

THE FISHERIES TECHNOCRATS FORUM, CHENNAI-6
(Reg. No. 80/92)



TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
(1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014)

PREAMBLE

The Fisheries Technocrats Forum was started on 25-6-1990 and got registered under the Tamil Nadu State Societies Act 1978 with effect from 18-3-1992. The initial membership was 28 during 1991-92, which has steadily increased in the following years and stood at 89 during 2013-14. This included 45 Life members, 4 Corporate members, 39 Members and 1 Student Member.

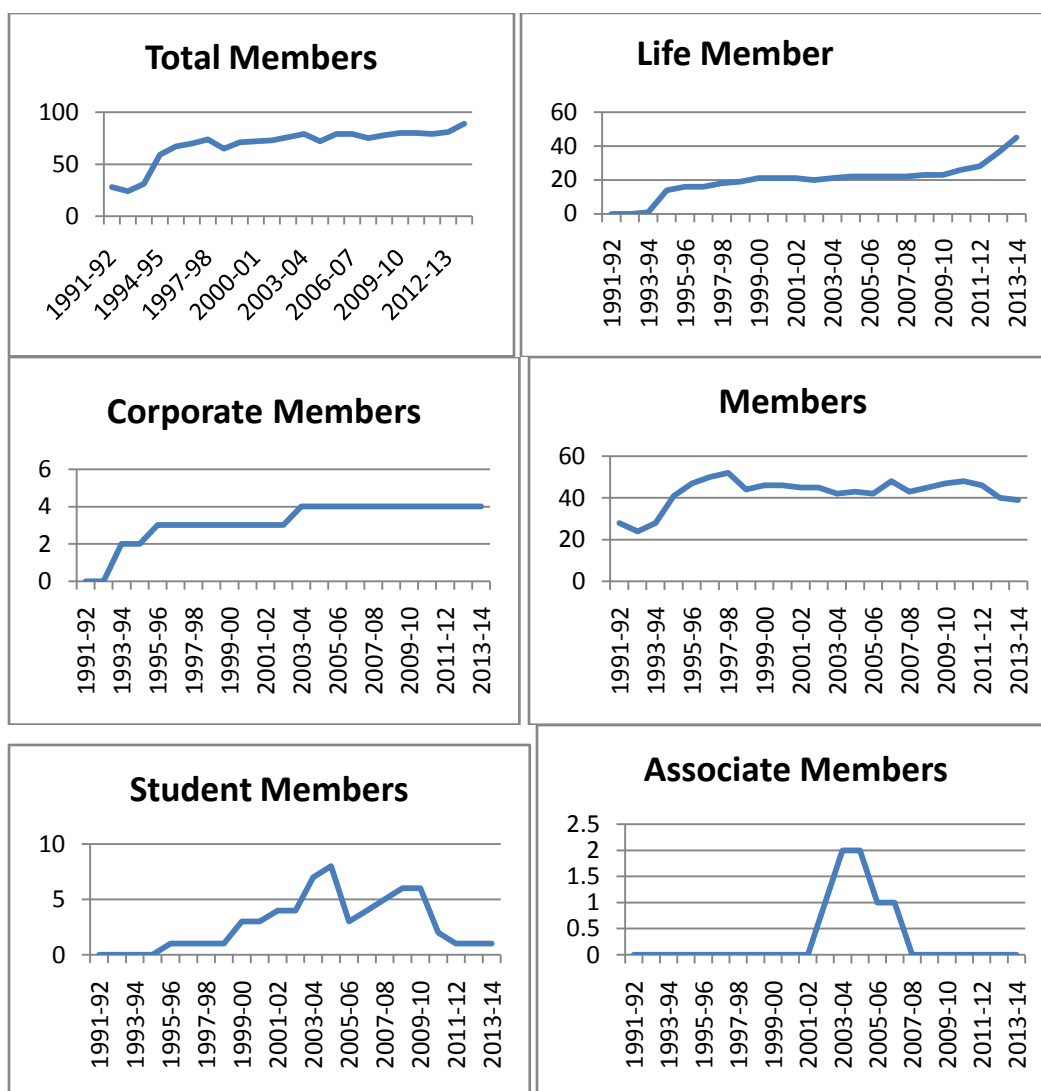
ACTIVITIES

1. Twenty Second Annual General Body Meeting: The Twenty Second Annual meeting of the General Body (April 2012-March 2013) was held on 8th June 2013 under the chairmanship of Dr R. Soundararajan, Chairman, which was attended by 26 members out of the total membership of 81. The proceedings of the Twenty first Annual General Body Meeting held on 9-6-2012 (for the period April 2011 - March 2012) were approved and adopted. M/s Krishnan & Giri, the Chartered Accountants, Chennai were appointed to audit the accounts for the period 2012-13.

2. Memberships: The details of the membership from 1991-92 to 2013-14 are given below.

	Number of					
	Life Member	Corporate Member	Member	Student Member	Associate Member	Total Members
1991-92	0	0	28	0	0	28
1992-93	0	0	24	0	0	24
1993-94	1	2	28	0	0	31
1994-95	14	2	41	0	0	59
1995-96	16	3	47	1	0	67
1996-97	16	3	50	1	0	70
1997-98	18	3	52	1	0	74
1998-99	19	3	44	1	0	65
1999-00	21	3	46	3	0	71
2000-01	21	3	46	3	0	72
2001-02	21	3	45	4	0	73
2002-03	20	3	45	4	1	76
2003-04	21	4	42	7	2	79
2004-05	22	4	43	8	2	72
2005-06	22	4	42	3	1	79
2006-07	22	4	48	4	1	79
2007-08	22	4	43	5	0	75
2008-09	23	4	45	6	0	78
