

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. Devasahayam, 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