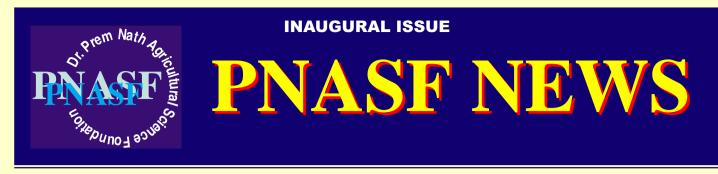
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PNASF – COMMITTED TO A NOBLE CAUSE

Reality

Every thing around us is changing and is changing rapidly with such a speed that we are not able to cope up. An ancient thinker said, "Natures laws affirm instead of prohibit. If you violate her law, you are your own prosecuting attorney, judge, jury and hangman". The greatest bliss on this planet is to born and exist as human kind. But the irony is that many of us go asleep with stomach full of food and more than 800 millions of others go to sleep hungry with question "What next for tomorrow", when right to food is a universal reality? Every thing has changed but it is the need of food, which has not changed and would not change forever. This is real and the fears of the century ahead is still more real. " In just two decade years ahead, an additional three billion people on this planet have to be adequately fed".

Global call to eradicate poverty and fighting hunger across the globe has taken momentum. The governmental, non-governmental organizations, the public at large and the society by itself have taken this issue with serious concern. The Prem Nath Agricultural Science Foundation (PNASF), Bangalore is one such NGO committed to this cause with a difference.

PNASE

The P. N. Agricultural Science Foundation is a 'Charitable Trust' registered on 19th August 1999 with the Govt. of Karnataka, India. It was the dream and vision of Dr. Prem Nath after his retirement from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and putting his service with FAO for 25 years to establish this foundation by way of pooling his life time savings in the form of a Charitable Trust. Ever since its establishment, the PNASF equipped with 'Knowledge' as the strongest weapon is progressing ahead to achieve its goals by assisting and encouraging agricultural scientists to address agricultural problems by facilitating interaction of knowledge and ideas among leading professionals in



Dr. Prem Nath, Chairman, PNASF, Bangalore

agricultural research, development and planning, on issues of national and international importance related to agriculture and food security and poverty alleviation.

Mission

The mission of PNASF is "to promote agricultural education, research and sustainable development with focus on Food Security". With the basic objective of promoting the socio-economic and cultural status of farmers, rural poor, socially impaired and undermined people, the PNASF strives to support and complement continuing efforts of food of the ever growing population. Towards this end the foundation facilitates applied and strategic agricultural research, education and extension services by way of small grants and also takes up various programmes for implementation with a participatary approach.

Activities

The PNASF has spread its activities mainly in four important broad areas viz;

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ABOUT PNASF

★ Research Support

- 1. The PNASF provides assistance to young agricultural scientists in research through modest grants, assistance to small field projects etc.
- 2. The PNASF provides assistance to post graduate students in agriculture through awards, scholarships etc.
- 3. The PNASF provides assistance and/or participation in national, regional, international conferences, workshops, expert consultations, seminars etc.

★ Information Dissemination

- 1. The PNASF organizes national and international conferences, seminars, summits etc on various issues of importance in agricultural and allied fields, food and nutritional aspects, environmental issues etc.
- 2. Brings out technical publications.
- 3. Facilitates exchange of information and ideas among countries.

★ International Co-operation

- 1. Assists in development of linkages or partnership with national, regional and international agriculture and related Science and Technology Institutes.
- 2. Facilitates linkages with / among international professional societies, bodies.

★ Social Commitment

- 1. Undertakes special programmes on food and nutrition, poverty irradication, upliftment of social impaired / disabled segments of society, gender issues etc.
- 2. Takes up charitable activities for the well-being of agricultural community through its own funds or through scholarships from professional donors.



Visit of Madagascar Study Team

3. Recognizes individuals and organizations for their significant and measurable contributions in the field of agriculture through honours and awards.

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Since PNASF is a charitable trust, it runs on its own resource funds. In order to achieve its objectives and goals the foundation accepts charities, grants and donations from individuals and institutions.

Dr. Prem Nath receiving Insignia from the Princess of Thailand



In appreciation of the assistance and support provided by the PNASF, Bangalore, India, to Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Foundation in all out efforts to support appropriate programmes and projects in rural development to fulfill the desire of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand for his people to maintain a subsistence level of living and to eventually become self reliant, Her Royal Highness, Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, Thailand awarded an 'Insignia' (bearing HRH initials) to Dr. Prem Nath Agricultural Science Foundation, Bangalore, India.