2009-10	23	4	47	6	0	80
2010-11	26	4	48	2	0	80
2011-12	28	4	46	1	0	79
2012-13	35	4	41	1	0	81
2013-14	46	4	38	1	0	89

Growth of FTF



During the period under report, 1) Mr. C. Ravindran, Former Joint Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, 2) Dr. V. Krishnamurthy, Former Director of Fisheries, Andamans, 3) Dr. Deboral Vimala, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 4) Dr. P. Nila Rekha, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 5) Dr. K. Vinod, Principal Scientist, MRC of CMFRI, Chennai, 6) Dr. A. Panigrahi, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 7) Dr. R. Thangavelu, Former Senior Scientist, CMFRI, Chennai and 8) Dr. S. Gomathy, Senior Technical Officer, MRC of CMFRI, Chennai joined as Life Members of the Forum. Dr. R. Soundararajan, Former Principal Scientist of NBFGR, Lucknow and the present Chairman and Mr. S. Victor Chandra Bose, Former Assistant Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu who were the members, have become Life Members. The following enrolled as member of the Forum: 1) Dr. T. Vaitheeswaran, Assistant General Manager, Rar Bio Energies Pvt Ltd, Chennai, 2) Mr. T.L.S. Samuel Moses, Inspector of Fisheries, Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, 3) Dr. K. Vijayakumaran, Principal Scientist, MRC of CMFRI, Chennai, 4) Mr. S. Rajamanickam, Senior Technical Officer, CIBA, Chennai, 5) Dr. P. Krishnan, Scientist, National Centre of Sustainable Coastal Management, Anna University, Chennai, 6) Mr. M.K. Dinesh, Fish Farmer, Malayandipattinam, Coimbatore Dt., Tamil Nadu and 7) Mr. R. Babu, Fish farmer, Pammal,

Chennai-75. Totally 5 members were removed from the registered list for the non-payment of the subscription for two consecutive years.

