



## Proceedings of the executive council meeting

The executive council meeting of Indian Society for Spices (ISS) was held on 16.06.2016, 03.00 PM 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. K. Nirmal Babu, President, ISS
2. Dr. M.R. Sudharshan, Vice President, ISS
3. Dr. Homey Cheriyan, Member, Executive Council, ISS
4. Dr. C.K. Thankamani, Member, Executive Council, ISS
5. Dr. R. Praveena, Treasurer, ISS
6. Dr. D. Prasath, Secretary, ISS

The EC expressed its deep condolence on the sad demise of Dr. Y.R. Sarma, Past President of ISS and eminent plant pathologist. Dr. Sarma will be long remembered for his passion for science and his contributions as an eminent scientist and administrator. In his passing away, we have lost a great son of India who dedicated his entire life for the welfare of the plantation and spices sector. Dr. Sarma was a known plant pathologist and farmer's scientist during his lifetime and will remain so even after his death. The EC recalled the contributions made by Dr. Sarma to ISS as its president.

The meeting began with a formal welcome by Secretary, ISS. The proceedings of the previous Executive Council meeting held at ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode on 04-12-2015 was presented by Secretary and EC approved it. The proceedings of the General Body meeting held at Anna Auditorium, TNAU, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on 16-12-2015 was also presented by the Secretary. The meeting took up the following agenda items for discussion,

1. Nominating Vice President (one) & Executive members (five)

The elected executive council members after detailed discussion, unanimously nominated the following persons for the post of Vice President and Members, Executive Council.

- Vice President (Nominated) - Dr. Homey Cheriyan, Director, DASD, Kozhikode
- Nominated Executive Council members
  - (1) Dr. M. Madhava Naidu, Head, Department of Spice & Flavour Science, CSIR-CFTRI, Mysore, Karnataka
  - (2) Mr. Philip Kuruvilla, Chairman, WSO, Kochi, Kerala
  - (3) Dr. Dharendra Singh, Professor, SKN College of Agriculture, Jobner, Rajasthan
  - (4) Mr. O.V.R. Somasundaram, Planter, Pollachi, Tamil Nadu
  - (5) Dr. V. Srinivasan, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
  - (6) Dr. Lijo Thomas, Scientist, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala



2. Nominating Zonal Councilors (five)

Executive council unanimously nominated five zonal councilors as follows;

Southern Zone –	Dr. J. Suresh, Head, Department of Spices & Plantation Crops, HC & RI, TNAU, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
Eastern Zone –	Dr. Anjani Kumar Jha, Head, Horticulture Division, ICAR-RC for NEH, Meghalaya
Central Zone –	Dr. Amar Chand Shivran, Professor, SKN College of Agriculture, Jobner, Rajasthan
Northern Zone –	Dr. C.S. Maiti, Associate Professor, SASRD, Nagaland University, Medziphema, Nagaland
Western Zone –	Dr. Suresh Kumar Tehlan, Scientist, CCSHAU, Hisar, Haryana

3. Briefing about SYMSAC VIII

The eighth Symposium on Spices and Aromatic Crops (SYMSAC-VIII - *Towards 2050: Strategies for Sustainable Spices Production*) was organized by the ISS at TNAU, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, during 16–18 December 2015. Secretary briefed the successful conduct of the SYMSAC-VIII and the final financial position to the EC. It was decided to keep the SYMSAC accounts separately from that of Society's account for clarity.

4. Any other items for discussion

- Proposal to institute Honorary Fellowship to senior members was discussed and EC suggested constituting a committee to draft guidelines for Honorary Fellows of ISS.
- In the existing ISS fellows category, the EC recommended to reduce the years of eligibility from 10 to 5 of life membership. The EC also suggested including farmers and industry representatives in this category.
- Proposal to institute an endowment in the name of Dr. Y.R. Sarma, Past President, ISS was discussed and EC suggested to explore possibilities of getting sponsorship.
- EC suggested updating ISS constitution with all amendments.

Dr. R. Praveena, Treasurer proposed the formal vote of thanks.

(D Prasath)  
Secretary