Launching of FAO Telefood Project

VISION

The PNASF will continue striving to support and complement country and international efforts to overcome the food and nutrition insecurity among 800 million hungry and undernourished people worldwide.

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REGISTRATION FORM

VEGETABLE SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

(VEGINET)

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Plans on Hand

While the ongoing activities will continue, the PNASF proposes to undertake new programmes and activities;

- Participation in conferences :
 - Assist in preparation for International Conference on Vegetables (ICV-2005).
 - Support the VEGINET Secretariat.
 - Participate in upcoming national and international conferences.
- Undertake preparation and publication of books relevant to food and nutrition security.
- Undertake second phase of the TeleFood Project for the handicapped children and other projects on food security of the rural communities.
- Awards / grants to university students and researchers to continue.
- Collaborate with the national and international institutions / associations in the area of food and nutrition security etc.

Opportunities

Awards / Scholarships

PNASF encourages universities / institutions to institute PNASF Medal Awards for outstanding post-graduate students / young scientists working on research problems augmenting food and nutrition security and invites them to support these activities through funds.

Field Projects

PNASF invites societies / associations / NGOS interested in implementing small rural community projects on self-help income generation augmenting food security, for any assistance.

Publications

The PNASF publications are available on price with the Central Secretariat, PNASF. Both perfect bound and hardbound copies of the latest publication "Food Security and Vegetables - A Global Perspective" are available on sale. Order can also be placed through the website www.pnasf.org

Contribution / Membership

Registration / membership / contribution either to PNASF or to VEGINET or to both may be obtained by completing the attached form and by paying the requisite fee.

Website

The detailed activities of the PNASF are accessible on the website www.pnasf.org

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The greatest charity one can do in life is, "bring smile on the faces of have nots".

Contribute towards this noble cause of fighting hunger and poverty.

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RESEARCH SUPPORT

PROJECTS

Under taking small projects and consultations in the filed of Agriculture and allied fields is one of the mandates of PNASF. Till to date the foundation has undertaken the following studies in collaboration with other organizations.

RESEARCH STUDIES

FAO SPONSORED PROIECT

PNASF/LOA/RAP/2002

PNASF received a sum of Rs.94,000/- from the Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for undertaking a field study entitled "Gender considerations in managing organic farming for food security and livelihood: Case study in Karnataka".

Feasibility studies

(PNASF/SFAC/2001)

Three Ph.D. students in Agricultural Economics have been supported in preparing three feasibility studies;

(a) An economic study on "Production, processing and marketing of turmeric in Karnataka" by Mr. G.B. Lokesh and Dr. M. G. Chandrakanth.

The study indicated that domestic value addition in turmeric is at least 40 percent. The development of turmeric varieties with high oleoresin will promote its processing and enhance its economic viability.

b) An economic study on "Varietal improvement of tomato for processing in Kolar, Karnataka" by Ms. Hari Shilpa, Dr. M. G. Chandrakanth and Mr. G. B. Lokesh.

The study indicated that the tomato production in Kolar has increased considerably but the processing industry needs to update equipment to process products of international standard and to market through appropriate channels.

An economic study on "Feasibility of passion fruit exports from Kodagu District, Karnataka" by Mr. P.P. Muthappa and Dr. M G. Chandrakanth.

The study indicated that the passion fruit grown mostly as garden crops in Kodagu District has potential to be a commercial crop for juice production utilizing the existing citrus processing factory. The margin to the processor is 19% and the value addition is 150%.

Training

PNASF/AHS/2001

The project "Top working in mango funded by the PNASF and implemented by the Agri-Horticultural Society (AHS), Hyderabad provided practical training to more than 50 growers in Hyderabad and Maharashtra. More than 1000 mango trees were top worked in about 30 orchards of the farmers. The AHS has brought out a leaflet entitled "Old mango into gold mango". The AHS is of the opinion that the new varieties

developed by the research institutions could be top-worked to update the existing orchards.

Assignment of Government of Karnataka

The Chairman, PNASF was appointed as the Chairman of the WTO Cell on Agriculture and Related Issues for the Government of Karnataka. The Interim Report was submitted to the Chief Minister of Karnataka on 7th February 2001.

STUDY VISIT

Visit of Prince of Thialand

On invitation by the PNASF, H.S.H. Prince Bhisatej Rajani of Thailand visited Bangalore on 22-26 November, 2001 and held consultations with the private and government organizations to initiate joint activities on vegetable seed production.

