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PROCEEDINGS OF THE XXIII ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF ISS HELD ON 15-05-2024

The XXIII annual general body meeting of Indian Society for Spices was held on 15 May 2024 at ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode on hybrid mode. Dr. K. Kandiannan, President, ISS presided over the meeting and Dr. S.J. Anke Gowda, Vice President, ISS welcomed the members. Dr. Homey Cherian, Director (DASD) & Vice President of ISS and Dr. R. Dinesh, Director, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Dr. Sharon Aravind, Secretary, ISS and Dr. Maneesha SR, Treasurer, ISS were present in the meeting. Former Secretaries, ISS, The Project Coordinator (AICRP Spices), Heads of the Division of ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode, Executive Council members of ISS, Zonal Councilors of ISS, former EC Members of ISS, life members and Scientists from various institutions participated and shared their remarks online.

• **Presentation of proceedings of previous GB meeting & Secretary's report**

Dr. Sharon Aravind, Secretary, ISS presented proceedings of the previous General Body Meeting held during 05 January 2023 and Secretary's report for the period January 2023- April 2024. The General Body approved the proceedings and Secretary's report pertaining to previous year.

• **Presentation of audited financial report (April 2022 to March 2023).**

Dr. Maneesha S R, Treasurer, ISS presented the audited accounts of the Society for the period of April 2022 to March 2023, which was approved by the general body.

• **Organizing SYMSAC XI**

Regarding SYMSAC XI, GB approved for hosting it as a part of ICAR-IISR Golden Jubilee Celebrations, venue and dates will be finalized in due course.

• **Continuation of SYMSAC Website**

General Body members agreed to discontinue the separate website for SYMSAC alone, and GB suggested to integrate SYMSAC data into ISS website itself for reducing the AMC cost. The General Body expressed their profound gratitude to Mr. Jayarajan K. (Technical Officer, ICAR-IISR, Kozhikode) and his team for designing and developing our new website, www.indiansocietyforspices.in.



- **Presentation of Editor's report of JOSAC**

Dr. K S Krishnamurthy, Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Spices and Aromatic Crops (JOSAC), presented the Editor's report. It is conveyed that, under the aegis of present Editorial Board two issues of the journal namely, 32(1) and 32 (2) were published. 110 manuscripts were received during the period, of which 51 was rejected. At present, 15 manuscripts are under various stages of processing. The number of printed copies of JOSAC was reduced to 50 from 100 and increased the number of Email subscribers for JOSAC for reducing the printing cost. The Editor's report was approved by the general body. GB suggested to make all possible efforts to retain or increase the NAAS rating of JOSAC.

- **Presentation of Editor's report of ISS Newsletter**

Dr. Maneesha S R, presented the Editor's report of ISS Newsletter on behalf of Dr. T E Sheeja, Editor-in Chief of ISS Newsletter. Two issues of newsletter were released during 2023.

- **Identification of new Honorary Patrons**

GB Members unanimously agreed for nominating Padma Bhushan Dr. R S Paroda as a Honorary Patron, in the place of Professor M S Swaminathan.


- **Raising the amount of subscription for different categories of memberships (Ordinary, Life, Sustaining, Institutional and Patrons)**

The GB approved for raising the Membership fees for various category of ISS memberships. Institutional membership from Rs.10,000 to Rs. 25,000, Sustaining Membership fee would be Rs. 25,000 to Rs.50,000, and Parton Membership will be Rs.1,00,000 from Rs.50,000. Ordinary and Life membership fees will remain unchanged.

Other Items.

- It was suggested to prepare ISS member's directory and circulate to the Members.
- The Amendments made during earlier GB has to be incorporated and bye-laws reprinted.
- All the members unanimously agreed that membership campaign will be undertaken to make their colleagues, students, and friends as life members of ISS.
- The meeting was concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. Maneesha S. R., Treasurer, ISS.

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24-05-2024


(Sharon Aravind)
Secretary