

INDIAN SOCIETY FOR SPICES, KOZHIKODE

Proceedings of the executive council meeting

The executive council meeting of Indian Society for Spices (ISS) was held on 24.01.2014, 03.30 PM at Mini Conference Hall, Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode. The meeting was presided over by the President of the Society, Dr. K Nirmal Babu.

The following members were present in the meeting

1. Dr. M. Anandaraj, Director, IISR & Immediate Past President, ISS
2. Dr. K. Nirmal Babu, President, ISS
3. Dr. S.J. Ankegowda, Vice President, ISS
4. Dr. D. Prasath, Secretary, ISS
5. Dr. C.N. Biju, Joint Secretary, ISS
6. Dr. E. Jayashree, Treasurer, ISS
7. Dr. V. Srinivasan, Immediate Past Secretary, ISS
8. Dr. R. Dinesh, Editor-in-Chief, JOSAC
9. Dr. Santhosh J. Eapen, Member, Executive Council, ISS

The meeting began with a welcome by the Secretary.

The President thanked the earlier executive for their efforts and constant support. He welcomed the all the members for the first meeting of the newly elected Executive Council.

The meeting took up the following agenda items for discussion,

1. EC approved the proceedings of last EC meeting held on 11-01-2013 and proceedings of general body meeting held on 27-11-2013.
2. Nominating Vice President (one) & Executive members (five)

The elected executive council members after detailed discussion, nominated the following persons for the post of Vice president and Members, Executive Council.

Vice President (Nominated) - Dr. S.K. Malhotra, ADG (Hort.), ICAR &
Horticulture Commissioner, GOI, New Delhi

The members list of nominated Executive Council are;

- (1) Dr. M. Tamil Selvan, Additional Commissioner (Horticulture), Krishi Bhavan, GOI, New Delhi
- (2) Dr. Balraj Singh, Director, NRCSS, Ajmer, Rajasthan
- (3) Dr. V. Srinivasan, Senior Scientist, IISR, Kozhikode, Kerala
- (4) Mr. O.V.R. Somasundaram, Planter, Pollachi, Tamil Nadu
- (5) Mr. Bijo Varghese, M/s. Kancor Ingredients Ltd., Thrikkakkara, Cochin, Kerala

3. Nominating Zonal Councilors (five)

Executive council nominated five zonal councilors as follows;

- Eastern Zone – Dr. Anjani Kumar Jha, Senior Scientist,
ICAR Research Complex for NBH Region, Meghalaya
Western Zone – Dr. Ajit Shirodkar, Chairman, Western Ghats Kokum Foundation, Goa
Southern Zone – Mr. Mohammed Hidayeth Ulla, Planter, Hassan, Karnataka
Northern Zone – Dr. S.K. Tehlan, Scientist, CCSHAU, Hisar, Haryana
Central Zone – Dr. K. Giridhar, Scientist, Dr. YSRHU, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh

4. Briefing about SYMSAC-VII

The seventh Symposium on Spices and Aromatic Crops (SYMSAC-VII) organized by the Indian Society for Spices, Kozhikode on 'Post-harvest processing of spices and fruit crops' was held at Hotel Crystal Court, Madikeri, Karnataka, during 27–29 November 2013. Dr V Srinivasan, Immediate Past Secretary, ISS briefed the successful conduct of the SYMSAC-VII and the final financial position to the EC. A sum of Rs. 8,80,500/- received by the Society as sponsorship from different organizations and the expenditure is Rs. 7,89,139/- for the symposium. There is a saving about Rs. 91,361/-. The final statement will be submitted by the Treasurer in a month of time.

5. Instituting a new award for the best M.Sc. thesis

Dr. V.S. Korikanthimath informed that the additional amount of Rs. 25,000/- announced by him in the GB meeting, may be utilized to institute a new award for the best M.Sc. thesis on spices, medicinal and aromatic crops. EC approved this proposal and thanked Dr. V.S. Korikanthimath for the sponsorship.

The EC also thanked Mr. OVR Somasundaram and Mr. Lalith Meisheri for their interest to sponsor two 'Sugandhasree Awards' for the innovative farmers instituted by ISS.

6. Enhancement of ISS membership fee

By considering high cost of printing and postage expenses of JOSAC, EC approved the following revised ISS membership fees;

Ordinary/ Annual membership	– Rs. 750/-
Life membership	– Rs. 3,000/-

The revised membership will be effective from 1st March 2014.

It was suggested to reduce print version of the journal copies to cut down the printing expenses. To most members who agree only the soft/online version will be provided.

7. Other items for discussion

- EC approved ISSs sponsorship for XXIst PLACROSYM, as it is to be held at Kozhikode and organized by IISR, Kozhikode, who are the hosts of ISS as well. EC also suggested seeking at reduced sponsorship amount, as ISS being a small society.
- The Director, IISR, the host institute to ISS has kindly agreed to provide a new room with better facilities for the efficient work of the Society with better visibility.
- EC suggested uploading all the EC proceedings in the society's webpage and inform the members by e-mail initially.
- EC has considered and approved raise in the emoluments for the Secretarial Assistant of Ms. Deepthi to Rs. 300/- and Mr. Balakrishnan Nair to Rs. 250/- (per day) with effect from 1st March 2014.

Dr. C.N. Biju, Joint Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

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Secretary, Indian Society for Spices