Visit of FAO - Madagascar Team

(PNASF / FAO / 2002)

PNASF facilitated the visit of FAO-Madagascar team to different Ecological Based Institutions in Bangalore from 18-22 August, 2002

SCHOLARSHIP / GRANTS

In order to encourage students in the field of agricultural research and education the PNASF has instituted various scholarships and awards apart from providing funds for participation in international seminars/ conferences etc. as detailed below;

Awards

- ★ The PNASF Gold Medal was awarded to the Ph.D. student, Mr. K.V. Jayaprasad for the highest grade point average at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. The award was presented during the University's 35th Convocation held on 30th March, 2001.
- ★ The PNASF Gold Medal was awarded to the Ph.D Student, Mr. Binukoshy for the highest grade point average at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. The award was presented during the University's 36th Convocation held on 26th April, 2002.
- The PNASF Gold Medal was awarded to the Ph.D Student, Mr. A. S. Rajendran for the highest grade point average at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. The award was presented during the University's 37th Convocation held on 9th April, 2003.
- A scholarship to Ph.D meritorious student in Horticulture has been instituted at University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore.
- ★ PNASF Annual Gold Medal award to a PhD student attaining highest grade point average has been instituted at the Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner.
- The PNASF granted the Travel Grant Awards to the ICV-2002 delegates one from Nigeria, two from Cambodia and one from Myanmar.

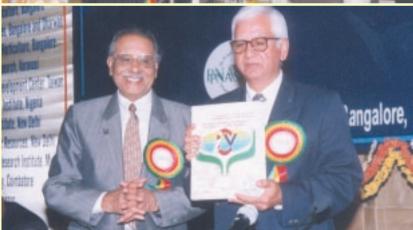
International Conference on Vegetables (ICV-2002)

The Prem Nath Agricultural Science Foundation in association with the Indian Society of Vegetable Sciences, New Delhi and Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore, India organized the first International Conference on Vegetables (ICV-2002) with the theme focus on "Vegetables for Sustainable Food and Nutritional Security in the New Millennium" at Bangalore, India from 11-14 Nov. 2002. The Honorable Chief Minister of Karnataka State Sri. S. M. Krishna inaugurated the conference as Chief Guest, presided over by Sri. Som Pal. member. Planning Commission. Governof India.

Director, NIHORT, Nigeria, Dr. M. L. Anothai Choomsai, President and R&D Director, Almatha Seeds Co. Ltd, Thailand, Mr. May Sam Oeun, Secretary of Agriculture, Govt. of Combodia, Mr. Daniel Gustfson, FAO Representative for India and Bhutan, Dr. Panjab Singh, DG, ICAR, India, Dr. Kirti Singh, President, ISVS, New Delhi, Dr. Bisilaiah, Former VC, UAS, Banaglore, India, Dr. V. Prakash, Director, CFTRI, Mysore, Dr. H. A. B. Parpia former Director, CFTRI, Mysore, Dr. G. Kaloo, DDG (H), ICAR, New Delhi etc with Dr. Prem Nath, Chairman, PNASF,







Sri S.M. Krishna, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka inaugurating the conference and Sri Sompal, Member, Planning Commission, Govt. of India, releasing souvenir.

and Shri. M. Shivanna, Honorable Minister for Horticulture, Govt. of Karnataka as Guest of Honour. More than 650 delegates from 37 countries including India participated in the deliberations.

The important dignitaries who contributed their knowledge, wisdom, expertise and vision during the conference were Dr. Samson C. S. Tsou, DG, AVRDC, Taiwan, Dr. Wilfried O. Baudoin, FAO, Rome, Dr. O. A. Denton,

Bangalore as the main host. A total No. of 616 research and development papers were presented and deliberated on various issues under XIII theme areas and action plans were formulated for the development of vegetables for sustainable food and nutritional security. During the conference the FAO sponsored HORTIVAR training was organized for the benefit of delegates. A total of 198 participants were trained in HORTIVAR during the 4 days.

Awards and Recognition of personalities

The Board of Trustees of the PNASF have been pleased to announce periodical awards to national and international personalities who have made outstanding contribution in food and nutrition security towards human kind. The first of the series of PNASF Awards was made by the Chief Guest Honourable Chief Minister, Mr. S. M. Krishna, Karnataka State during the ICV-2002

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PNASF GOLD MEDAL AWARDS

☼ Dr. Jacques Diouf, Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Rome, Italy, as the World Leader on food and nutrition security issues.



