annexure II

### Secretary's Report for the year 2014-15

The executive consisting of Dr. K. Nirmal Babu (Project Coordinator (Spices), ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode) as President, Dr. S.J. Ankegowda (Head, ICAR-IISR Regional Station, Appangala) as Vice President, Dr. S.K. Malhotra (Horticulture Commissioner, GoI, New Delhi) as Vice President, Dr. D. Prasath (Senior Scientist, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode) as Secretary, Dr. C.N. Biju (Scientist, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode) as Joint Secretary and Dr. E. Jayashree (Senior Scientist, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode) as Treasurer is in charge of the Society from December 2013.

The important item in our agenda was to conduct the Eighth National Symposium on Spices and Aromatic Crops (SYMSAC VIII) at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore from 16-18 December 2015. We had the seventh symposium conducted at Hotel Crystal Court, Madikeri, Karnataka, during 27-29 November 2013. More than 150 participants from various ICAR institutes, AICRPS centres, Agricultural Universities, Research organizations, Dept. of Agriculture of different States, NGO and Farmer organizations attended the seminar. Major sponsors of the symposium were ICAR; DASD, Kozhikode; ICAR-IISR and NABARD, Mumbai.

ISS awards viz., Sugandhashree (Innovative farmer award), J.S. Pruthi awards (best research papers published in Journal of Spices and Aromatic Crops during 2011 & 2012); ISS Fellows were awarded during the symposium. Shri. HS. Mehta Memorial Award (two) and Shri. Alapatti Prasada Rao Award (one) for the best poster presentation were also awarded during SYMSAC VII. I take this opportunity to thank all the award committee members and judges who spared their valuable time for selecting the awardees.

Dr. V.S. Korikanthimath has enhanced the seed money for the award by Rs. 25,000/- and suggested to institute a new award 'Smt. Vijaya. V. Korikanthimath Award for the best M.Sc. thesis on Spices, Medicinal & Aromatic Crops'.

Mr. O.V.R. Somasundaram planter from Pollachi, has sponsored Rs. 25,000/- as seed money for 'Sugandhasree Innovative Farmer Award'.

During the period, five EC meetings (January 2014, May 2014, April 2015, November 2015 & December 2015) were held. Major decisions during these meetings included attempt to increase the rating of the journal, making JOSAC an open access journal. One new award for best M.Sc. thesis in spices, medicinal and aromatic crops, sponsored by Dr. V.S. Korikanthimath was finalized and guidelines formulated.

Dr. Ajit Shorodkar, Chairman, Western Ghats Kokum Foundation has sponsored Rs. 50,000/- as seed money for research & development of *Garcinia indica* or Kokum through ISS. The EC suggested to institute Western Ghats Kokum Foundation (WGKF) Endowment lecture in every SYMSAC on Kokum and accordingly the first WGKF Lecture was arranged during SYMSAC VIII at TNAU, Coimbatore on 16-12-2015.

The membership of the Society is increased from 626 to 683, which includes **637** Life





members (60 new), **13** Ordinary members, **29** Institutional members (2 new), **2** Sustaining members and **2** Honorary Patrons.

New website for ISS was created and updated regularly during the period. First time in ISS history, website for SYMSAC VIII and online registration/abstract submission was created for hassle free registration and got overwhelming response.

Also, ISS members were circulated with latest news in spices (to ISS members) and availability of planting materials and other products through email.

It was decided in EC meetings to conduct the SYMSAC VIII at TNAU, Coimbatore and different committees (national advisory, organizing and acting) were proposed and finalized in the EC meetings. Various agencies viz., ICAR, New Delhi; DASD, Kozhikode; NHB, Gurgon; NABARD, Mumbai; PPVFRA, New Delhi and MIDH, Chennai were approached for sponsorship and obtained sponsorship for conducting SYMSAC VIII.

The Society has given the prestigious 'Sugandha Bharathi Award' to Prof. K.V. Peter for his life time contribution to spices. ISS has also admitted six ISS Fellows based on the screening committee's recommendation. Also, given 'Sugandhasee Innovative Farmer Award' for the best farmer (2), Award for the best M.Sc. and Ph.D. thesis on Spices, Medicinal & Aromatic Crops' during 2013-14 and J.S. Pruthi awards for the best research papers published in Journal of Spices and Aromatic Crops during 2013 & 2014.

Based on ECs approval ISS contributed Rs. 80,000/- to various Conferences/ Seminars/ Symposium (Rs. 35,000 to PLACROSYM XXI, Rs. 20,000 to Amit Singh Foundation and Rs. 25,000 to Prof. MS Swaminathan Felicitation Programme by All India Association of ICAR Pensioners, Thiruvananthapuram) during the year 2014-15.

During the years JOSAC Volume 23 (1), 23 (2), 24 (1) and 24 (2) containing **43** research articles and **33** research notes, were published.

The financial position of the society registered marked improvement (from Rs. 15.5 lakhs to Rs. 17.5 lakhs) during the period (2014-15).

