

THE FISHERIES TECHNOCRATS FORUM

ANNUAL REPORT

2015-16

THE FISHERIES TECHNOCRATS FORUM, CHENNAI-6

(Reg. No. 80/92)



TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT (1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016)

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 126 during 2015-16. This included 86 Life members, 4 Corporate members, 31 Members and 5 Student Members.

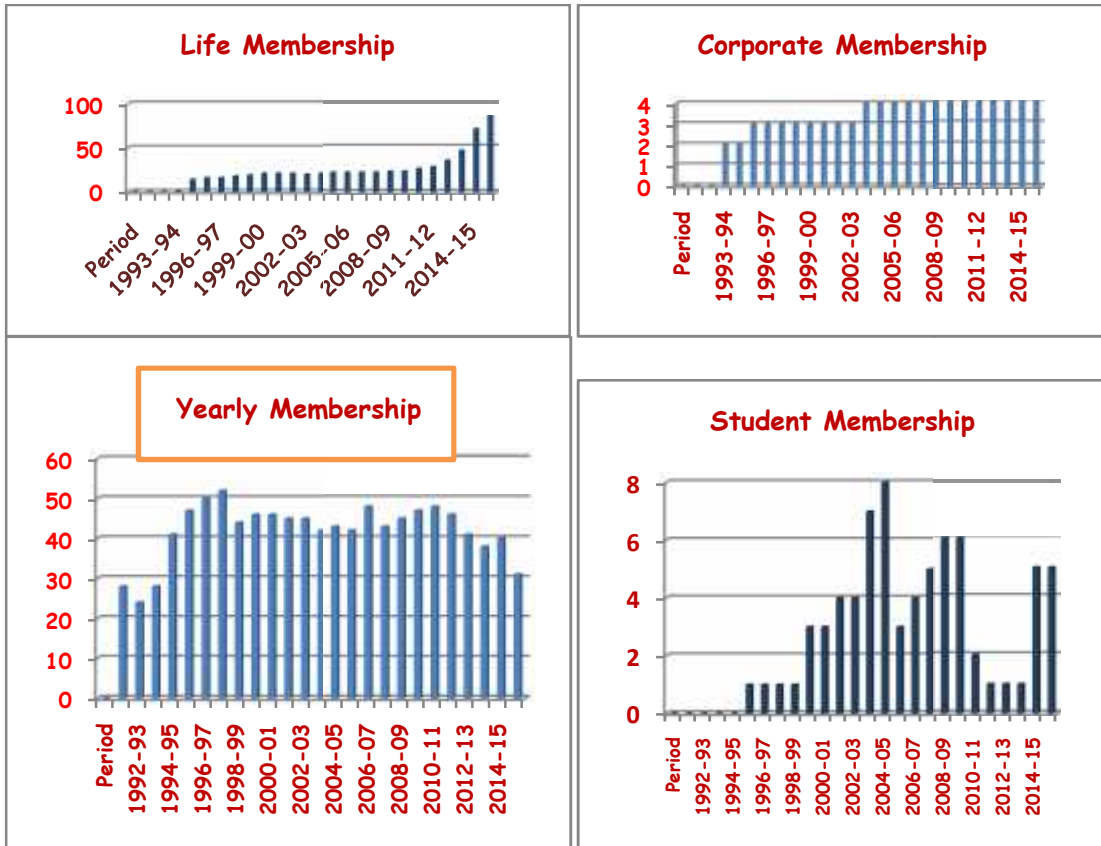
ACTIVITIES

1. Twenty Fourth Annual General Body Meeting: The Twenty Fourth Annual meeting of the General Body (April 2014-March 2015) was held on 11th July 2015 under the chairmanship of Dr A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman, which was attended by 24 members out of the total membership of 119. The proceedings of the Twenty Third Annual General Body Meeting held on 14-6-2014 (for the period April 2013 - March 2014) were approved and adopted. M/s Krishnan & Giri, the Chartered Accountants, Chennai were appointed to audit the accounts for the period 2014-15.

