Proceedings of the ISS executive council meeting

The executive council meeting of Indian Society for Spices (ISS) was held on 30.03.2009, 10.30 AM 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. D Prasath, Secretary, ISS
5. Dr. K V Saji, Treasurer, ISS
6. Dr. Utpala Parthasarathy, Member Executive Council, ISS
7. Dr. V Srinivasan, Invited Member

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 29th December 2008 by the Secretary, D Prasath. The meeting took up the following agenda items for discussion.

1. Organizing ISS seminar (SYMSAC V)
   It is decided to have SYMSAC jointly organized by ISS and DASD (Directorate of Arecaanut and Spices Development). The possibilities of involving other stakeholders like Spices Board and explored. It is also suggested to organize the ensuing SYMSAC in North East during November, 2009 with the theme of Spices for Non traditional areas. ISS may approach ICAR Research Complex for NEH for hosting the symposium.

2. The executive council has nominated Dr. V. Srinivasan as Secretary as the incumbent Secretary is going on deputation.

3. A committee headed by Dr. M Tamil Selvan, Vice President, ISS is constituted to evolve guidelines for nominating ISS Fellows. Dr. V Srinivasan, Secretary, ISS shall be the convener. The committee may co-opt other members. The committee is requested to submit the report by June 30, 2009.

4. The Executive Council suggested nominating Dr. H P Singh, Deputy Director General (Horticulture), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi as Honorary Patron of ISS by considering his outstanding contribution to the horticulture development in the country. The proposal has to be placed in the next General Body.

5. The executive council discussed various issues related to licensing of JOSAC. It is decided to circulate the model agreements of two firms to the executive council members for their suggestions.

6. The proposal of ISS to become member of newly formed CHAI (Confederation of Horticulture Associations of India) was discussed and it is decided to contribute Rs. 25,000 (Twenty five thousand only) to CHAI. The proposal is to be placed in the next General Body meeting for ratification.

7. Executive Council approved the draft webpage of ISS with few minor modifications. The same may be hosted with separate domain name. Executive also approved the payment for designing ISS website.

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

(D Prasath)
Secretary
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. NK. Leela, Editor, JOSAC
4. Dr. V Srinivasan, Secretary, ISS
5. Dr. KV Saji, Treasurer, ISS
6. Dr. Utpala Parthasarathy, Member, Executive Council, ISS
7. Dr. PY 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 Cheriyan
(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 memento’s 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
Indian Society for Spices
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. K.V. Raju, Member, Executive Council, ISS
5. Dr. Utpala Parthasarathy, Member, Executive Council, ISS
6. Dr. S. Hamza, Member, Executive Council, ISS
7. Dr. K V Saji, Treasurer, ISS
8. Dr. V Srinivasan, Secretary, ISS

The meeting began with a formal welcome by the President 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.

a. 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 the discussions held during the symposium 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.

b. 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 with a request to get back the money 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.

c. 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
Indian Society for Spices
Proceedings of the ISS executive council meeting

The executive council meeting of Indian Society for Spices (ISS) was held on 7th February 2011, 3.00 PM at ATIC Hall, Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut. The meeting was presided over by 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. Utpala Parthasarathy, Member, Executive Council, ISS
5. Dr. S. Hamza, Member, Executive Council, ISS
6. Dr. V. Srinivasan, Secretary, ISS
7. Dr. K. V. Saji, Treasurer, ISS

The meeting began with a welcome by the president followed by presentation of the proceedings of the previous EC meeting held at IISR, Calicut on 2nd September 2010 by Secretary.

The meeting took up the following agenda items for discussion,

- Making JOSAC Online.
  As the designing of the web site is finalized, it was proposed to host the web site with the domain name of www.indianspicesociety.in and with a minimum storage space of 2–3 MB. The committee stressed the need for regular updating of the site, once launched.

- As there were 11 nominations for ISS Fellows and five for Sugandha Bharathi award, the committee proposed different selection committees for further screening and evaluation. The proposed committees are,

  - For selection of ISS Fellows:
    1. Dr. M. Anandaraj
    2. Dr. M. Tamil Selvan
    3. Dr. S. Devasahayam
    4. Dr. T. John Zachariah
    5. Dr. VK. Raju

  - For selection of Sugandha Bharathi Award
    Dr. MK. Nair
    Prof. K. Kannaian
    Prof. DP. Ray
    Dr. Vasisht

6. As there will not be any Society Seminar/Meeting this year (2010), the Society election & General Body Meeting will be held in 2011.

(D. Prasath)

Secretary
Indian Society for Spices
Proceedings of the ISS executive council meeting

The executive council meeting of Indian Society for Spices (ISS) was held on 22nd Sept 2011, 3.00 PM at ATIC Hall, Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut. The meeting was presided over by 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. Devasaahayam, Chief Editor, JOSAC
4. Dr. Utpala Parthasarathy, Member, Executive Council, ISS
5. Dr. V. Srinivasan, Secretary, ISS
6. Dr. T. John Zachariah, Invitee
7. Dr. Santhosh J Eapen, Invitee

The meeting began with a welcome by the president followed by presentation of the proceedings of the previous EC meeting held at IISR, Calicut on 7th Feb. 2011 by Secretary. The meeting took up the following agenda items for discussion,

- Discussion on the proposed SYMSAC-VI
  It is decided to have SYMSAC jointly organized by ISS and DASD (Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development). When ISS approached UAS, Dharwad for hosting the symposium the Director of Research, UAS, Dharwad has agreed to the proposal and identified Dr. P.M. Dharmatti, Professor and Head, Dept. of Horticulture, AC, UAS, Dharwad as organizing Secretary.
- It was suggested to hold the symposium during 12-18 December 2011, in consultation with UAS, Dharwad. Committee suggested the theme of ‘Exploiting spices production potential of the Deccan region’ and identified broad sessions for holding the seminar for two and half days, as given below.

