THE FISHERIES TECHNOCRATS FORUM, CHENNAI-6

(Reg. No. 80/92)



TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT (1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015)

PREAMBLE

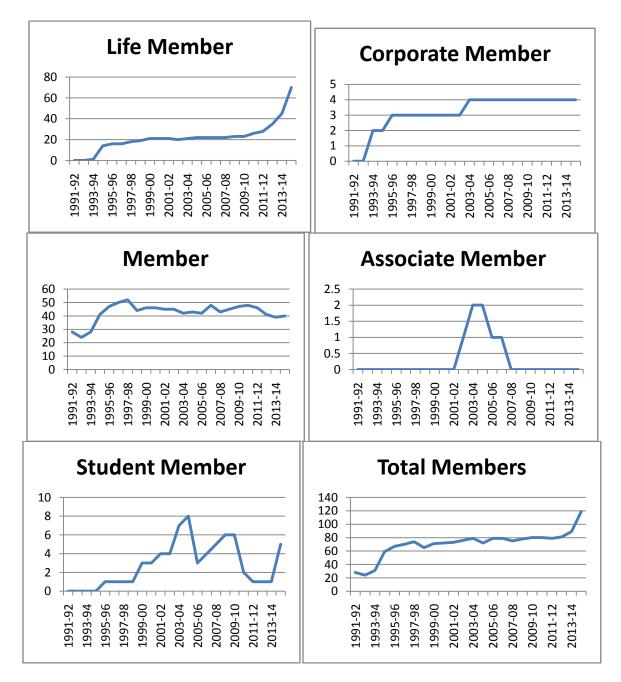
The Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai was started on 25-6-1990 and got registered under the Tamil Nadu State Societies Act 1978 with effect from 18-3-1992. The initial membership was 28 during 1991-92, which has steadily increased in the following years and stood at 119 during 2014-15. This included 70 Life members, 4 Corporate members, 40 Members and 5 Student Members.

ACTIVITIES

1. Twenty Third Annual General Body Meeting: The Twenty Third Annual meeting of the General Body (April 2013-March 2014) was held on 14th June 2014 under the chairmanship of Dr R. Soundararajan, Chairman, which was attended by 37 members out of the total membership of 89. The proceedings of the Twenty Second Annual General Body Meeting held on 8-6-2013 (for the period April 2012 - March 2013) were approved and adopted. M/s Krishnan & Giri, the Chartered Accountants, Chennai were appointed to audit the accounts for the period 2014-15.

	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
2014-15	70	4	40	5	0	119

2. Memberships: The details of the membership from 1991-92 to 2014-15 are given below.



Growth of Chennai FTF

New Life Membership: During the period under report, 1) Mr. C. Venkatachalam, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, 2) Mr. L. Ranjith, Scientist, CMFRI, Tuticorin, 3) Mr. R. Munuswamy, Former Inspector of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, 4) Mr.C.S. Renganathan, Former Inspector of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, 5) Dr. P. Gandheeswari, Former Reader, Govt. College for Women, Govt. of Tamil Nadu (converted to life member from ordinary membership), 6) Dr. K. Ambasankar, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai (converted to life member from ordinary membership), 7) Dr. S. Raja, Assistant

Professor, Kongunadu Arts and Science College, Coimbatore (converted to life member from Student membership), 8) Dr. S. Lakshmi Pillai, Principal Scientist, CMFRI, Kochi (converted to life member from ordinary membership), 9) Mr. S. Rajamanickam, Senior Technical Officer, CIBA, Chennai (converted to life member from ordinary membership), 10) Mr. R. Subburaj, Senior Technical Officer, CIBA, Chennai, 11) Dr. S.V. Alavandi, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 12) Dr. Prasanna Kumar Patil, Senior Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 13), Dr. Subhendu Kumar Otta, Senior Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 14) Dr. J. Syama Dayal, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 15) Dr. K.P. Kumaraguru Vasagam, Senior Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 16) Dr. M. Muruganandam, Senior Scientist, CSWCRTI-ICAR, Dehradun, 17) Dr. M. Natarajan, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 18) Dr. T. Ravisankar, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 19) Dr. M. Kailasam, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 20) Mr. Aritra Bera, Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 21) Miss Babita, Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 22) Mr. Dondapati Raja babu, Assistant Chief Technical Officer, CIBA, Chennai, 23) Mr. T. Sathishkumar, Scientist, CIBA, Chennai and 24) Dr. Krishna Sukumaran, Scientist, CIBA, Chennai have joined as life members.