2. Memberships: The details of the membership from 1991-92 to 2015-16 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
2014-15	70	4	40	5	0	119
2015-16	86	4	31	5	0	126

Growth of Chennai FTF from 1991-92 to 2015-16



New Life Membership: During the period under report, 1) Mr. K.P. Sandeep, Scientist, CIBA, Chennai-28, 2) Mr. M.S. Dhanasekaran, Former Deputy Director of Fisheries (Engg.) (converted to life member from ordinary membership), 3) Dr. M. Rajagopallan, Former Principal Scientist of CMFRI (converted to life member from ordinary membership), 4) Dr. S. Paul Pandi, Asst. Professor, Tamil Nadu Fisheries University, Tamil Nadu, 5) Dr. R. Balasubramanian, State Co-ordinator, NETFISH-MPEDA, Tamil Nadu, 6) Miss. Indira Divipala, Scientist, MRC of CMFRI, Chennai (converted to life member from ordinary membership), 7) Mr. P. Thirumilu, Former Technical Officer of CMFRI, Chennai (converted to life member from ordinary membership), 8) Dr. Vidya Jayasankar, Senior Scientist, MRC of CMFRI, Chennai (converted to life member from ordinary membership), 9) Mr. S. Kumaralingam, Research Associate, Zoological Survey of India, Port Blair, Andaman (converted to life member from ordinary membership), 10) Dr. M. Kumaran, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai (converted to life member from ordinary membership), 11) Mr. G. Thiagarajan, Senior Technical Assistant, CIBA, Chennai, 12) Dr. B. Shanthi, Principal Scientist, CIBA, Chennai (converted to life member from ordinary membership), 13) Mr. K. Singaravelan, Former Asst. Director of Fisheries, Chennai, 14) Miss. M.U. Rekha, Scientist, CIBA, Chennai, 15) Dr. Satheesha Avunje, Scientist, CIBA, Chennai and 16) Dr. A. Margaret Muthu Rathinam, Principal Scientist, MRC of CMFRI, Chennai (converted to life member from ordinary membership).

New Ordinary Membership: The following persons have joined as ordinary members: Mr. M. Syed Mohamed, Former Special Grade Assistant Director of Fisheries, Chennai, 2) Dr. D. Manikantavelu, Professor, Fisheries Staff Training Institute, Chennai, 3) Dr. S. Lekha, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology, Queen Marys College, Chennai and 4) Dr. S. Santhi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology, Queen Marys College, Chennai.

New Student Membership: No new enrollment in this category.

Totally 4 members were removed from the registered list of Chennai FTF for the non-payment of subscription for 2 consecutive years.

A list of members from Chennai FTF registered during April 2015-March 2016 is enclosed in Annexure I.

3. Branch of FTF at Madurai: A branch entitled as South Tamil Nadu Branch of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum was established at Madurai during 2014-15. During 2015-16, the strength of membership stood at 68 (21 life members and 48 ordinary members), which included serving and retired officials of State Fisheries Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and fish farmers. The first annual general body meeting of Madurai branch took place on 26-06-2016. The following Executive council members were selected for the period 2016-17: Mr. V. Ravichandran as Chairman, Mr. A. Radhakrishnan as Vice Chairman, Mr. N. Periakaruppan as Secretary, Mr. S. Panneerselvam as Treasurer, Mr. B. Prakasam as Executive Council Member, Mr. K. Doraisingam as Executive Council Member and Mr. S. Velpandian, as Executive Council Member. A list of members from Madurai branch is enclosed in Annexure II.

