

## INDIAN SOCIETY FOR SPICES, CALICUT

### 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 glucanolyticus*, 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.

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(V Srinivasan)  
Secretary