New Ordinary Membership: The following persons have joined as ordinary members: 1) Mr. Kingsley Laine, Former Deputy Director of Fisheries, 2) Dr. P.K. Karuppasamy, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology, Presidency College, Chennai, 3) Mr. K.S.S. Mohamed Yoosuf, Technical Assistant, MRC of CMFRI, Chennai, 4) Dr. Dilip Kumar Jha, Scientist, NIOT, Chennai, 5) Mr. T.S. Kumar, Scientist, NIOT, Chennai, 6) Mr. Krupa Ratnam, Scientist, NIOT, Chennai, 7) Mr. J. Santhanakumar, Scientist, NIOT, Chennai, 8) Dr. Joseph Sahaya Rajan, Technical Officer, CIBA, Chennai and 9) Mr. S. Kumaralingam, Research Associate, Regional Centre of Zoological Survey of India, Port Blair.

New Student Membership: During this financial year, 5 student members were enrolled: Miss M.K. Saranya, Research Scholar, Loyola College, Chennai, 2) Mr. Kotha Suresh Gupta, Research Scholar, CIBA, Chennai, 3) Mr. K. Sivakumar, Research Scholar, CIBA, Chennai, 4) Dr. M. Shanthi, Research Scholar, MRC of CMFRI, Chennai and 5) Mr. K. Silambarasan, Research Scholar, Dept. of Zoology, Sir Theagaraya College, Chennai.

Totally 3 members were removed from the registered list of Chennai FTF for the following reasons: Dr. A. Geetha for non-payment of subscription for 2 consecutive years, Mr. R. Rajamanickam for joining in South Tamil Nadu branch of FTF at Madurai and Dr. M. Paramasivam, who expired on 10-1-2015.

A list of members from Chennai FTF is enclosed in Annexire I.

3. Formation of a branch of FTF at Madurai: A branch entitled as South Tamil Nadu Branch of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum was established at Madurai. A total of 59 members (16 life members and 43 ordinary members) were enrolled, which included serving and retired officials of State Fisheries Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and fish farmers. A list of members from Madurai branch is enclosed in Annexire II.

4. Executive council Meetings: The Executive Council met six times during 2014-15 in order to finalise the following agendas: 1) Fixing up the for the conduct of 23rd Annual General Body Meeting, 2) Approval for the formation of South Tamil Nadu branch of FTF at Madurai, 3) Approval for the new fixed deposits, 4) Approval for the conduct of 1-day workshop on sea bass culture in collaboration with CIBA in January 2015, 5) Approval for the expenditures to be incurred above Rs. 1000/- during the conduct of

1-day workshop on sea bass culture, 6) Fixing up the date for the conduct of 24th Annual General Body Meeting, 7) Removal of 3 members from the registered list and 8) Approval of the audit firm for auditing the the accounts of South Tamil Nadu Branch of FTf.

5. Monthly meetings: Totally 11 monthly meetings were held at the Library Hall of the Directorate of Fisheries, Chennai at every Second Saturday during 2014-15. Dr. R. Soundararajan, Chairman chaired the meeting in April 2014 and Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarsu, the newly elected Chairman chaired the meetings during July to December 2014 and January-March 2015. 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 Biodiversity Conservation and Management in India" by Dr. P. Nammalwar, Member of FTF on 8-11-2014.
- b) "Envisioning a Scientific Approach to save the Endangered Sea cucumbers and Securing Sustainability of the Dependent Livelihood of Fishermen: by Dr. D.B. James, Member of FTF on 10-1-2015.

6. Conduct of 1-day National Workshop on "Aquaculture of Sea Bass – Status and Way Forward for Commercial Production" by the Forum and CIBA, Chennai:

The 1-day National Workshop was conducted in collaboration with the Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture on 28-01-2015 at CIBA Auditorium, Chennai. Dr. M. Sakthivel, President, Aquaculture Foundation of India and Former Director & Chairman of MPEDA presided over the inaugural function, while Dr. P. Ravichandran, Member Secretary, Coastal Aquaculture Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India inaugurated the workshop. The welcome address was by Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman, FTF, while the felicitations were offered by by Dr. A.G. Ponniah, Emeritus Scientist & Former Director of CIBA, Dr. C. Gopal, Acting Director & Principal Scientist of CIBA and Dr. R. Alfred Selvakumar, Former Assistant Director General of ICAR. Dr. V.S. Chandrasekaran, Principal Scientist proposed a vote of thanks. An exhibition comprising the stalls from CIBA, CMFRI, RGCA, CAA and FTF was organized. The research institutions exhibited the progress achieved in the aquaculture of sea bass, while FTF displayed the charts showing its role in the development of fisheries.