4. Executive council Meetings: The Executive Council met six times during 2015-16 in order to finalise the following agendas: 2) Theme for K. Chidambaram Memorial Award, 2) Fixing up the for the conduct of 24th Annual General Body Meeting, 3) Thanks-giving to the Director, CIBA for allotting the space and facility for the conduct of executive council meetings, 4) Printing of new brochure-cum-enrollment application for the Forum, 5) Utilization of Mr. A. Sreenivasan's donation,

6) Conduct of 1-day National Workshop on "Marketing Strategies for newly cultured Fishes in India" in collaboration with CIBA, Chennai in February 2016, 7) Approval for new fixed deposits, 8) Mr. A. Sreenivasan's Endowment lecture, 9) Forwarding of one of the Forum's member's application for seeking WWF, 10) Payment of balance amount to the expense incurred in Sea bass workshop, 11) Postponement of 1-day Workshop on Fish Marketing from February 2016 to March 2016, 12) Printing of the Proceedings of Seminar on "Development of Fisheries in Water Deficient Regions", 13) Finalization of the Proceedings of 1-day National Workshop on "Marketing Strategies for Newly Cultured Fishes in India", 14) Conduct of the proposed 25th Annual General Body Meeting of the Chennai Forum in July 2016 and 16) Renewal of one of the older fixed deposits.

5. Monthly meetings: Totally 10 monthly meetings were held at the Library Hall of the Directorate of Fisheries, Chennai at every Second Saturday during 2015-16. Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman chaired the meeting in April, June, August to October 2015 and February & March 2016. Dr. R. Soundararajan, Vice-Chairman presided over the meetings in May 2015 & January 2016 in the absence of the Chairman. Mr. V. Venkatesan chaired the meeting in November 2015, when both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman could not able to attend the meeting due to their preoccupation. There was no monthly meeting in July 2015 as the Twenty Fourth Annual General Body meeting took place. The library hall which was affected by the north-east monsoon rains, was not available in December 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 member and invited fisheries experts with power point presentation were arranged for the benefit of the members:

- a) "The Palk Bay Fishing Conflict - A Jaffna perspective" by Dr. M. Bavnick, the visiting Professor from the Netherlands on 11-04-2015.
- b) "Fish Aggregating Device - Its implication on the coastal fishermen economy" by Dr. H. Mohamed Kasim, Member of FTF on 09-05-2015.
- c) "Alternative livelihood options for fisherfolks during the seasonal ban: Consideration and Possibilities" by Miss. Julie Novak Coldwell, Michigan State University, USA, visiting on Fulbright Fellowship, on 12-09-2015.

6. Conduct of 1-day National Workshop on "Marketing Strategies for Newly Cultured Fishes in India" by the Forum and CIBA, Chennai:

The 1-day National Workshop was conducted in collaboration with the Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture on 16-03-2016 at CIBA Auditorium, Chennai. Dr. K.K. Vijayan, Director, CIBA 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 Dr. V.V. Sugunan, Former Assistant Director General of ICAR & Senior Consultant, NFDB, Hyderabad and Dr. S. Santhana Krishnan, M/s Maritech Technologies, Chennai. Dr. M. Kumaran, Principal Scientist, CIBA & Member, FTF proposed a vote of thanks.

Three technical sessions were conducted:

Technical Session I: Review of current modalities in marketing of the newly cultured fishes

Presentations by 1) Mr M. Dayalan, Private Fish Marketing Expert, Bengaluru, 2) Mr V. Chandran, President, Whole-Sale Fish Marketing Association, Chennai, 3) Dr A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman, FTF and 4) Dr T. Ravisankar, Principal Scientist, CIBA

Technical Session II: Present status of seed production and grow-out culture of Cobia, Milk fish, Nile Tilapia and Vietnamese catfish

Presentations by 1) Dr. A.K. Abdul Nazar, Senior Scientist, CMFRI, Mandapam Camp, 2) Dr. P. Arun Padiyar, M/s Aditya Fish Hatcheries, Kakinada, 3) Dr J. Santhanakumar, Project Scientist, NIOT, Chennai, 4) Mr. P. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Project Manager, RGCA Tilapia Project, Andhra Pradesh and 5) Mr. S. Rambabu, Regional Manager - South India (Fish division), Growel Feeds Pvt Ltd, Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh.

