



Proceedings of the Executive Council meeting

The Executive Council meeting of Indian Society for Spices (ISS) was held on 08.03.2019, 10.00 AM at Conference Hall, Director's Office, ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Santhosh J. Eapen, President, ISS.

The following members attended the meeting:

1. Dr. Santhosh J. Eapen, President
2. Dr. K. Nirmal Babu, Immediate Past President
3. Dr. Homey Cheriyan, Vice President
4. Dr. E.V. Divakara Sastry, Vice President
5. Dr. P.S. Femina, Joint Secretary
6. Dr. M. Tamil Selvan, Member, Executive Council
7. Dr. M. Madhava Naidu, Member, Executive Council
8. Dr. A. Ishwara Bhat, Member, Executive Council
9. Dr. V.V. Radhakrishnan, Member, Executive Council
10. Dr. D. Prasath, Immediate Past Secretary
11. Dr. K.S. Krishnamurthy, Editor, JOSAC
12. Dr. C.N. Biju, Secretary

The meeting began with a formal welcome followed by brief presentation of the proceedings of previous Executive Council meeting held on 16.10.2018 by the Secretary which was approved by the EC. The meeting considered the following agenda for discussion:

1. *Briefing about SYMSAC X (2020)*: Dr. Ravinder Singh, Secretary, Indian Society for Seed Spices, ICAR-NRCSS, Ajmer has been nominated as Co-Convener for the conduct of SYMSAC X. Official communiqué seeking permission from DARE to conduct SYMSAC X has been submitted to DDG (Horticultural Science). Letter requesting seminar hall for conduct of SYMSAC X has been forwarded to the Director, ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi.
2. *Conduct of regional seminar at Appangala in collaboration with ICAR-IISR Regional Station*: It is suggested to co-sponsor one day farmer's seminar scheduled to be organized by ICAR-Regional Station during April 2019. It is also suggested that, Rs. 50,000 or 50% of total budget earmarked for the farmer's seminar whichever is lowest shall be sponsored by ISS.
3. *Appointing new auditor for scrutinizing ISS accounts and other related works*: The EC agreed the proposal for appointing new auditor for the maintenance of annual accounts, preparing utilization certificates, regular filing of income tax return and other related financial matters.
4. *New Editorial Team for JOSAC*: As the Editor-in-Chief Dr. K. Kandiannan is on deputation to Fiji till 2022, the EC nominated Dr. A. Ishwara Bhat as new Editor-in-Chief for JOSAC. Dr. Kandiannan may be included in the Editorial Board/Editorial Advisory Board. The EC suggested including Dr. B.S.N. Murthy and other prominent subject matter specialists representing various disciplines, personnel representing industry/companies in the Editorial Advisory Board after receiving consent.



5. The EC also suggested adopting a Software System on Manuscript Management for JOSAC and also to mention that the journal has UGC approval. Dr. Ishwara Bhat shall explore the possibility to entering into MoU with Springer which may be presented in the next EC meeting. It is also decided to conduct the meeting of Editorial Board of JOSAC during the EC meeting. The frontispiece of the journal shall be modified and photograph(s) pertaining to research papers published in that issue shall be included on the front page.
6. *Mobile App for ISS*: The EC suggested negotiating with the company to develop a basic suite with the most essential components of the App.
7. *New office room for ISS*: The EC approved the proposal for furnishing new office room of ISS.
8. Other items discussed:
 - Amendment of byelaw with respect to nomination of Joint Secretary from the Headquarters may be proposed in the forthcoming annual general body meeting.
 - The EC suggested preparing a video documentary about activities of the Society which may be screened during training programmes/seminars conducted at ICAR-IISR.
 - The EC approved disposal of old souvenirs/proceedings/journals available with ISS. It is also suggested to digitize the documents before disposal.
 - The EC recommended to reduce the hard copies of JOSAC in a phased manner.
 - The EC approved to increase emolument for the secretarial assistant to Rs. 700 per day.
 - The EC approved to recruit a replacement for the secretarial assistant by advertising in newspaper.

The meeting was concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. P.S. Femina, Joint Secretary.

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Secretary