Four technical sessions were conducted:

Session 1: Present Status of sea bass broodstock development and seed production.
Session 2: Evaluation of demonstrations of nursery and grow-out culture.
Session 3: Review of experience gained by sea bass culture by farmers.
Session 4: Future strategies for large scale commercial production

Dr. M. Kailasam, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, Dr. K. Ganesh & Mr. S. Pandiarajan Project Directors, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture, Dr. Joe Kizhakudan, Principal Scientist, MRC of CMFRI and Dr. K. Senthilkumar, Scientist, NIOT gave the talks on the progress of R & D programmes in the development of captive broodstock, seed production, nursery and grow-out culture of sea bass during the first two technical sessions, while the fish farmers from West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu have shared their experience in nursery and grow-out culture of sea bass in the 3rd technical session. In the fourth session, a panel of fisheries experts, namely, Dr. P.S.B.R. James,

former Director, CMFRI, Kochi, Dr. M. Sakthivel, President, Aquaculture Foundation of India, Dr. A.G. Ponniah, Emeritus Scientist & Former Director of CIBA, Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarsu, Chairman, FTF and Dr. M. Kailasam, Principal Scientist, CIBA had a detailed discussion with the participants and drafted the recommendations on the important topics such as seed production, nursery rearing, grow-out culture, feed development, marketing, sport fishing development for sea bass and the role of central/state financial institutions in exploring the possibility of commercial farming of sea bass.

A total of 126 personnel (16 CIBA scientific & technical, 6 MRC of CMFRI scientific & technical, 5 CAA officials, 6 colleges professors & students, 40 fish farmers-14 from Andhra Pradesh, 3 each from Kerala & Odhisa, 20 from Tamil Nadu, 1 from West Bengal, 33 FTF, Chennai members, 4 FTF, Madurai branch members, 3 former ICAR officials, 3 each from RGCA & Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, 4 Aquaculture industry entrepreneurs and 2 media officials) attended the workshop.

The expenditure has met from the funds received from National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad (Rs. 50,000/-) and Coastal Aquaculture Authority, Chennai (Rs. 50,000/-) and the exhibition stall rent received from Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture, Chennai (Rs. 35,000/-) and Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi (Rs. 35,000/-). The total grant received amounted to Rs. 1,70,000/-.

7. Lifetime Achievement Awards: During the conduct of 1-day workshop on sea bass culture on 28-1-2015, two fisheries experts, namely, Dr. M. Sakthivel, former Director & Chairman, MPEDA and Mr. A. Sreenivasan, Former Joint Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, were honoured with Life Time Achievement Award. Dr. M. Sakthivel received the award and citation from Mr. D.A. Gnanadoss, Former FAO Fisheries Expert, while the award meant for Mr. Sreenivsan was received by Mr V. Venkatesan as Mr. Sreenivasan was able to attend the function. However, a team of FTF members visited Mr. A. Sreenivasan's house to present the award on the same day evening.

8. Tenure of elected office bearers: The present term of the Chairman is for one year i.e. from 1-4-2014 to 31-3-2015 and the Chairman will continue to hold the office till his successor takes over for the period 2015-16 after the conduct of elections at the Twenty Fourth 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 1-4-2014 to 31-3-2015 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 2015-16, 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. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu	
2. Vice-Chairman		:	Dr. R. Soundararajan	
3. Secretary		:	Mr. P. Thirumilu	
4. Treasurer		:	Mr. K. Rajappan	
5. Executive Council Member		:	Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan	
6.	-do-	:	Dr S.M. Pillai	
7.	-do-	:	Dr. V. Krishnamoorthy	
8.	-do-	:	Dr. M. Rajagopalan	
9.	-do-	:	Mr.G. Chandrasekaran	

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 2014-15. The audited accounts of South Tamil Nadu branch of FTF were consolidated with HQ FTF accounts. The Finance and Accounts of the Forum along with their audited statements for the year 2014-15 are appended herewith.