3. Executive council Meetings: The Executive Council met five times during 2013-14 in order to finalise the following agendas: 1) Renewal of two fixed deposits for period of 2 years, 2) approval of the expenditure incurred by a member of the Forum for the fish farm visits, 3) removal of five members for non-payment of subscription for two consecutive years 4) constitution of an organizing committee for the conduct of 2-day seminar, 5) approval for the payment of rent for the conference hall of CIBA, where 2-day Seminar of the Forum is going to take place during 25-26 February 2014 and 6) approval for the expenditure to be incurred above Rs. 1,000/- for various purposes during the conduct of 2-day Seminar.

4. Monthly meetings: Totally 11 monthly meetings were held at the Library Hall of the Directorate of Fisheries, Chennai at every Second Saturday during 2013-14. Dr. R. Soundararajan, Chairman chaired the meeting during April to November 2013 & January to March 2014, while Mr. A. Sreenivasan, one of the founder members of the Forum chaired the meeting in December 2014 as the Chairman was away from Chennai. Mr. P. Thirumilu, Treasurer looked after the arrangements of the monthly meeting during September-December 2013, as Mr. M. Kathirvel, Secretary could not able to attend the meetings due to his preoccupation. Apart from discussing on the future plan for expansion of the Forum's activities in the field of Fisheries and Aquaculture consultation and training. in the monthly meetings, the following lectures by FTF members with power point presentation were arranged for the benefit of the members:

- a) "Marine mammals in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone and contiguous areas" by Dr. E. Vivekanandan, Member of FTF on 13-4-2013.
- b) "Visuals from TANFISH" – Live Marine and Freshwater Fishes displayed in the exhibition - by Mr. M. Kathirvel, Member of FTF on 15-5-2013.
- c) "Present status of freshwater fish culture in Thanjavur, Thiruvarur and Nagapatinam districts of Tamil Nadu" by Mr. G. Chandrasekaran, Member of FTF on 13-7-2013.
- d) "Fisheries Development at Madras prior to Independence" by Mr. M. Kathirvel, member of FTF on 14-9-2013.
- e) "Albino Catla from Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu" by Mr. G. Chandrasekaran, Member of FTF on 14-9-2013

5. Release of FTF News letter: One Issue of the news letter of the Forum No. 76 for the period April-June 2013 was released in July 2013.

6. Conduct of 2-day Seminar on "Development of Fisheries in Water Deficient Regions" by the Forum:

The 2-day National Seminar organized by the Fisheries Technocrats Forum was inaugurated by Dr. B. Manimaran, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, Nagapatinam, Tamil Nadu. on the forenoon of 25th February 2014. Originally Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE & Director General of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi was to inaugurate and Dr. S. Vijayakumar, Secretary, Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Govt of Tamil Nadu to preside over the function. Due to their urgent official duties, they could not attend the function. Instead, Dr Madan Mohan, Assistant Director General (Marine Fishery) of ICAR, New Delhi presided over the function. The invitees were welcomed by Dr. R. Soundararajan, Chairman of the Forum, who gave a brief account on the theme of the Seminar. After the presidential address by Dr. Madan Mohan, the felicitations were offered by Dr. A.G. Ponniah, Director, CIBA, Dr. M. Sakthivel, President, Aquaculture Foundation of India, Dr. Y.S.

Yadhava, Director, BOBP-Inter Govt. Organisation, Dr. P. Paul Pandian, Executive Director (Tech.), NFDB and Dr. S. Santhanakrishnan, Chief Executive Office , Maritech. The inaugural address was given by Dr. Manimaran. A vote of thanks were proposed by Mr. M. Kathirvel, Secretary of the Forum.

A total of 32 papers (6 lead papers and 25 review/experience papers) were presented in six technical sessions during 25th & 26th February 2014 at CIBA Auditorium hall. The participants included 30 Special invitees (Chairman for the sessions/speakers), 16 scientists from Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture, 9 scientists from Madras Research Centre of Central Marine Fisheries Research institute, 66 fish/shrimp farmers 39 members from Fisheries Technocrats Forum (Total: 160). After presenting the papers and detailed discussion, the recommendations were prepared. The recommendations will be forwarded to the state/central agencies for implementation.

