

AAFSIS

**5th Annual Meeting - American Association of Food Scientists for the Indian Subcontinent (AAFSIS)
June 25-26, Orange County Convention Centre, Orlando, FL**

Summary of the Meeting

1. Symposium (June 25th, 2.30 - 5.05 PM) : A symposium titled “Food fortification in developing countries” was co-sponsored by AAFSIS. Six experts spoke on various aspects on food fortification. The symposium was well attended and was very informative.
2. Business Meeting (June 26, 4.00 - 6.00 PM): The 5th Annual Business Meeting of AAFSIS was held at the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando FL. Nearly 35 members of AAFSIS attended the Meeting. The turn out was better compared to previous years. The following points were discussed.
 - Dr Rizvi gave an introduction on AAFSIS and its bylaws
 - It was proposed and accepted by majority of members to change the Association name from the “American Association of Food Scientists of the Indian Subcontinent” to “*American Association of Food Scientists for the Indian Subcontinent*”. By Changing from “of” to “for”, we can broaden the membership to include everyone who may have interest in the Indian Subcontinent.
 - Dr Rizvi discussed the “US-India Agricultural Knowledge Initiative and National Agricultural Innovation Project (contact Dr Rizvi for a copy of presentation)
 - A new office bearer position “President Elect” was suggested by members. It was accepted by all members and necessary changes will be made to the by-laws.
 - The office bearers for 2006-07 were elected by the members of AAFSIS (see the table for list of elected office bearers)
 - Various suggestions were made for next years Speaker at the Business Meeting/Banquet Dinner – Some names are Dr mangal Rai (ICAR Director), Indian Ambassador to the US, Sariesh Mehta
 - VS Reddy from British Biologicals, Bangalore indicated that he may be contacted for travel Sponsorship for the next year’s speaker.
3. Banquet Dinner (June 26th, 7.00 PM): The Banquet Dinner was held at Shamiana Restaurant in Orlando, FL. About 55 members of AAFSIS were present for the Dinner.
4. Dr. C. S. (Sam) Rao of Svenka Consulting spoke on the “R&D opportunities: Trail of Money”. (contact Dr Rizvi for a copy of presentation)

Overall the AAFSIS activities during the IFT Annual Meeting in Orlando was a grant success and was well attended.

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