10. Obituary: Dr. M. Paramasivam, Former Joint Director of Fisheries, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and one of the members of the Forum has passed away on 10-1-2015 at Chennai.

Chennai-6 Dated: 06-06-2015 P. Thirumilu Secretary

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Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu Chairman

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Finance & Accounts (1-4-2014 to 31-3-2015)

The membership enrolment during 2014-15 stood at 119 as against 81 during 2013-14. The break-up of the categories is as follows.

HQ FTF:	HQ FTF: Life Member				
	Corporate Member	4			
	Ordinary Member	40 (9 new)			
	Student Member	5 (5 new)			
	Total	119			
South Tamil Nadu Branch of FTF:					
	Life Member	16 (16 new)			
	Ordinary Member	49 (49 new)			
	Total	59			

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

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	Opening balance	Rs.	1,83,038.41
	Life membership	Rs.	80,190.00
	Annual Membership	Rs.	17,030.00
	Sale of Bye-laws	Rs.	920.00
	Interest accrued on FD	Rs	30,807.00
	Interest accrued on SB A/c	Rs.	9,755.00
	Donation	Rs.	2,70,500.00
	Total	Rs.	5,92,240.41

The opening balance during the year was Rs. 1,83,038.41. 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. 5,92,240.41. The interest accrued on fixed deposits was Rs. 30,807.00, while that of savings bank account was Rs. 9,755.00. A total of Rs. 7,95,165 was taken into credit of the capital fund at the close of the year (2014-15), compared to a capital of Rs. 5,65,331 during 2013-14. The excess of income over expenditure during 2014-15 was Rs. 2,29,834 against Rs. 1,29,809 recorded during 2013-14. The expenditure incurred during the period was met from the total reserve and donation, which amounted to Rs. 1,79,367.80 (Rs. 1,959 for postage and stamps + Rs. 29,400.50 for printing and stationary + Rs. 1,42,373.30 for meeting/workshop expenses, and Rs. 400.00 for filing charges).

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Annexure-I

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THE FISHERIES TECHNOCRATS FORUM, CHENNAI-600 006 (Reg. No. 80/92)



PROCEEDINGS OF TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE FISHERIES TECHNOCRATS FORUM, CHENNAI - 600 006 11-07-2015

AGENDA

- 1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
- 2. Confirmation of the Report of the TWENTY THIRD Annual General Body Meeting held on 14th June, 2014 (2013-14).
- 3. Consideration of the Annual Report for 2014-15.
- 4. Consideration of the Balance Sheet and the Audited Accounts for 2014-15.
- 5. Ratification of enrolment of new members
- 6. Appointments of Auditors for 2015-16.
- 7. Election of Office Bearers for 2015-16.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Vote of thanks by the Vice-Chairman.

LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT FOR THE TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING HELD ON 11-07-2015

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- 1. Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu
 - Mr. G. Chandrasekaran
- 3. Mr. V. Ramamoorthy
- 4. Mr. M. Kingsley Laine
- 5. Mr. M. Surendran
- 6. Mr.C.S. Venkateswaran
- 7. Mr. R. Sadasivam
- 8. Mr. R. Ananthanarayanan
- 9. Mr. S. Mahadevan
- 10. Dr. D.B. James
- 11. Dr. P. Nammalwar
- 12. Dr. R. Soundararajan

- 13. Mr. V. Venkatesan
 - 14. Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan
- 15. Mr. A.D. Isaac Rajendran
- 16. Mr. K. Silambarasan
- 17. Mr. D. Raja Babu
 - 18. Mr. P. Thirumilu
- 19. Mr. M. Kathirvel
- 20. Mr. S. Rajamanickam
- 21. Mr. K. Rajappan
- 22. Mr. S. Balasubrbamani
- 23. Mr. K. Subbiah
- 24. Dr. P. Gandheeswari

