

## **Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of International Society of Minor Fruits, Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (ISMFM&AP)**

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to form an International forum on the International Society of Minor Fruits, Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (ISMFM&AP) was held on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka. The following members were attended to the meeting.

1. Prof. Dr. S.N.Ghosh
2. Prof. Dr. S. Subasinghe
3. Prof. Dr. M.A.Rahim
4. Prof. Dr. Md. Solaiman Ali Fakir
5. Prof. Dr. M. A. Hashem
6. Dr. C.P. Suresh
7. Dr. WDG Lakmini
8. Dr. B.C.Banik
9. Dr. Gopal Shulka
10. Dr. Anupam Paul
11. Dr. G. Satyanarayana Reddy
12. Dr. Raasekhar Marri
13. Dr. Sahu Ghansyam Das
14. Dr. BN Hazarika
15. Dr. Prohlad Dev

**Prof. S. N Ghosh, India (main architect of the society)** explained the importance of establishing ISMFM&AP. All the members were agreed to form an ISMFM&AP. Following office bearers were appointed at the meeting initially for two years.

<b>Post</b>	<b>Name of the office bearer</b>
President	Prof. S.Subasinghe (Sri Lanka)
Vice President	Dr. BN Hazarika (India)
Secretary	Prof. M.A.Rahim (Bangladesh)
Joint Secretary	Prof. Md. Solaiman Ali Fakir (Bangladesh)
Treasurer	Dr. WDG Lakmini (Sri Lanka)
Committee members	Prof. S.N.Ghosh (India) Prof. C.P. Suresh (India) Prof. B.C.Banik (India) Dr. Sumith Chakraborty (India) Dr. P. Dev (India) Dr. G. Satyanarayana Reddy (India) Prof. Dr. Masud Ahamad (Bangladesh)

It was also decided in the meeting that after registration, the society can be expanded to other countries.

Following decisions were taken **unanimously** at the meeting.

- i. An international society has been formed in name “**International Society of Minor Fruits, Medicinal & Aromatic Plants (ISMFM&AP)** with its head quarter at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka.
- ii. The society will publish an **International journal on Minor Fruits, Medicinal & Aromatic Plants**, both online and hard cop, initially biannually as a double bind index journal. Refereed by 3 referees. **Prof. S.N.Ghosh will be the Editor-in-Chief of the proposed journal. Head quarter of the journal will be at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka.**
- iii. Selected referred papers of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ISMF&MP will be published in the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the international journal.
- iv. The society will organize ISMF&MP in every two years interval.
- v. It was also decided to raise funds from International funding agencies for the society.
- vi. The committee decided to establish an International Medicinal Plant Garden in Sri Lanka attached to the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna.
- vii. The committee also decided to establish an international Minor Fruit Garden in Bangladesh attached to the Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymrnsingh.
- viii. It was decided membership fees as follows,

Life membership	-	US \$ 100/=
Ordinary member (annual membership)	-	US \$ 20/=
Farmer membership	-	US \$ 20/=
Institutional membership	-	US \$ 500/=
- ix. When publish a paper, at least one author should be a member of the society.
- x. Those who have attended at 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were considered as founder members and all founder will have to pay a minimum of US \$ 100/=.

Following members were paid their membership fees

Prof. SN Ghosh - US \$ 200/=

Prof. M.A.Rahim - US \$ 100/=

Prof. Md. Solaiman Ali Fakir - US \$ 100/=

Prof. S.Subasinghe - US \$ 100/=

Prof. B.C.Banik - US \$ 100/=

- xi. The society will be registered from the Sri Lanka as per registration act and a bank account will be opened for monetary transaction.
- xii. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ISMF&MP will be at Bangladesh Agricultural University during 2015 under the leadership Prof. M. A. Rahim.

The meeting was ended with thanks from the Chair.