

INDIAN SOCIETY FOR SPICES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING-2009

The annual general meeting of the society was held on 30/10/09 at the Seminar Hall of Police Complex, Chumkedima, Dimapur at 6.30 PM. The meeting began with a formal welcome followed by the presentation of the proceedings of the previous annual general body meeting, held at IISR, Calicut on 28th November 2008 and the presentation of Secretary's report by the Secretary, V. Srinivasan. The General Body approved the proceedings and the Secretary's report.

Dr KV Saji, Treasurer presented the receipt and payment accounts of the society. The expenditure of Rs 2,38,607.00 spent during the symposium held at Lalbagh, Bangalore (08-10 November 2006) got reimbursed to the society from Department of Horticulture, Bangalore under instructions from Mr Pattanayak, Director (NHM). The GB praised the efforts taken by the previous executive for materialising the same. GB suggested for put on record, the efforts of Dr. Korikanthimath, Former President of ISS, without which this wouldn't have become possible, by writing thanks letter for him and to Mr. Pattanayak.

Dr K. Kandiannan, Asst. Editor of the Journal of Spices and Aromatic Crops presented the editors report for the period 2008-09. During the period two issues of the journal were published viz., 17 (2) and 17(3). Volume 17 (2) was brought out as a compilation of the research papers presented in SYMSAC IV held at Bhubaneswar. Vol 17(3) contained 4 research articles and 5 research notes.

The GB hailed the efforts of society to conduct SYMSAC V at Nagaland, the NE side of our country so as to showcase the presence of the society for the cause of spices to wider audiences. GB also praised the executive and the sponsors for making the SYMSAC V a grand event with more than 180 participants representing 16 states (including all the NE states) and attended by people representing different strata namely researchers, policy makers/ officials, extension workers, farmers, processors, entrepreneurs and NGOs.

GB suggested for initiating an award (gold medal with a certificate) by the society for best PhD thesis submitted on spice, medicinal and aromatic crops. It was suggested to work out the modalities and give wide publicity among the students working on spices at various SAUs and institutes across the country. For raising the corpus money for the same (the interest of which will be used for the award) it was suggested to request for donations from various sources. Dr. VS. Korikanthimath has offered to sponsor Rs. 25,000/- for the award and GB praised his generous gesture.

The proposal on nominating Dr. HP. Singh, Deputy Director General (Horticulture), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi as Honorary Patron of ISS by considering his outstanding contribution to the horticulture development in the country, as proposed by the EC was put the GB for recommendation. It was suggested first to evolve guidelines for

nominating honorary members and ISS Fellows and based on the same EC is empowered to nominate them accordingly.

The proposal of ISS to become member of newly formed CHAI (Confederation of Horticulture Associations of India) by contributing Rs. 50,000 (Fifty thousand only) to CHAI was placed in the forum for ratification. This was approved by the GB.

President thanked one and all for the support provided in conducting the SYMSAC V and running the affairs of the society.

Dr. SK Malhotra, Jt Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

(V. Srinivasan)
Secretary