Technical Session III: Future Strategies for Speedy Disposal of Cultured Fishes
Recommendations

A total of 129 personnel (CIBA, Chennai 44; Madras RC of CMFRI 11; Mandapam RC 1; CAA, Chennai 2; NFDB, Hyderabad 1; RGCA, Andhra Pradesh, 1; NIOT, Chennai 1; MPEDA, Chennai 2; Tamil Nadu Dept. of Fisheries 5; Aquaculture Industry 5; Fish Marketing sector 3; Colleges Professors & Students 8; FTF, Chennai 26; FTF, Madurai 2; All India Radio, Press & Television reporters 17). attended the workshop.

The expenditure has met from the funds received from National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad (Rs. 50,000/- paid to CIBA, Chennai) and Coastal Aquaculture Authority, Chennai (Rs. 50,000/- paid to FTF, Chennai). The total grant received by FTF amounted to Rs. 50,000/-.

7. Publication: Proceedings of the 1-day Workshop on "Aquaculture of Sea Bass-Way forward for commercial production" conducted in January 2015, were got ready and circulated among the members and end-users either through hard copy or soft copy in August 2015.

8. Tenure of elected office bearers: The present term of the Chairman is for one year i.e. from 1-4-2015 to 31-3-2016 and the Chairman will continue to hold the office till his successor takes over for the period 2016-17 after the conduct of elections at the Twenty Fifth 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 1-4-2015 to 31-3-2016 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 2016-17, vide Rule 36 (5) in Chapter IX of the Bye-laws of the Forum.

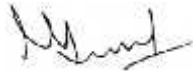
The out-going elected members of the Executive Council are as follows.

1. Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman
2. Dr. R. Soundararajan, Vice-Chairman
3. Mr. M. Kathirvel, Secretary
4. Mr. P. Thirumilu, Treasurer
5. Mr. V. Ravichandran, Executive Council Member
6. Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan -do-
7. Dr. P. Nammalwar -do-
8. Dr. P. Gandheeswari -do-
9. Mr. M. Surendran -do-

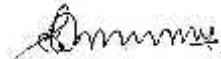
The out-going Members of the Executive Council are eligible for re-election as per Chapter VI of the Bye-laws of the Forum. The Election shall be by ballot, in case the number of membership exceeds one hundred. Otherwise, the Election shall be by SHOW OF HANDS of the members present during the Annual 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 2015-16. 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 2015-16 are appended herewith.

Chennai-6
Dated: 07-07-2016



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Finance & Accounts (1-4-2015 to 31-3-2016)

The membership enrolment during 2015-16 in Chennai FTF stood at 126 as against 119 during 2014-15 and in FTF Madurai at 68 during 2015-16 against 59 during 2014-15. The break-up of the categories is as follows.

HQ FTF:	Life Member	86 (16 new)
	Corporate Member	4
	Yearly Payment Member	31 (3 new)
	Student Member	5
	Total	126

South Tamil Nadu Branch of FTF:

Life Member	21 (3 Conversion+2 New)
Yearly Payment Member	47 (9 new)
Total	68

Combined Finance statements for April 2015-March 2016

Receipts

By Opening balance	Chennai		Madurai		Rs.	P.	Total	
Cash	732	68	24,180	00	24,912	68		
Bank	3,57,152	93	00	00	3,57,152	93	3,82,065	61
Life Membership	32,070	00	10,000	00			42,070	00
Annual Membership	5,940	00	7,330	00			13,270	00
Sale of Bye laws	110	00	110	00			220	00
Bank interest on SB A/c	11,151	00	933	00			12,084	00
Interest on FD	48,062	00	00	00			48,062	00
Donation	50,000	00	800	00			50,800	00
					Total		5,48,571	61