The expenditure has met from the funds received from Indian council of Agriculture Research, New Delhi (received RS. 1.5 lakh out Rs. 2 laks sanctioned), National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad (Rs. 1 lakh) and the exhibition stall rent received from four ICAR Fisheries Institutions, namely, Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture, Chennai, Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi, Central Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair and National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow (Rs. 1.6 lakhs, each Rs. 40,000/-), donation from M/s Maritech Technologies, Chennai (Rs. 25,000/-0 and from FTF funds). The total grant received amounted to Rs. 4,35,000/-.

7. Formation of a branch of FTF at Madurai:

8. Tenure of elected office bearers: The present term of the Chairman is for one year i.e. from 1-4-2013 to 31-3-2014 and the Chairman will continue to hold the office till his successor takes over for the period 2014-15 after the conduct of elections at this Twenty Third Annual General Body Meeting, vide Rule 24 of Chapter VI of the Bye-laws of the Forum. The tenure of all other elected officials such as Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Council members is also for one year i.e. from 1-4-2013 to 31-3-2014 vide Rule 25, 26, 27 and 28 of Chapter VI of the Bye-laws of the Forum. However, they will continue to hold the office until fresh incumbents take over the office after election for the period 2014-15, vide Rule 36 (5) in Chapter IX of the Bye-laws of the Forum.

The out-going elected members of the Executive Council are as follows.

1. Chairman	:	Dr. R. Soundararajan
2. Vice-Chairman	:	Dr. S. A. Ali
3. Secretary	:	Mr.M. Kathirvel
4. Treasurer	:	Mr. P. Thirumilu
5. Executive Council Member	:	Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan
6. -do-	:	Dr A.R.T. Arasu
7. -do-	:	Dr. D. B. James
8. -do-	:	Dr. M. Parasivam
9. -do-	:	Dr. P. Nammalwar

The out-going Members of the Executive Council are eligible for re-election as per Chapter VI of the Bye-laws of the Forum. The Election shall be by ballot, in case the number of membership exceeds one hundred. Otherwise, the Election shall be by SHOW OF HANDS of the members present during the Annual General Body Meeting, vide Chapter IX of the Bye-laws of the Forum.

9. Accounts & Audit: M/s Krishnan & Giri, the Chartered Accountants, Chennai were kind enough to audit the accounts of the Forum for the period 2013-14. The Finance and Accounts of the Forum along with their audited statements for the year 2013-14 are appended herewith.

10. Obituary: Mr. M.V. Natarajan, Former Joint Director of Fisheries, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and one of the founder members of the Forum has passed away on 21-10-2013 at Chennai.

Chennai-6
Dated: 19-05-2014



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Finance & Accounts (1-4-2013 to 31-3-2014)

The membership enrolment during 2013-14 stood at 81 as against 81 during 2012-13. The break-up of the categories is as follows.


Life Member	45 (10 new)
Corporate Member	4
Ordinary Member	39 (7 new)
Student Member	1
Total	89

The details of receipts received in the form of subscription, donation and interest accrued on fixed deposits and savings bank account are given below.

Opening balance	Rs.	86,175.45
Life membership (8 new)	Rs.	16,000.00
Life Membership (Conversion from regular-2)	Rs.	4,000.00
Membership (Regular)	Rs.	6,200.00
Membership (7 new)	Rs.	1,400.00
Student Membership	Rs.	100.00
Admission fee	Rs.	150.00
Sale of Bye-laws	Rs.	140.00
Interest accrued on FD	Rs.	32,546.00
Interest accrued on SB A/c	Rs.	3,835.00
Donation	Rs.	4,35,000.00
Total	Rs.	5,85,546.45