Place: TNAU, Coimbatore  
Date: 16-12-2015

(D Prasath)  
Secretary



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**Annexure V**

**Report of Editorial Board**

I hereby present the report of the Editorial Board of Journal of Spices and Aromatic Crops (JOSAC) for the period December 2013 to November 2015. During this period, four issues of the journal namely, 23 (1), 23 (2), 24 (1), 24 (2) were published and issue 25 (1) is ready for release. One hundred manuscripts were received during the period among which **36** were accepted and **32** were rejected. At present **32** manuscripts are under various stages of processing (Under Review - **10**; Sent for Revision - **22**) (total articles published - **76**).

Online submission has been initiated and Editorial board encourages authors to submit their manuscript as email attachments. All correspondence from the editorial office including acknowledgement, referees comments, requests for revision, correction of galley proof and acceptance are sent through email enabling quick processing of the manuscript.

We are thankful to all the referees who spared their valuable time offering their comments on the manuscripts. I am thankful to my colleagues Dr. R. Dinesh, Editor-in-Chief, and Dr. T.E. Sheeja, Assistant Editor, JOSAC, for the help rendered towards publication of the journal.

We express our sincere gratitude to Ms. P. Deepthi and Mr. K. Balakrishnan Nair for their secretarial assistance and M/s. Modern Graphics, Kochi for printing the journal. We are also thankful to the Executive Council of Indian Society for Spices for their support to the Editorial Board.

Editor  
Journal of Spices and Aromatic Crops





## Annexure VI

The following members were present in the meeting,

1. Dr. K.V. Peter, Former President, ISS
2. Dr. S. Edison, Former President, ISS
3. Dr. P.N. Ravindran, Former President, ISS
4. Dr. V.S. Korikanthimath, Former President, ISS
5. Dr. V.A. Parthasarathy, Former President, ISS
6. Dr. M. Anandaraj, Former President, ISS
7. Prof. R.R. Hanchinal, PPV & FRA, New Delhi
8. Dr. Ravi Prakash, PPV & FRA, New Delhi
9. Dr. Homey Cheriyan, DASD, Kozhikode
10. Dr. J. Thomas, Kottayam, Kerala
11. Dr. M.R. Sudharshan, Mysore, Karnataka
12. Mr. S.S. Mehta, Salem, Tamil Nadu
13. Dr. T.E. Sheeja, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
14. Dr. R. Praveena, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
15. Dr. K. Kandianan, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
16. Dr. P. Paramaguru, HC & RI, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
17. Dr. Sharon Aravind, ICAR-IISR, RS, Appangala, Karnataka
18. Mr. O.V.R. Somasundaram, Pollachi, Tamil Nadu
19. Mr. N. Subramanian, Salem, Tamil Nadu
20. Mr. S. Shashikanth Patil, Medak, Andhra Pradesh
21. Dr. D. Kumaresan, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
22. Dr. Gopal Lal, ICAR-NRCSS, Ajmer, Rajasthan
23. Dr. V.P. Pandey, NDUA & T, Kumarganj, Uttar Pradesh
24. Dr. Ram Suman Mishra, NDUA & T, Kumarganj, Uttar Pradesh
25. Dr. B.G. Prajapati, CRSS, Jagudan, Gujarat
26. Dr. S. Devasahayam, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
27. Dr. T. John Zachariah, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
28. Dr. K.S. Krishnamurthy, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
29. Dr. M. Murugan, CRS, Pampadumpara, Kerala
30. Dr. R. Dinesh, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
31. Prof. Anupam Pariari, BCKV, Nadia, West Bengal
32. Dr. V. Srinivasan, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
33. Dr. Lijo Thomas, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
34. Dr. C.M. Senthil Kumar, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
35. Dr. M. Alagupalamuthirsolai, ICAR-IISR, RS, Appangala, Karnataka
36. Dr. R.S. Mehta, ICAR-NRCSS, Ajmer, Rajasthan
37. Dr. N.K. Leela, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
38. Dr. Utpala Parthasarathy, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
39. Dr. C.K. Thankamani, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
40. Dr. E.V.S. Prakasa Rao, Bangalore, Karnataka
41. Dr. Ajit Shirodkar, WGKF, Goa
42. Dr. P.J. Kshirsagar, BSKKV, Dapoli, Maharashtra
43. Dr. P. Jansirani, HC & RI, Periyakulam, Tamil Nadu



44. Dr. N. Sobha, TNAU, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
45. Dr. K. Nageswari, RRS, Paiyur, Tamil Nadu
46. Dr. L. Jeeva Jothi, HRS, Palur, Tamil Nadu
47. Dr. R. Chitra, HC & RI, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
48. Dr. V.A. Muhammed Nissar, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
49. Dr. Manoj Oommen, Spices Board, Tripura
50. Dr. S.K. Srivastava, ICAR-NCAP, New Delhi
51. Ms. S. Aarthi, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
52. Ms. H.J. Akshitha, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
53. Dr. K. Nirmal Babu, President, ISS
54. Dr. S.J. Ankegowda, Vice-President, ISS
55. Dr. D. Prasath, Secretary, ISS
56. Dr. C.N. Biju, Joint Secretary, ISS
57. Dr. E. Jayashree, Treasurer, ISS