Expenditure

	Chennai		Madurai		Total	
Postage and stamps	1,296	00	00	00	1,296	00
Printing & Stationary	22,766	50	989	00	23,755	50
Meeting & Seminar expenses	43,971	00	1,130	00	45,101	00
Travelling expenses	1,000	00	00	00	1,000	00
Filing fees	400	00	00	00	400	00
Audit fees			1,500	00	1,500	00
Interest on FD A/c	48,062	00	00	00	48,062	00
Deposit in FD	3,00,000	00	00	00	3,00,000	00
Awards & Trophies	00	00	00	00	00	00
Sundry expenses	00	00	1,210	00	1,210	00
Closing balance						
Cash (A)	2,244	18	331	00	2,575	18
Bank (B)	92,651	93	31,020	00	1,23,671	93
(A+B)	(94,896	11)	(31,351	00)	(1,26,247	11)
Total	5,12,391	61	36,180	00	5,48,571	61

Both the audited statements of Chennai HQ and Madurai branch are enclosed herewith as Annexure III & IV, for information.

CHENNAI-6
07-07-2016


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Yearly Payment Members	: 47
Total	: 68

PROCEEDINGS OF

25TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

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



**PROCEEDINGS OF TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF
THE FISHERIES TECHNOCRATS FORUM, CHENNAI - 600 006**
16-07-2016
AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks by the Chairman.
2. Confirmation of the Report of Proceedings of the Twenty Fourth Annual General Body Meeting held on 11-7-2015.
3. Consideration of the Annual Report for 2015-16.
4. Consideration of the Balance Sheet and the Audited Accounts for 2015-16.
5. Ratification of enrolment of new members.
6. Appointments of Auditors for 2016-17.
7. Election of Office Bearers for 2016-17.
8. Such other business, as may be brought forward with the permission of the presiding officer, as provided in 44 & 54 of the Bye-laws and Rules of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai-6.
9. Vote of thanks by the Vice-Chairman

**LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT FOR THE TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY
MEETING HELD ON 16-07-2016**

S.No.	Name	S.No.	Name	S.No.	Name
1	Dr. P.K. Karuppasamy	22	Mr. T. Sathish Kumar	43	Dr. P.K. Patil
2	Dr. D.B. James	23	Mr. G. Thiagarajan	44	Mr. K. Singaravelan
3	Dr. P. Nammalwar	24	Dr. (Mrs.) Nila Rekha	45	Mr. M. Kathirvel
4	Dr. V.Sampath	25	Dr. (Mrs.) D. Deboral Vimala	46	Mr. P. Thirumilu
5	Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan	26	Dr. V.S. Chandrasekaran	47	Dr. A.R. Thirunaukkarasu
6	Dr. A. Gokul	27	Dr. J. Syam Dayal	48	Dr. M. Kailasam
7	Mr. S. Rajamanickam	28	Prof. R. Ananthanarayanan	49	Dr. S. Gomathy
8	Mr. M.S. Dhanasekharan	29	Mr. K. Rajappan	50	Dr. T. Ravisankar
9	Dr. R. Soundararajan	30	Mr. A.D. Isaac Rajendran	51	Mrs. R. Mary Lini
10	Mr. K.N. Krishnamurthy	31	Dr. S.V. Alavandi	52	Dr. R. Vidya Rajendran
11	Mr. M. Surendran	32	Dr. P. Ravichandran	53	Dr. B. Shanthi
12	Mr. C.S. Venkateswaran	33	Mr. V. Venkatesan	54	Dr. M. Kumaran
13	Mr. G. Chandrasekaran	34	Dr. Prem Kumar		
14	Dr. A. Margaret	35	Dr. P. Gandheeswari		
15	Dr. Vidya Jaisankar	36	Mr. K.D. Sundaramurthy		
16	Dr. Krishna Sukumaran	37	Dr. K.S.S. Mohamed Yoosuf		
17	Miss M.U. Rekha	38	Dr. M. Shanthi		
18	Dr. Aritra Bera	39	Dr. A. Sarswathy		
19	Mr. R. Subburaj	40	Er. P. Hemasankari		
20	Dr. K. Ambasankar	41	Mr. L. Felix Gomez		
21	Dr. S.N. Sethi	42	Mr. V. Ravichandran		