The opening balance during the year was Rs. 86,175.45. The income from new and regular subscriptions, interest accrued in fixed deposits & savings bank account and donation was added to the overall receipts, amounting to a total of Rs. 5,85,546.45. The interest accrued on fixed deposits was Rs. 32,546.00, while that of savings bank account was Rs. 3,835.00. A total of Rs. 5,65,330.51 was taken into credit of the capital fund at the close of the year (2013-14), compared to a capital of Rs. 4,35,922 during 2012-13. The excess of income over expenditure during 2013-14 was Rs. 1,29,808.96 against Rs. 48,186 recorded during 2012-13. The expenditure incurred during the period was met from the total reserve and donation, which amounted to Rs. 3,69,962.04 (Rs. 12,448.00 for postage and stamps + Rs. 42,910.00 for printing and stationary + Rs. 3,14,204.04 for meeting expenses, and Rs. 400.00 for filing charges).

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PROCEEDINGS OF TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF
THE FISHERIES TECHNOCRATS FORUM, CHENNAI - 600 006
14-06-2014

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Confirmation of the Report of the TWENTY SECOND Annual General Body Meeting held on 8th June, 2013 (2012-13).
3. Consideration of the Annual Report for 2013-14.
4. Consideration of the Balance Sheet and the Audited Accounts for 2013-14.
5. Appointments of Auditors for 2014-15.
6. Election of Office Bearers for 2014-15.
7. Such other business, as may be brought forward with the permission of the Presiding Officer, as provided in 44 of the Bye-laws (Rules) of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai-600 006.
8. Vote of thanks by the Vice-Chairman.

LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT FOR THE TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
HELD ON 14-06-2014

S.No.	Name	S. No.	Name
1.	Dr. R. Soundararajan	20.	Mr. A. Sreenivasan
2.	Mr. P. Thirumilu	21.	Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu
3.	Dr. D.B. James	22.	Dr. P. Nammalwar
4.	Dr. M. Rajagopalan	23.	Mr. S. Mahadevan
5.	Mr. M. Surendran	24.	Mr. R. Ananthanarayanan
6.	Mr.L. Felix Gomez	25.	Dr. S. M. Pillai
7.	Mr. R. Suresh Raja	26.	Mr. A. D. Isaac Rajendran
8.	Mr. S. Pogalendhi	27.	Mr. V. Ramamoorthy
9.	Mr. V. Ravichandran	28.	Dr. R. Thanagavelu
10.	Mr. K. Rajappan	29.	Mr. R. Sadasivam
11.	Mr. M. Kingsley Laine	30.	Mr. C.S. Venkateswaran
12.	Mr. P. Mothilal	31.	Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan
13.	Mr. R. Munusamy	32.	Mr. A. Radhakrishnan
14.	Mr. C.S. Renganathan	33.	Mr. T. Vaitheeswaran
15.	Mr. G. Sundaramoorthy	34.	Mr. V. Venkatesan
16.	Dr. P. Gandheeswari	35.	Dr. V. Krishnamurthy
17.	Mr. K.N. Krishnamurthy	36.	Dr. V. Sampath
18.	Mr. G. Chandrasekaran	37.	Mr. P. Markandeyan
19.	Mr. M.S. Dhanasekharan		

The Twenty Third Annual General Body Meeting of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai-6, was held between 10.00 A.M. and 12.30 P.M. on 14-6-2014. Dr. R. Soundararajan, Chairman presided over the meeting. Totally 37 members (27 regular members up to 31-3-2014, 6 newly joined members and 4 invited members (from the forthcoming Madurai branch of the Forum), attended the meeting. The meeting took place as per the agenda circulated among the members, 21 days ahead of the Annual General Body Meeting.

