

At the Joint Group Session the participants,
of the *International Seminar and Workshop on*
“FERMENTED FOODS, HEALTH STATUS AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING”
held in November 13-14, 2003, Anand, India.,

voted unanimously in support of the following proposals
put forward by the Chairman Dr. Baboo M. Nair.

To establish a Network on Fermented foods

To ask the present organizing committee of the seminar to continue as the
coordinating committee for the network for an interim period of two years.

To entrust Dr. JB Prajapati as the coordinator of this network during this period

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The first International Seminar and Workshop on Fermented foods, Public Health and social Welfare was inaugurated in a traditional manner by the lighting of the lamp on November 13, 2003 by



Padma Vibhushan Dr V Kurien, Chairman of the institute of Rural management, Anand India. In his inaugural speech, Dr Kurien highlighted the significance of fermented foods in Indian diet and its nutritional significance. Dr R P S Ahlawat, Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Agricultural University presided over the inaugural function. Dr Ahlawat, in his speech, gave facts and figures about Indian food industry and invited Dr Baboo Nair to join hands with the university project on biotechnology, which is in its stage of creation. He also assured cooperation in the development of fermented foods network. Dr Baboo M Nair, Professor of Applied Nutrition, Lund University, Sweden and coordinator of this program set the tempo of the event in his welcome address. He outlined the status of nutrition and foods with

particular reference to developing and under-developed South Asian countries and the need for the establishment of a network on fermented foods.



The session ended with a vote of thanks by Dr J B Prajapati, Organizing Secretary of the program.

During this function, Dr Kurien also released the Souvenir containing abstracts of papers and a book entitled "Basics of Mozzarella Cheese making" authored by Dr K G Upadhyay.



The program was jointly organized by Swedish South Asian Studies Network (SASNET), Lund University Sweden and SMC College of Dairy Science, GAU, Anand. In all 164 delegates participated in the program, representing different parts of India and also Sweden, Denmark, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, USA and Australia.



At the Joint Group Session the participants,

The seminar had six technical sessions in which 25 papers were presented.



In two days, total 36 research papers were presented in two poster sessions.



The first day culminated with a multi-group cultural program, giving glimpse of the rich cultural heritage of India, presented by about 60 artists.

The second day began with the fifth and sixth technical sessions as parallel sessions, which was followed by a short session to brief about group discussion. Dr. Prajapati and Dr Nair explained the objectives of group discussion to the delegates and then distributed them into

four groups to facilitate group discussion. The outcome of the brainstorming in each group was presented by a representative of each group in the Group Discussion Session II, which was a joint session.

The Joint Group Discussion Session-II was chaired by Dr Baboo Nair. The participants voted unanimously in support of the following proposals put forward by the Chairman of the concluding session.

- (i) Establishment of Network on Fermented foods
- (ii) Making the present organizing committee as interim committee for development of proposals for an interim period of two years.
- (iii) Entrusting Dr. JB Prajapati as the coordinator of this network during this period and Dr. Prajapati accepted the proposal.

The concluding session was presided over by Dr SS Sannabhadti, Principal and Dean, SMC college of Dairy Science, Anand. The Chairmen/rapporteurs of all six sessions presented their report in this session. Dr. Sannabhadti gave the presidential address and extended his fullest cooperation in development of network on fermented foods. Best poster awards were distributed during this session. The program ended with a proposal of vote of thanks by Dr. J B Prajapati.

Interested delegates were taken for visit to Amul Dairy, Vidya dairy, a village cooperative milk producers' society and Sardar Patel Memorial.

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