

Proceedings of the ISS executive council meeting

The executive council meeting of Indian Society for Spices (ISS) was held on 16th December 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 Anandaraj.

The following members were present in the meeting

1. Dr. M Anandaraj, President, ISS
2. Dr. M Tamil Selvan, Vice President, ISS
3. Dr. S. Devasahayam, Chief Editor, JOSAC
4. Dr. V.K. Raju, Member, Executive Council, ISS
5. Dr. Utpala Parthasarathy, Member, Executive Council, ISS
6. Dr. S. Hamza, Member, Executive Council, ISS
7. Dr. V Srinivasan, Secretary, ISS
8. Dr. K V Saji, Treasurer, 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 4th September 2009 by the Secretary, V. Srinivasan.

The details about the conduct of SYMSAC – V was briefed to the EC members. President and Vice president briefed about the success of the symposium and about the overwhelming response to the symposium from all the sectors, even though it was conducted at Nagaland. There were about 180 delegates including scientists, Dept. officials, farmers and entrepreneurs representing 16 states across the country. Treasurer briefed about the receipts and expenditures of the SYMSAC-V.

The meeting took up the following agenda items for discussion.

- **Recommendations of SYMSAC-V**

It was stressed to bring out the recommendations of the symposium and the future action plan for the NE states based on those recommendations at the earliest. It was also stressed that the action plan should involve the linkage of local implementing agencies like CIH, ICAR institutes and Agrl. Universities present in the NE states for the development works with the financial and technical support of DASD and IISR, respectively.

- **Activities for next year: Contributing seed money to National Conference on Seeds & Planting material**

The Society for promotion of horticulture in collaboration with IIHR and Confederation of horticultural association of India (CHAI) has proposed to organize a national conference on

production of quality seeds and planting material – health management in horticultural crops during March 2010, for which the Organizing secretary Dr. BP. Singh, has written to all the horticultural societies to extend their support in the form of contributing seed money for the conference. This was discussed in the EC and was approved to advance the seed money of One lakh rupees for the conference by insisting on getting it back after the conference. It was also suggested to hold back the contribution to CHAI for becoming its member, which was approved in previous EC and GB, stating about the weak financial position of the society.

- Any other items

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. It was also suggested to make efforts to increase the NAAS rating of JOSAC.

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

(V. Srinivasan)
Secretary