



## Proceedings of the executive council meeting

The executive council meeting of Indian Society for Spices (ISS) was held on 10.04.2015, 10.00 AM at Mini Conference Hall, ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode. The meeting was presided over by the President of the Society, Dr. K Nirmal Babu.

The following members were present in the meeting

1. Dr. M. Anandaraj, Director, ICAR-IISR & Immediate Past President, ISS (Special Invitee)
2. Dr. K. Nirmal Babu, President, ISS
3. Dr. S.J. Ankegowda, Vice President, ISS
4. Dr. D. Prasath, Secretary, ISS
5. Dr. C.N. Biju, Joint Secretary, ISS
6. Dr. E. Jayashree, Treasurer, ISS
7. Dr. Homey Cheriyan, Member, Executive Council, ISS
8. Dr. R. Ramakrishnan Nair, Member, Executive Council, ISS
9. Dr. Santhosh J. Eapen, Member, Executive Council, ISS
10. Dr. V. Srinivasan, Member, Executive Council, ISS

The meeting began with a formal welcome followed by the presentation of the proceedings of the previous executive council meeting, held at ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode on 07-05-2014 by the Secretary. The meeting took up the following agenda items for discussion,

1. Executive committee approved the proceedings of last EC meeting held on 07.05.2014.
2. The EC discussed about SYMSAC VIII and it is decided to conduct SYMSAC VIII at Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore during November / December 2015.
3. Guidelines for two new awards:
  - The guidelines and application format for the new award 'Smt. Vijaya V. Korikanthimath best M.Sc. thesis on Spices, Medicinal and Aromatic Crops' presented by Secretary is accepted.
  - It is suggested to institute a WGKF Plenary Lecture on kokum/Garcinia in SYMSAC based on the sponsorship by Western Ghats Kokum Foundation, Goa.
4. It is decided to circulate the details of all other ISS awards to ISS members and others through journal. The last date for receipt of applications is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Also, EC suggested to include sponsorer's name (Mr. OVR Somasundaram) in the Sugandhasree Award.
5. The EC nominated Mr. K.G. Jegadeesan, AFAO, ICAR-IISR as Returning Officer to conduct ISS elections during the year.
6. ISS Sponsorships:
  - EC approved sponsorship of Rs. 15,000/- towards advertisement charges in the souvenir of 'Prof. MS Swaminathan felicitation programme' conducted by All India Association of ICAR Pensioners, Thiruvananthapuram.
  - EC also approved sponsorship of Rs. 10,000/- to ASM Foundation, New Delhi for quarter page black & white advertisement of ISS in the '7<sup>th</sup> Swadesh Prem Jagriti Sangosthi 2015' Souvenir.

7. Any other items for discussion

- EC suggested reminding ICAR coordination section to release the sanctioned grant for publication of JOSAC for the year 2014.
- EC suggested getting invited reviews from journal Advisory Board members for JOSAC. Also suggested to write a letter to NAAS regarding clarification about our journal rating.
- Director, ICAR-IISR suggested writing a request letter along with JOSAC sample copy to all libraries to enhance our journal subscription.

Dr. C.N. Biju, Joint Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

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Secretary