



Proceedings of the Executive Council meeting

The Executive Council meeting of Indian Society for Spices (ISS) was held on 16.10.2018, 02.00 PM at Mini Conference Hall, Centralized Laboratory for Advanced Research, 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. P.S. Femina, Joint Secretary
5. Dr. S.J. Ankegowda, Member, Executive Council
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. K. Kandiannan, Editor-in-Chief, JOSAC
10. Dr. R. Sivaranjani, Treasurer
11. Dr. C.N. Biju, Secretary

The meeting began with a formal welcome by the President, ISS. The proceedings of previous Executive Council meeting held on 11.06.2018 and the Ad-hoc Committee meeting for SYMSAC X held on 07.07.2018 at ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode were briefed by the Secretary which was approved by the EC. The meeting considered the following agenda for discussion:

1. *ISS Mobile App*: Mr. Nipulal, C. A., Director, Corbell Business Application made a brief presentation on the proposed mobile App for ISS. The EC agreed for development of the App in principle. The EC also suggested negotiating with the company to develop a basic suite with the most essential components of the App.
2. *SYMSAC X (2020)*: The EC nominated Dr. D. Prasath, ICAR-IISR, as the General Convener for SYMSAC X. The EC also nominated Dr. A. Ishwara Bhat and Dr. V. Srinivasan as Conveners, Programme Committee and Finance Committee, respectively. The EC suggested to discuss with the Director, ICAR-NRC on Seed Spices for a possible collaboration in organizing the event. If agreed, one of the scientists from ICAR-NRCSS may be co-opted as the Co-Convener.
3. *Reconstitution of Editorial Advisory Board of Journal of Spices and Aromatic Crops*: The Editor-in-Chief suggested the names for the reconstitution of Editorial Board and Editorial Advisory Board. The EC suggested to include eminent scientists from India as well as abroad and to request a communiqué of consent.
4. The EC agreed in principle to organize awareness cum training programme for progressive farmers in collaboration with AISEF.
5. *Provisions for organizing zonal wise farmer's meeting*: It is suggested to organize one or two zonal wise programmes/seminars yearly, partly sponsored by ISS.



6. *Collaborating with SKUAST, Kashmir in organizing two days National Seminar on Spices and Aromatic plants:* The EC suggested requesting the organizer to send a formal letter through the Vice Chancellor, SKUAST regarding the collaboration of ISS with the proposed seminar.
7. *Conducting Annual General Body meeting of ISS during AICRPS meeting:* The EC recommended organizing ISS Annual General Body meeting during the annual workshop of AICRP on Spices from 2019.
8. Other items discussed:
 - The EC suggested requesting ICAR coordination section to release the sanctioned grant for publication of JOSAC for the year 2018-19.
 - The EC suggested to strengthen the membership campaign through the zonal councilors.
 - The EC decided to create a WhatsApp group for EC members exclusively for suggestions/discussions.
 - The EC suggested filing income tax returns regularly.

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

(C N Biju)
Secretary