

INDIAN SOCIETY FOR SPICES, CALICUT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 08-12-11

The annual general body meeting of Indian Society for Spices was held on 8th December 2011 between 6.30 to 8.00 pm at the University of Agricultural Sciences Auditorium, Dharwad. 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 Nagaland during 30-10-2009. General Body approved the Secretary's report for the previous year.

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

Dr. K. Kandianan, Assistant Editor, Journal of Spices and Aromatic Crops, presented the Editors report. He informed that the present Editorial Board published three issues of the journal namely, 18 (2), 19 (1&2), 20 (1) were published and issue 20 (2) is ready for release. 88 manuscripts were received during the period under report among which 27 were accepted and 16 were rejected. At present 45 manuscripts are under various stages of processing.

Dr. J.S. Pruthi Award for the best paper published in Vol. 18 is awarded to the paper "Response of cumin (*Cuminum cyminum* L.) to *panchgavya* and plant leaf extracts in arid western Rajasthan" authored by RN. Kumawat, SS. Mahajan & RS. Mertia, Vol. 18(2), pages 92-99 (2009).

Dr. J.S. Pruthi Award for the best paper published in Vol. 19 is awarded to two papers (1) "Growth and yield of fenugreek (*Trigonella foenum-graecum* L.) as influenced by irrigation levels and weed management practices" authored by RS. Mehta, BS. Patel, RK. Singh, SS. Meena & SK. Malhotra, Vol. 19 (1 & 2): 14-22 (2010) and (2) "Growth, yield and quality of turmeric (*Curcuma longa* L.) as influenced by planting method, plant density and planting material" authored by Balwinder Kumar & BS. Gill, Vol 19 (1 & 2): 42-49 (2010).

The present membership of the Society has 555, which includes 504 Life members, 21 Ordinary members, 26 Institutional members, 2 Sustaining members and 2 Honorary Patrons.

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

President	:	Dr. M. Anandaraj
Vice President	:	Dr. SJ. Ankegowda
Secretary	}	No valid nomination
Joint Secretary		
Treasurer	:	Dr. E. Jayashree
Executive Council	:	1. Dr. KN. Shiva 2. Dr. M. Tamil Selvan 3. Dr. Santhosh J. Eapen 4. Dr. Homey Cheriyan 5. Dr. SK. Malhotra

Immediately after the declaration of results, the new Executive Council assumed charge. The EC members' intern selected Dr. V. Srinivasan as new Secretary and Dr. D. Prasath as Joint secretary based on consensus of the GB and they also assumed charge.

The members suggested for improving the visibility of the journal to increase its impact factor. As the new journal and society sites were launched at the morning function, the EC assured that regular updating and backup will be done to improve the quality and ensure its online status for wider publicity.

It was also suggested to honor/ award the best innovative farmer's on spices in forthcoming SYMSACs and seed money for the same may be collected from sponsors.

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. V. Srinivasan, Secretary, proposing the formal vote of thanks.

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V Srinivasan
(Secretary)