The Twenty Fifth Annual General Body Meeting of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai-6, was held between 10.00 A.M. and 16.00 P.M. on 16-07-2016. Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman presided over the meeting. Totally 56 members (55 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 new members who have joined at Chennai and the Chairman of the South Tamil Nadu Branch of FTF at Madurai and requested them to take part in the deliberations of the Twenty Fifth Annual General Body Meeting. He has informed the gathering that 10 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 "Marketing Strategies for Newly Cultured Fishes in India" in collaboration with the Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture at Chennai on 16-03-2016. A total of 129 personnel (CIBA, Chennai 44; Madras RC of CMFRI 11; Mandapam RC 1; CAA, Chennai 2; NFDB, Hyderabad 1; RGCA, Andhra Pradesh, 1; NIOT, Chennai 1; MPEDA, Chennai 2; Tamil Nadu Dept. of Fisheries 5; Aquaculture Industry 5; Fish Marketing sector 3; Colleges Professors & Students 8; FTF, Chennai 26; FTF, Madurai 2; All India Radio, Press & Television reporters 17). attended the workshop. The recommendations arrived at the workshop have been forwarded to NFDB, CIBA, CAA, Dept. of Fisheries of Govt. of Tamil Nadu and the participants.

AGENDA 2: Confirmation of the Report of Proceedings of Twenty Fourth Annual General Body Meeting held on 11-7-2015 (2014-15)

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. M. Surendran. The Chairman declared the adoption of the Report.

AGENDA 3: Consideration of the Annual Report for 2015-16

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 Secretary and the executive council. The Chairman called for the adoption of the Report. Mr. K.N. Krishnamurthy proposed the adoption, which was seconded by Dr. P. Ravichandran. The Chairman declared the adoption of the Annual Report.

AGENDA 4: Consideration of the Balance Sheet and the Audited Accounts for 2015-16

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, Treasurer and the Executive Council of Madurai branch, 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. Dr. A. Gokul proposed for adoption and seconded by Mr. R. Subburaj. The Chairman declared the adoption of the Balance Sheet and Audited Accounts.

AGEBDA 5: Ratification of enrolment of new members

Mr. P. Thirumilu, Treasurer has announced that a total of 23 members have joined the Forum during 2015-16, of which, 11 (7 life members & 4 ordinary members) have joined at Chennai FTF and 13 (3 life members & 10 ordinary members) joined at South Tamil Nadu Branch of the Forum at Madurai. Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarsu, Chairman appreciated the effort of the Treasurer at Chennai and Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer at Madurai branch in enrolling more members. The Chairman called for ratification of new enrolments. Dr. P. Gandheeswari proposed for ratification of new enrolments, which was seconded by Mr. P. Mohanakrishnan. The Chairman declared the ratification of new enrolment of members at Chennai and Madurai.

AGENDA 6: Appointment of the Auditors for 2016-17

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 2016-17. The Chairman called for adoption of the Firm M/s Krishnan &Giri, the Chartered Accountants, Chennai-600 001. That firm was proposed by Dr. D.B. James and seconded by Dr. P. Nammalwar.

AGENDA 7: Election of Office Bearers for 2016-17

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 2015-16 on behalf of the out-going executive council members and on his own behalf. Mr. K.N. Krishnamurthy, Member of the Forum was requested to conduct the election. As there was no contest for the post of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and executive council members, Mr. K.N. Krishnamurthy requested the members present to nominate persons for the executive council.

The following members were unanimously elected for the executive council for 2016-17 and declared by the presiding officer.

Post	Elected Member	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu	Dr. V. Sampath	Mr. S. Rajamanickam
Vice-Chairman	Dr. R. Soundararajan	Dr. D.B. James	Mr. R. Subburaj
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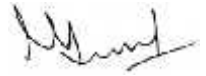
AGENDA 8: Such other business, as may be brought forward with the permission of the presiding officer, as provided in 44 & 54 of the Bye-laws and Rules of the Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai-6.

Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman informed the house that the proceedings of the second annual general body meeting of the South Tamil Nadu Branch of FTF at Dindigul were received from its secretary, stating that the presentation of annual report & audited report for 2015-16 and the election of executive council for 2016-17 took place.

Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman has informed the members present that while filing the documents in July 2015 at the Registrar Office (Madras Central), a query was raised by the officials regarding the word "Forum" in our organization's title. The words such as "Forum", "Council", "Union", "State" etc. should not be added to the title of a registered society with effect from June 1999 vide Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1999. Hence, a change of the title of our organization has become imperative. Along with the name change, several changes were now sought in the bye-laws, for which, Mr. M. Kathirvel, Secretary has brought out several proposals for the amendments (given Annexure I) and submitted to the Chairman on 11-06-2016. A copy of the amendments sought has been circulated among the members for their opinion. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. V. Venkatesan proposed for the adoption of the amendments, which was seconded by Dr. V. Sampath. Other members present also unanimously accepted the amendments sought. Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman declared the amendments to the bye-laws brought by Mr. Kathirvel, Secretary is adopted. The amendments may be submitted to the Registrar of Society (Madras Central), for certified copy.

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. Special thanks are due to the Director, CIBA for allotting a room in their premises for the conduct of executive council meetings, their collaboration for the conduct of 1 day National workshop on Fish Marketing and to the Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Tamil Nadu for their kind permission to carry out the Forum's routine activities.



CHENNAI-6
20-07-2016

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FTF AWARDS
&
Mr. A. SREENIVASAN ENDOWMENT
LECTURE

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



During the last Twenty Five years, the Fisheries Technocrats Forum, Chennai has made several strides, namely, a) Increasing its membership from an initial of 28 in 1991-92 to 126 in 2015-16, b) Establishment of a branch at Madurai with a membership strength of 68, c) Involvement in fisheries development activities including the conduct of seminars/workshops on important topics and d) Recognizing the talented personnel from research, development and commercial sectors of Indian fisheries by bestowing with an award in the name of its Founder Chairman, K. Chidambaram, former Founder Director of MPEDA.

Two events took place on 16-07-2016

A) K. Chidambaram Memorial Award for 2015



The function for the distribution of the award took place at CIBA auditorium on the forenoon of 16-07-2016. Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarsu, Chairman, Fisheries Technocrats Forum (FTF) welcomed the Director and staff of CIBA, awardees from CIFT & CIBA and the members of FTF, while Mr. M. Kathirvel, Secretary, FTF gave a brief account on the role played by Mr. K. Chidambaram.,

former Director of MPEDA and Founder Chairman of FTF in the development of Indian fisheries and listed those scientists and entrepreneurs who bagged this award since 1999.



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Welcome Address by
Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu



K. Chidambaram Memorial Award-An
introduction by Mr. M. Kathirvel,
Secretary, FTF

The scientific personnel, namely, Dr. Suseela Mathew, Dr. R. Anandan, Dr. K.K. Asha, Dr. Niladri S. Chatterjee, Dr. George Ninan and Dr. A.A. Zynudheen from Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Kochi and Scientific (Dr. M. Kailasam, Dr. Gouranga Biswas, Dr. Krishna Sukumaran & Dr. Prem Kumar) & technical (Mr. R. Subburaj, Mr. G. Thiagarajan & Mr. K. Karaiyan) from Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA), Chennai have bagged the prestigious K. Chidambaram Memorial Award for 2015 for their team research output. The scientists from CIFT were honoured for their significant contribution in the development of Value-added Fisheries Products, while the CIBA scientists and

technical officers/assistants were recognized for developing a proven technology for the culture of Asian Sea Bass (*Lates calcarifer*).



**Dr. K.K. Vijayan, Director, CIBA
delivering the presidential address**

Dr. K.K. Vijayan, Director, CIBA presided over the function, offered the presidential address and distributed the awards. In his presidential address, Dr K.K. Vijayan lauded the efforts of FTF in encouraging those who are contributing for the development of Indian capture and culture fisheries. This kind of boosting the morale of Indian fisheries researchers and entrepreneurs will go a long way in achieving greater production.



