



Proceedings of the Executive Council meeting

The executive council meeting of Indian Society for Spices (ISS) was held on 13.11.2017, 03:00 PM at Mini Conference Hall, Centralized Laboratory for Advanced Research, ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode. The meeting was presided over by President of the Society, Dr. K. Nirmal Babu.

The following members participated in the meeting:

1. Dr. K. Nirmal Babu, President
2. Dr. C.N. Biju, Joint Secretary
3. Dr. R. Praveena, Treasurer
4. Dr. S. J. Ankegowda, Member, Executive Council
5. Dr. Lijo Thomas, Member, Executive Council
6. Dr. V. Srinivasan, Member, Executive Council
7. Dr. C.K. Thankamani, Member, Executive Council
8. Dr. R. Dinesh, Editor-in-Chief, JOSAC

The meeting begun with a formal welcome followed by presentation of the proceedings of previous executive council meeting held at ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode on 28.06.2017 by Dr. C. N. Biju, Joint Secretary. The meeting considered the following agenda items for discussion.

1. The Executive Council approved the proceedings of previous EC meeting held on 28.06.2017.
2. The EC discussed about the conduct of forthcoming SYMSAC-IX to be held at SASRD, Nagaland University, Nagaland during March, 2018. The draft circular pertaining to the symposium was discussed and the following suggestions were made for refinement:
 - The theme of the symposium may be “Spices for doubling farmer’s income”.
 - The logos of ISS, ICAR-IISR, HSNEI and DASD shall be incorporated in the front page of the circular.
 - The abstracts should be submitted through online only and souvenir of the symposium shall be prepared at ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode.
 - The registration fees for students/research scholars shall be Rs. 1000/- and expenditure shall not be incurred for the accommodation of students/research scholars.
 - The registration fee shall be paid as DD/NEFT in favour of Organizing Secretary, SYMSAC-IX, SASRD, Nagaland University. A separate bank account shall be opened in the name of SYMSAC-IX and all the transactions related to the symposium shall be channeled through this account strictly which shall be closed on completion of the symposium. The details of funds received, transactions related to SYMSAC-IX and expenditure statements shall be submitted to the Secretary, ISS.
 - Dr. D. Prasath, Secretary, Indian Society for Spices shall be the Co-Convener of the symposium.
3. The EC suggested expediting the process of formulating guidelines for Dr. Y.R. Sharma Endowment lecture and related financial matters.

4. Other items discussed:

- The EC suggested that SYMSAC-IX shall showcase the genetic diversity of spices in North Eastern region focusing on sustainable and viable spices-based cropping system.
- It is decided to post a website for the ensuing SYMSAC-IX.

The meeting was concluded with as vote of thanks proposed by Dr. R. Praveena, Treasurer, ISS.



(C. N. Biju)
Secretary-in-Charge, ISS