

INDIAN MEAT SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Indian Meat Science Association (IMSA) Executive Committee Meeting Held at NRC on Meat, Hyderabad on 3rd August, 2014

The EC meeting was convened under the chairmanship of President, IMSA. The following IMSA, EC members and editors have participated in the meeting held at National Research Centre on Meat, Hyderabad on 03/08/2014 from 3.00 pm 5.30 pm.

1. Dr. V.V. Kulkarni, President
2. Dr. V. Kesava Rao, Past President & Honorary Chief Editor
3. Dr. S.K. Mendiratta, Vice-President
4. Dr. B.M. Naveena, Secretary
5. Dr. Muthukumar, Treasurer & Associate Editor
6. Dr. P.K Mandal, Jt. Secretary
7. Dr. NarendraBabu, Jt. Secretary
8. Dr. Girish Patil, Member
9. Dr. K. Jayathilakan, Member
10. Dr. Sunil Kumar, Member
11. Dr. Suresh Devatkal, Associate Editor

At the outset, Dr. M. Muthukumar, Treasurer, IMSA welcomed the members. Dr. V.V. Kulkarni, President, IMSA in his address thanked all the EC members and expressed his gratitude for finding it convenient to attend this important meeting. He also placed on record the excellent contribution of all the EC members and editors in promoting the activities of IMSA.

Secretary's Report

Dr. B.M. Naveena, Secretary, IMSA stated that after shifting of headquarter from Pondicherry to Hyderabad in February, 2013 the EC members at NRC on Meat met 7 times to deliberate on various issues pertaining to IMSA programmes, functioning, finance etc. He briefed the IMSA activities from March-2013 to July-2014 and are listed below:

- Renewal of IMSA domain and shifting of the same to Hyderabad. Complete modification of the website and regular updating to provide all the activities of IMSA.
- 20 new life memberships and one corporate membership taking total to 310.
- Publishing two continues issues of *J. Meat Science* and efforts to include under NAAS with a rating of 3.53. Further efforts are on to list in Indian Science Abstracts and online availability of abstracts for each manuscripts published in IMSA journal to increase the citations.
- Contribution of more than 5.0 lakh Rs. to IMSA accounts from the organizers of IMSACON-V held at NRC on Meat, Hyderabad. The IMSA has audited its accounts upto March, 2014.
- IMSA efforts to communicate with International Meat Secretariat (IMS) and others like China Meat Association and Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA) about collaboration and membership.
- IMSA sponsorship at Meat Tech-2014 held at Chennai and National Traceability workshop held at NRC on Meat, Hyderabad. Proposed to participate at Meat Tech Asia at Bengaluru.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

1. Publishing of IMSA News letter

It was discussed that, most of the IMSA activities will be informed to all the members through uploading in website and during the annual meetings held at different places. Therefore, the News Letter must be targeted towards meat industry personnel, exporters and Govt. agencies. Considering the cost of printing and postage, it was decided to go for “*IMSA e-NEWS LETTER*” once in every 6 months. The same may be forwarded to all through e-mail. In the meantime, efforts will be made to get the sponsors who can contribute for printing. Dr. Girish Patil, Dr. Narendra Babu and Dr. P.K. Mandal were given the responsibility of compiling the information, designing and editing the soft copy for circulation. The IMSA e-News Letter will be published online once in 6 months.

2. Measures to start different IMSA Awards

It was decided to start the following awards:

- Best Master's theses award
 - Best Ph.D theses award
 - Young Scientist Award
 - Best Research Article published in *Journal of Meat Science*
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- Any renowned and distinguished Meat Scientist who wish to initiate the awards in their name has to pay Rs. 25,000=00 (for best Master's theses) Rs. 35,000=00 (for best Ph.D theses), Rs. 50,000=00 (for young scientist award) and Rs. 20,000=00 (for best research article). The aforesaid amount will be placed under Fixed Deposit and the interest generated will be used for the award. Based on the response, the number of awards will be increased in the coming years. Dr. P.K. Mandal, Pondicherry and Dr. Narendra Babu, Chennai will formulate the guidelines, rules and regulations, format, evaluation criterion etc. and submit to Secretary, IMSA for finalizing the same in consultation with all EC members.
 - Dr. V.V.Kulkarni, Director, NRC on Meat, Hyderabad proposed to constitute and sponsor Best Master's theses award as "*IMSA Dr. B.N. Kowale Award for Best Master's Theses*". Once the guidelines are formulated, we may start this award preferably from IMSACON-VI at Mathura.

3. Matters related to *Journal of Meat Science*

- It was decided to publish one invited review in each issue of the Journal. The editorial committee will identify the topic and the contributing author for the review.
- For publishing in Journal of Meat Science, it is a must for the first author to be a Life member of IMSA before submission.

4. Inclusion of foreign members in IMSA

It was decided to fix the membership fee of \$ 200 US Dollars per person for IMSA Foreign Life Membership.

5. Maintenance of IMSA accounts

It was decided to open two fixed deposits of Rs. 4.0 lakh each of 2 year duration and the interest will be credited to IMSA savings bank account. It was suggested to convert savings account into Flexi account.

6. Resource generation

- All the EC members to ensure maximum memberships from their students and respective Institute's and Universities. Efforts to bring in more corporate members. Seeking ICAR grant for journal publication.
- During the discussion, it was noticed that the organizers of IMSACON-IV at IVRI, Izatnagar have not submitted the audited statement and the balance amount was not transferred to IMSA accounts till date. Therefore, it was decided to write to the Organizing Secretary of IMSACON-IV to settle the balance at the earliest.

7. Modalities to conduct elections to different office bearers of IMSA

This agenda item was discussed in detail with inputs from all the members presented during the meeting. It was mentioned that, the present EC is valid for 2 years i.e. upto March 2015 and future course of action about conducting elections through balloting or through voice vote will be decided during the Annual General Body meeting to be held in Mathura. The following points were agreed:

- It was mentioned that, the Indian Dairy Association and Indian Poultry Science Association are almost synonymous with NDRI, Karnal and CARI, Izzatnagar and their growth and popularity was mainly associated with their respective Institutes. It was unanimously agreed that IMSA can grow faster and flourish

only with its association with NRC on Meat and therefore, it was decided that, the head-quarter of the IMSA will remain at NRC on Meat, Hyderabad only.

- It was discussed that more than 50% of the postal addresses provided by the members are old and not traceable. In spite of uploading in IMSA website about changing the addresses no response was received from any members. Under this circumstance, even if the balloting was held it will not be possible to get more than 100 ballots out of 310 life members. Therefore, it was agreed that, the issue of conducting elections or voice vote will be decided at GB meeting.
- The committee unanimously decided that, in case if the elections are held the post of Secretary and Treasurer will remain with head-quarter (NRC on Meat) and elections for all the remaining posts will be conducted as per the recommendations of GB. Several EC members opined that, the post of President should be at the head-quarter in order to ensure the team work and coordination of Secretary, Treasurer and President to take any initiatives. Therefore, it was agreed that Director, NRC on Meat will remain President/Working President of IMSA, however the same will be discussed during GB meeting.

8. Other Points

- All the EC members unanimously agreed that IMSA need to increase its activities in order to improve its visibility. Therefore, it was decided that in addition to organizing National Seminar once in a year or once in 2 years, few smaller events like Workshops, Awareness Programmes or any other events in the area of meat science can be organized. Any life member interested to organize such events under the IMSA banner without any financial commitment to the association is a welcome step and IMSA will happily support them.
- The organizing secretaries of IMSACON events need to get their event dates, technical programme etc. approved from IMSA.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from Secretary, IMSA