The Twenty Fourth Annual General Body Meeting of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai-6, was held between 10.00 A.M. and 12.30 P.M. on 11-07-2015. Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman presided over the meeting. Totally 24 members (23 from FTF, Chennai and 1 from South Tamil Nadu Branch of FTF) 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. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu , Chairman welcomed the members, particularly founder members & new members who have joined at Chennai and the representative from South Tamil Nadu Branch of FTF at Madurai and requested them to take part in the deliberations of the Twenty Fourth 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 six 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 1-day National Workshop on "Aquaculture of Sea Bass – Present Status and Way Forward for Commercial Production" in collaboration with the Central Institute of Brackishwaer Aquaculture at Chennai on 28-01-2015, exclusively for the benefit of fish farmers from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. Out of 126 participants, 40 were fish farmers. For the conduct of this workshop, the financial assistance came from M/s Coastal Aquaculture Authority, Chennai, National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad, CIBA, Chennai and CMFRI, Kochi. The recommendations made at this workshop have been forwarded to different agencies for sustaining the culture production of sea bass. Two of the FTF members, namely, Mr. A. Sreenivasan and Dr. M. Sakthivel were presented with the Life Time Achievement Award for their significant role in the development of Indian capture and culture fisheries.

AGENDA 2: Confirmation of the Report of Proceedings of Twenty Third Annual General Body Meeting held on 14-6-2014 (2013-14)

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

AGENDA 3: Consideration of the Annual Report for 2014-15

Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, 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, conduct of 1-day workshop, management of funds and preparation of the report by the executive council.

The Chairman called for the adoption of the Report. Mr. A.D. Isaac Rajendran 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 2014-15

Dr. A.R.Thirunavukkarsu, Chairman requested the members to go through the auditors report on income and expenditure. The members appreciated for efforts of Mr. P. Thirumilu, Secretary, 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. The Chairman called for adoption of the Treasurer's report as well as the auditor's report. Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan proposed for adoption and seconded by Mr. M. Kathirvel. The Chairman declared the adoption of the Balance Sheet and Audited Accounts.

AGENDA 5: Ratification of enrolment of new members

Mr. P. Thirumilu, Secretary has announced that a total of 97 members have joined the Forum during 2014-15, of which, 38 (24 life members, 9 ordinary members & 5 5tudent members) have joined at Chennai FTF and 59 (16 life members & 46 ordinary members) joined at South Tamil Nadu Branch of the Forum at Madurai. Dr. A.R. Thirunvukkarsu, Chairman appreciated the effort of the Secretary in enrolling more members at Chennai called for ratification of new enrolments. Mr. V. Venkatesan proposed for ratification of new enrolments, which was seconded by Dr. D.B. James. The Chairman declared the ratification of new enrolment and Madurai.

AGENDA 6: Appointment of the Auditors for 2015-16

Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarsu, 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 2015-16. 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 Mr. P. Thirumilu.

AGENDA 7: Election of Office Bearers for 2015-16

Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarsu, Chairman expressed sincere thanks to all the members for their co-operation and support extended for the successful conduct of the proceedings of the Forum during 2014-15 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 2015-16.

The following members were unanimously elected for the executive council for 2015-16 and declared by the presiding officer.

Post Chairman	Elected member Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu	Proposed by Mr. V. Venkatesan	Seconded by Mr.S. Mahadevan
Vice Chairmai	n Dr. R. Soundararajan	Dr. D.B. James	Mr.A.D. Isaac Rajendran
Secretary	Mr. M. Kathirvel	Mr. V. Ramamoorthy	Mr. R.Ananthanarayanan
Treasurer	Mr.P. Thirumilu	Mr. V. Venkatesan	Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan
Member	Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan	Mr. V. Ramamoorthy	Mr. R. Sadasivam
	Mr. V. Ravichanbdran	Mr. K. Subbiah	Mr. V. Ramamoorthy
	Mr, M. Surendran	Mr. G. Chandrasekaran	Mr.K. Rajappan
	Dr. P. Gandheeswari	Dr .D.B. James	Mr. V. Ramamoorthy
	Dr.P. Nammalwar	Dr. R. Soundararajan	Mr. R. Sadasivam

AGENDA 8: 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. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman informed the house that the proceedings of the first annual general body meeting of the South Tamil Nadu Branch of FTF at Madurai were received from its secretary, stating that the presentation of annual report and audited report and election of executive council for 2015-16 took place.

AGENDA 9: Vote of thanks

Dr. R. Soundararajan, Vice-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 1-day National Workshop successfully and to the Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, the Director, CIBA, Chennai and the Scientist-in-Charge, MRC of CMFRI, Chennai for their kind permission to carry out the Forum's routine and special activities.

(M. Kathirvel) Secretary

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