Mr. Deniel Gustafson, FAO representative for India and Bhutan receiving the gold medal on behalf of the Director General of FAO from Shri S.M. Krishna, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, India.

- Dr. Charles V. Hall, Emeritus Professor, Iowa State University, Ames, USA for life-long contribution on teaching and research on vegetables.
- Dr. Kirti Singh, Former Professor of Vegetable Crops, Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar, India for promotion of vegetables in India.
- ☼ Dr. Vishnu Swarup, Former National Project Coordinator (Vegetables), Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi for outstanding research on vegetables in India.
- ☼ Dr. O. P. Dutta, Former Head of the Division of Vegetable Crops, Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Hessarghatta, Bangalore, India for improvement of vegetable crops in India.

PNASF SILVER MEDAL AWARDS

☆ Dr. A. Q. Kobakiwal, Rome for promotion of food security worldwide.

- ☆ Dr. Wilfried O. Baudoin, Rome for promotion of vegetables worldwide.
- ☆ Dr. K. G. Ahuja, USA for promotion of nutrition security.
- ☆ Dr. Sundari Velu, USA for promotion of vegetables.
- ☆ Dr. O. A. Denton, Nigeria for promotion of vegetables in Nigeria.
- Dr. Biplab K. Nandi, Thailand for promotion of nutrition security in Asia.

OUTSTANDING RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION AWARD

☆ In recognition of his most outstanding research contribution towards food security at the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore since its inception in 1968, the PNASF awarded Gold Medal to Dr. O.P. Dutta. It was presented during the Institute's Foundation Day celebration on 5th September, 2001.



Dr. Prem Nath presenting the Life Time Award achievement made in Vegetable research to Dr. O.P. Dutta during IIHR Foundation Day. Dr. P. Parvatha Reddy, Director, IIHR is also seen.

OUTSTANDING EDITORIAL AWARD

During the ICV-2002, the PNASF awarded a plaque each to Dr. U. V. Sulladmath as the Chief Editor of the ICV-2002 Abstracts and to Mr. P. B. Gaddagimath for his excellent editorial and as the Chief Editor of the ICV-2002 Souvenir for their outstanding work on these publications.

MERITORIOUS AWARD

The PNASF gave Meritorious Award to the two outstanding gardeners Shri. Brij Pal and Shri. Khatir Zuma, Directorate of Horticulture of the Central Public Works Department, New Delhi on the Independence Day, 2003.

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SOCIAL COMMITMENT

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PNASF Contributes to FAO of the United Nations

In order to augment the Household Food Security, the PNASF has contributed a sum of Rs.1,00,000/= (Rupees One lakh only) on 29th September, 2000 to the FAO's Telefood Programme in India.



FAO Representative receiving the cheque from Dr. Prem Nath in New Delhi

FAO TELE FOOD PROJECT

(TFD-00/IND/003)

The P.N. Agricultural Science Foundation, Bangalore implemented the FAO Tele food project "Hybrid Seed Production in Vegetable Crops by Physically Handicapped and Destitute People" in collaboration with Institute of Universal Consciousnes, Bangalore and Namdhari Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore.

- The project activities were undertaken near Ghatty Subramanya, Doddaballapur, Karnataka, with the objective to impart horticultural skills as well as personality transformation training to the disabled children enabling them to generate income on sustainable basis for their well being and social self reliance.
- At the outset a collaborative system was established providing FAO approved fund and technical guidance to the target groups by PNASF, implementing the project activities by Institute of Universal Consciousness and the buy back arrangements of the produce by Namdhari Seeds Pvt Ltd., Bangalore.



An instructor educating mentally challenged in hybridisation technique

- Eight disabled children, two trainers and twenty volunteers were trained in high-tech horticultural activities for hybrid seed production in bottle gourd in the open field as well as growing off season melon hybrids inside 2 net houses.
- Under the "Power Within" programme, the children were provided training in awakening, awareness, meditation, yoga of breath and other mind body coordination techniques required to activate their dormant potential.
- A total of 139 kgs of bottle gourd hybrid seeds were produced in the open field and 400 kgs of hybrid melons were produced under protected cultivation inside the net houses by the children, generating a gross income of Rs. 62, 550/- during the first phase of project activities. The "Power within" programme gave a boost to the psychosomatic system of the children improving their mind body coordination activities, self-confidence, overall health and cheers.
- A social symbiosis was established at the project site involving the volunteers from the IUC and neighboring villages to offer their selfless services, love and tender care to the disabled children.



Mentally challenged children enjoying pollination work (bagging) and a bottle guard grown by them for seed production.

