

Proceedings of the ISS executive council meeting

The executive council meeting of Indian Society for Spices (ISS) was held on 04 September 2009, 3.00 PM at ATIC Hall, Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut. The meeting was presided over the President of the Society, Dr. M Anadaraj.

The following members were present in the meeting

1. Dr. M. Anandaraj, President, ISS
2. Dr. M. Tamil Selvan, Vice President, ISS
3. Dr. N.K. Leela, Editor, JOSAC
4. Dr. V. Srinivasan, Secretary, ISS
5. Dr. K.V. Saji, Treasurer, ISS
6. Dr. Utpala Parthasarathy, Member, Executive Council, ISS
7. Dr. P.Y. Dalvi, 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 IISR, Calicut on 30th March 2009 by the Secretary, V. Srinivasan.

The executive requested the identified committee for nominating ISS fellows to convene the meeting at the earliest to formulate guidelines and modalities for getting nominations for ISS fellows. Regarding the online resourcing of JOSAC, executive sought the help of Editorial committee for studying the options critically and to explore the possibilities. Executive also suggested hastening the process of hosting of society web page with a domain name of www.indianspicesociety.org and launching of the website during SYMSAC-V.

The meeting took up the following agenda items for discussion.

1. Briefing and discussion on the proposed SYMSAC-V arrangements:

President ISS briefed about the arrangements that are made in discussion with DASD, Calicut and CIH, Nagaland for conducting the SYMSAC-V at Dimapur, Nagaland. He also detailed about the assurance rendered by the State Department of Agriculture, Nagaland and SASRD, Nagaland University in smooth conduct of the symposium. He thanked the Directors of DASD and CIH for their cooperation in this regard.

2. To formulate committees for SYMSAC-V:

As we need to bring out the souvenir in time and to conduct and coordinate the sessions of SYMSAC, need for Editorial, Programme and Registration committees was stressed by Dr. Tamil Selvan and in view of that the following committees were formulated.

Editorial Committee for printing Souvenir

Dr. M. Anandaraj

Dr. M. Tamil Selvan

Dr. R. Dinesh

Dr. K. S. Krishnamurthy

Dr. K.V. Saji

Dr. V. Srinivasan

(**Action:** Getting and editing the lead talks and abstracts, Printing the souvenir with messages from VIPs, Printing of Key note addresses)

Programme Committee

Dr. S. J. Eapen

Dr. N. K. Leela

Dr. T. E. Sheeja

Dr. Homey Cherian

(**Action:** Preparation of detailed programmes, Conducting different technical and Poster sessions)

Registration Committee

Dr. Utpala Parthasarathy

Mr. Babu Lal Meena

(**Action:** Procurement of delegates badge with tags and guiding the local registration committee on registration details)

It was also suggested to explore the possibilities of arranging a field trip on the third day for the interested delegates at Dimapur to have an exposure on the field and research conditions.

For getting mementos like spice packs for dignitaries, Dr. Tamil Selvan will contact Spice Trading Corporation, Kochi for details. This may be decided based on the final number of dignitaries for SYMSAC.

Dr. K V Saji, Treasurer proposed the vote of thanks.

(V Srinivasan)

Secretary