AGENDA 1: Opening Remarks by the Chairman

Dr. R. Soundararajan, Chairman welcomed the members, particularly founder members & new members who have joined at Chennai and the special invitees from the forthcoming Madurai branch and requested them to take part in the deliberations of the Twenty Third Annual General Body Meeting. He has informed the gathering that 11 monthly meetings took place and discussed various important issues pertaining to fisheries and aquaculture and five executive council meetings for the approval of important matters. The minutes of all the meetings were duly recorded. Further, the Chairman has given a brief account on the successful conduct of 2-day National Seminar on "Development of Fisheries in Water Deficient Regions" during 25-26 February 2014 at Chennai, for which there was a good response from the scientists, administrators and fish/shrimp farmers. The recommendations made out from the deliberation of 2-day Seminar proceedings were submitted to the Fisheries department of Govt. of Tamil Nadu for further consideration. Dr. R. Soundararajan, Chairman thanked Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE & Director General of ICAR, New Delhi, NFDB, Hyderabad, Directors of CARI, CIBA, CMFRI & NBFGR and Dr. S. Santhanakrishnan of Maritech, Chennai for encouragement and financial support for the successful conduct of the 2-day seminar. The Chairman also informed the house that 5 lectures with LCD projection by the members of the Forum were arranged for the benefit of the members. The Chairman also informed that 1 issue of the News letter of the Forum was brought out and circulated among the members.

AGENDA 2: Confirmation of the Report of Proceedings of Twenty Second Annual General Body Meeting held on 8-6-2013 (2013-14)

Chairman has informed that the report was circulated among the registered members and placed before the gathering for adoption of report. Mr. V. Ramamoorthy proposed for the confirmation, which was seconded by Dr. D.B. James. The Chairman declared the adoption of the Report.

AGENDA 3: Consideration of the Annual Report for 2013-14

Dr. R. Soundararajan, Chairman informed that the Annual Report was circulated prior to the commencement of this Annual General Body Meeting. After going through the report, the members appreciated the systematic conduct of monthly meetings, management of funds and preparation of the report by the executive council. The Chairman called for the adoption of the Report. Mr. A. Sreenivasan proposed the adoption, which was seconded by Mr. V. Venkatesan. The Chairman declared the adoption of the Annual Report.

AGENDA 4: Consideration of the Balance Sheet and the Audited Accounts for 2013-14

Dr. R. Soundararajan, Chairman requested the members to go through the auditors report on income and expenditure. The members appreciated for efforts in not only enrolling of new memberships, but also the conversion of ordinary membership to life membership, thus increasing the financial status of the Forum considerably. Mr. K.N. Krishnamurthy wanted to know about the filing charges. Mr P. Thirumilu, Treasurer replied that every year after the conduct of annual general body meeting, the charges for filing the documents with the Registrar of Societies (Madras Central) included the changes made in the executive council, inclusion of new members, etc. The Chairman called for

adoption of the Treasurer's report as well as the auditor's report, which were proposed for adoption by Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan and seconded by Dr. P. Gnahdeeswari. The Chairman declared the adoption of the Balance Sheet and Audited Accounts.

AGENDA 5: Appointment of the Auditors for 2014-15

Dr. R. Soundararajan, Chairman announced that based on discussion by Mr M. Kathirvel, member of the Forum with M/s Krishnan and Giri, the Chartered Accountants, the firm has agreed to do the audit of the accounts of the Forum for the period 2014-15. The Chairman called for adoption of the Firm M/s Krishnan &Giri, the Chartered Accountants, Chennai-600 001. That firm was proposed by V. Venkatesan and seconded by Dr. D.B. James.

AGENDA 6: Election of Office Bearers for 2014-15

Dr. R. Soundararajan, Chairman expressed sincere thanks to all the members for all their co-operation and support extended for the successful conduct of the proceedings of the Forum during 2013-14 on behalf of the out-going executive council members and on his own behalf. Then he called for the nomination of Office Bearers for the period 2014-15.

The following members were unanimously elected for the executive council for 2014-15 and declared by the presiding officer.