  **First day**
  - Inaugural session
  - General Body meeting of ISS

  **Second day**
  - Genetic diversity and its Conservation
  - Quality planting material availability.
  - Plant Health Management
  - Secondary Agriculture (Post harvest and product diversification)

  **Third day**
  - Socio economic issues in spices production and marketing
  - Farmers interactive session
  - Plenary session

- The committee also suggested probable members for national advisory and organizing committees that need to be formed. Also identified Dr. Ramakrishna Hegde, Associate Professor, UAS, Dharwad and V. Srinivasan, Secretary, ISS as Convenors.
- It was also suggested to draft the first circular immediately and circulate to Organizing Secretary and Convenor for required inclusions/ suggestions for printing the same at the earliest. It was also suggested to get the brief budget estimate from University so as to write to DASD for financial assistance. It was also suggested to explore the funding for souvenir publication from other agencies like NABARD.
Dr. V. Srinivasan, Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

Secretary
Indian Society for Spices
The executive council meeting of Indian Society for Spices (ISS) was held on 5th June 2012, 4.00 PM at ATIC Hall, Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode. The meeting was presided over by the President of the society, Dr. M. Anandaraj.

The following members were present in the meeting:
1. Dr. M. Anandaraj, President, ISS
2. Dr. V. Srinivasan, Secretary, ISS
3. Dr. D. Prasath, Joint Secretary, ISS
4. Dr. E. Jayashree, Treasurer, ISS
5. Dr. R. Dinesh, Editor-in-Chief, JOSAC
6. Dr. M. Tamil Selvan, Member, Executive Council, ISS
7. Dr. Homey Cheriyan, Member, Executive Council, ISS
8. Dr. E.V. Nybe, Member, Executive Council, ISS
9. Dr. Santhosh J. Eapen, Member, Executive Council, ISS
10. Dr. K.V. Saji, Member, Executive Council, ISS

The following agenda items were discussed.
1. Providing link to CHAI at ISS site as ISS is a member
   Approved the same and a link may be provided.
2. Setting the guidelines for Award of best Ph.D work on spices and best Innovative Farmer Award:
   The committee identified for evolving the guidelines for Awards on best Ph.D thesis on spices instituted by Dr. V.S. Korikanthimath and the best Innovative Farmer Award by ISS, presented the guidelines before EC. EC suggested for modifications in eligibility, name of award, type of mementos and other criteria. EC approved the draft guidelines and asked the committee to finalize the same after incorporating the suggestions.
3. New cover design for JOSAC
   EC approved the new cover design for JOSAC and it will be implemented from Vol. 21.

Other items for discussion
- EC empowered the Editorial Committee to explore the possibility of getting International impact factor for JOSAC and printing the journal through agencies like Springers for getting wider publicity and rating.
- EC suggested for printing the Cumulative Index of JOSAC volumes 11 to 20 as an expert CD and requested the Editorial Committee to work on the same.
- Dr. Homey Cheriyann, Director, DASD expressed the need for cooperation from IISR and ISS for conducting the ‘Spice Fest’ which is scheduled in December 2012, commemorating the ‘Horticulture Year 2012’. EC expressed its whole heated support in conducting the technical sessions of the event. It was also suggested that, society should come up with popular handouts/folders on technologies related to spices which may be released during the event.

Dr. D. Prasath, Joint Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.
Proceedings of the ISS Executive Council Meeting

The executive council meeting of Indian Society for Spices (ISS) was held on 5th November 2012, 4.00 PM at ATIC Hall, Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode. The meeting was presided over by the President of the society, Dr. M. Anandaraj.

The following members were present in the meeting
1. Dr. M. Anandaraj, President, ISS
2. Dr. S. J. Ankegowda, Vice President, ISS
3. Dr. V. Srinivasan, Secretary, ISS
4. Dr. D. Prasath, Joint Secretary, ISS
5. Dr. E. Jayashree, Treasurer, ISS
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9. Dr. Santhosh J. Eapen, Member, Executive Council, ISS
10. Dr. K.V. Saji, Member, Executive Council, ISS

The meeting began with a welcome by the president followed by presentation of the proceedings of the previous EC meeting held at IISR, Calicut on 5th June 2012 by Secretary. The following agenda items were discussed.

- Identifying programmes to commemorate the Year of Horticulture
  Earlier it was decided to coordinate with DASD in conducting ‘Spice Fest’ to commemorate the year of Horticulture – 2012. But as the programme was suspended, President suggested for hosting a one day interface with spice industry at IISR within December 2012. EC approved the same suggested 7th December 2012 for conducting the event. This interface may serve as platform for interaction of producers and researchers with industry and exporters to understand their need and identify the issues and to flag off the same for future national level policy discussions. It was suggested to identify the topics and key speakers for the interface at the earliest and dispatch the related letters at the earliest.

- Selection of ISS Fellows-2012
  EC recommended following the same guidelines set by the committee last year for getting nominations for this year. Also suggested to insert the advertisement of newly instituted award for best Ph. D. thesis on spices and inviting nominations for ISS fellows in the forthcoming issue of the journal. Dr. D. Prasath, Joint Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

Dr. D. Prasath, Joint Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

Secretary
Indian Society for Spices