Dr. Suseela Mathew



Dr. M. Kailasam

On behalf of the awardees, Dr. Suseela Mathew, Principal Scientist and Head, Biochemistry & Nutrition Division, CIFT, Kochi and Dr. M. Kailasam, Principal

Scientist, CIBA, Chennai thanked the FTF for recognizing the contribution in their line of research and this award will act as a leverage in further scaling up in their respective fields.



(L to R) Second row: Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarasu, Chairman, FTF, Dr. K.K. Vijayan, Director, CIBA, Dr. K. Kathiresan, Director, CAS in Marine Biology, Parangipettai & Mr. M. Kathirvel, Secretary, FTF

(L to R) First row: Dr. Niladri S. Chatterjee, Dr. A.A. Zynudheen, Dr. K.K. Asha, Dr. Suseela Mathew (All the four from CIFT), Dr. M. Kailasam, Mr. R. Subburaj, Mr. G. Thiagarajan, Mr. K. Karaiyan, Dr. Prem Kumar & Dr. Krishna Sukumaran (All the six from CIBA)

B) Mr. A. Sreenivasan Endowment Lecture for 2015



Mr. A. Sreenivasan, Former Joint Director of Fisheries (Govt. of Tamil Nadu) and one of the founder members of FTF has donated Rs. 1 lakh to FTF and the remuneration from its fixed deposit ought to be utilized for furtherance of fisheries. Under this endowment lecture, Dr. K. Kathiresan, Dean, Faculty of Marine Sciences & Director, Centre of Advanced Study in Marine Biology, Annamalai University, Parangipettai was invited to give a lecture entitled "Blue Carbon Forests and Fishes".



Mr. V. Venkatesan, Former Director, MPEDA Mr. K.N. Krishnamurthy, Former Principal Scientist, CIBA/CIFRI

Dr. A.R. Thirunavukkarsu, Chairman, FTF gave an introduction to the efforts in organizing the endowment lecture. Mr. V. Venkatesan, Former Director, MPEDA, former colleague of Mr. A. Sreenivasan and member of FTF spoke on the achievements in research and development on not only Indian Inland fisheries but also that of neighbouring country by Mr. A. Sreenivasan. Mr. K.N. Krishnamurthy, former Principal scientist of CIBA and a member of FTF has recalled his association and inspiration drawn from Mr. A. Sreenivasan, particularly on the limnology and fisheries aspects of reservoirs.



Dr. K. Kathiresan and his specialized subject-Mangroves

Dr. K. Kathiresan gave an excellent talk on the role played by the mangroves in the coastal areas in terms of ecological preservation, fisheries and protection from natural calamities like December 2004 Tsunami. The newly planted and subsequent fully grown mangroves along the northern shore of Vellar estuary played a good Samaritan role in saving thousands of lives during that dreaded December 2004 Tsunami.



Mr. A.D. Isaac Rajendran (left)
Handing over the memento to
Dr. K. Kathiresan (right)



Mr. A.D. Isaac Rajendran

After his talk, Dr. K. Kathiresan was presented with the memento and the certificate by the senior founder member of the Forum, Mr. A.D. Isaac Rajendran, former Joint Director of Fisheries. Mr. Isaac Rajendran recalled his close association with Mr. A. Sreenivasan and Mr. A. Sreenivasan's immense contribution

to Reservoir fisheries. He was so happy to hand over the award to Dr. Kathiresan, who has done pioneering work on Pitchavaram mangroves.



**Dr. R. Soundararajan,
Vice-Chairman, FTF**

Dr. R. Soundararajan, Vice-Chairman, FTF proposed a vote of thanks. He thanked Dr. K.K. Vijayan, Director, CIBA for extending excellent facility to conduct both the events and to the awardees from CIFT & CIBA, the staff of CIBA & CMFRI and the executive council & members of FTF for attending the functions and made them successful.