Post	Elected member	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu	Mr. V. Venkatesan	Mr. K.N. Krishnamurthy
Vice Chairman	Dr. R. Soundararajan	Dr. D.B. James	Dr. M. Rajagopalan
Secretary	Mr. P. Thirumilu	Mr. Dr. D.B. James	Mr. V. Ramamoorthy
Treasurer	Mr. K. Rajappan	Mr. Venkatesan	Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan
Member	Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan	Mr. V. Ramamoorthy	Mr. M. Surendran
	Dr. M. Rajagopalan	Dr. P. Nammalwar	Mr. K.N. Krishnamurthy
	Dr. S.M. Pillai	Dr .R. Thangavelu	Mr. V. Ramamoorthy
	Mr. G. Chandrasekaran	Mr. M.Surendran	Mr. R. Sadasivam
	Dr. V. Krishnamurthy	Dr. V. Sampath	Dr. P. Nammalwar

AGENDA 7: Such other business, as may be brought forward with the permission of the presiding Officer, as provided in 44 of the Bye-laws (Rules) of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai-6

Dr. R. Soundararajan, Chairman informed that a branch of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum is being established at Madurai and a total of 51 members from the Department of Fisheries either in service or retired, have joined. After receiving the necessary documents and other formalities, the new executive council will ratify the formation of Madurai branch of the Forum in due course. Mr. V. Venkatesan, one of the organizing committee members of the 2-day seminar appreciated the effort of the out-going Chairman Dr. R. Soundararajan for the successful conduct of seminar and increasing the membership of the Forum. He offered flower bouquet to Dr. R. Soundararajan and to Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, the newly elected Chairman for his good services in the conduct of the seminar.

AGENDA 7: Vote of thanks

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman, Dr. R. Soundararajan, Chairman proposed a vote of thanks. He thanked all members for their kind co-operation and help in conducting not only the Forum's regular affairs, but also to conduct the 2-day national Seminar successfully and to the Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and the Scientist-in-Charge, MRC of CMFRI, Chennai-28 for their kind permission to carry out the Forum's routine activities.

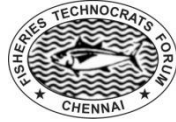

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K. CHIDAMBARAM MEMORIAL AWARD FOR 2013

The award ceremony took place on 14-6-2014 after the conduct of 23rd Annual General Body Meeting of the Forum. Dr. R. Soundararajan, Chairman announced the personselected for K. Chidambaram Memorial Award for 2013. They were: 1) Mr. N.S. Kumar, Former Assistant Engineer, Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Mannargudi, Thiruvarur District, Tamil Nadu, 2) Mr. R. Suresh Raja, M/s Himalayan Aquafarm, Thittai, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu, 3) Mr. M. Selvam, M/s Tamil Nadu Fish Farm at Palliagraharam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu and 4) Mr. S. Pugalenti, M/sChola Fish Farm, Vaduvor, Thiruvarur District, Tamil Nadu. The first two were given citation and memento and the latter two with commendation certificate and memento.

Dr. R. Soundararajan informed the gathering that Mr. N.S. Kumar has played an important role in designing and the construction of fish/shrimp ponds in freshwater and brackishwater sectors through FFDA and BFDA programmes, while Mr. R. Suresh Raja has successfully adoptedthe management practices for utilizing limited water resources for aquaculture.

Dr. A. R. Thirunavukkarasu, the newly elected Chairman informed that Mr. M. Selvam has successfully demonstrated the development of healthy carp broodstock for multiple breeding and also developed a new variant of *Catla*. Mr S. Pugalenti has successfully attempted in diversification in freshwater aquaculture by taking up the commonly known as 'Loach' in English or 'Asarai' in Tamil, *Lepidocephalusthermalis*,. The awardee also spoke in appreciating the Forum for selecting them for its prestigious award, in recognition of their contribution in aquaculture, which will encourage them immensely for scaling-up in their future development.

In summing up the function, Mr. V. Venkatesan expressed that the Fisheries Technocrats Forum has not able to do any technical services in fisheries sectorso ffarthrough the department. Mr. A.D. Isaac Rajendran has told the same point. Mr. V. Venkatesan suggested that the Forum should think of extending the proven technology directly to the end-users.

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