The end result of the project activities was the establishment of three dimensional growth model leading to sustainable income generation through hi-tech horticultural techniques, human well-being through social symbioses and healthy environment through linkage with natural surroundings.

SPONSORSHIPS / DONATIONS

PNASF / ICV-2002

PNASF sponsored a sum of Rs. 4 Lakhs for the conduct of the ICV-2002 and hosted the ICV Secretariat

PNASF / UAS / 2003

PNASF sponsored a sum of Rs. 10,000/- to the ICAR National Potato Workshop for documentation held at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Hebbal, Bangalore, India from 5-7 September, 2003.



Hortivar Training Programme during ICV 2002

The ICV-2002 apart from drawing various technical recommendations and action plans, decided to hold the Second International Conference on Vegetables during 2005 and was concluded with the "Bangalore Resolution" as:

- ★ To further the cause of addressing issues relating to food and nutritional security by way of promoting vegetables as one of the most important dietary components, in the wake of fighting global hunger and malnutrition, the participating nations representatives unanimously recognized the need and importance of a vegetable network and ICV 2002 resolves to support the establishment of a Vegetable Network.
- ★ The ICV-2002 resolves formation of a Vegetable Science International Network, 'VEGINET' to create awareness, understanding and cooperation amongst the institutions of various developed and developing nations to come together and promote the major theme of the Conference "Vegetables for Sustainable Food and Nutritional Security in the New Millennium". The ICV-2002 further resolves to constitute a "Nomination Committee" representing different nations with the task of nominating "The Executive Council Members" of the 'VEGINET' and the PNASF, Bangalore, India, will host the Secretariat and take action on organizing the next Conference in 2005.
- ★ The ICV-2002 resolves to urge International Organizations like FAO to extend their support in such task keeping in view the strong pro-active role being played by them in Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC). It was recommended that FAO supports this initiative in an advisory and catalytic capacity.

- ★ The ICV-2002 recognized the special support expressed by the participating national / international institutions from FAO, Nigeria, Thailand, India and others.
- The ICV-2002 resolves to appeal nations like USA, Switzerland, Germany and Japan for their cooperation and support in creation of the Vegetable Network i.e., 'VEGINET' and extend help in the form of possible contribution and expertise.

PUBLICATIONS

The PNASF, Bangalore also brings out publications as a part of information dissemination. The following publications have been published by the foundation till to date.

★ Books and Bulletins

- 1. ICV-2002 Souvenir, International Conference on Vegetables, 11-14 November, 2002 (124 pages)
- 2. ICV-2002 Abstract Book, 11-14 November, 2002 (445 pages)
- 3. ICV-2002 News Letter (A daily news on the Conference)
- 4. ICV-2002 Proceedings, March 2003, CD-ROM (931 pages)
- 5. Late Dr. G. S. Randhawa Memorial Lecture The Role of AVRDC in the context of recent challenges to the vegetable sector in Asia by Dr. Samson. C. S. Tsou, ICV-2002.
- Late Acharya Dharmsheela Nath Memorial Lecture Appropriate technology for sustainable food security by Dr. William D.Dar, ICV-2002.
- 7. ICV-2002 Bangalore Resolutions and Salient Recommendations, March, 2003 (23 pages).
- 8. VEGINET Launching Paper, November, 2003 (22 pages).
- 9. Food Security and Vegetables A Global Perspective March, 2004 (416 pages).

PARTICIPATION IN SEMINARS, CONFERENCES ETC

The PNASF participated in a total of 23 national and international seminars, symposia, conferences, summits etc and presented a total of 25 papers on various pressing issues related to agricultural research, development, food security, nutritional security, international collaborations /co-operations, international trade, codex elimantaris, policies and planning, WTO etc.

Vegetable Science International Network (VEGINET)

"Wealth of knowledge, information and much more of it is available and generated globally and would be made available in the coming days across the globe in the field of Vegetable Research and Development. When the "Global Village" concept is gaining momentum and marching towards reality and a way of life in every sphere of the human kind it is essential and right time that this knowledge and information be collected, consolidated and made available for appropriate use regularly for mutual benefits of the stake holders in particular and society at large". This was the consensus emerged when more than 650 elite delegates representing scientific, technical and developmental organization, industries and corporate houses, diplomats, policy makers and intellectuals and farmers from 37 countries deliberated on various issues under Vegetables for Food and Nutrition Security during the International Conference on Vegetables (ICV-2002). Accordingly the need was expressed to establish linkages between and among the stakeholders. This silent brewing thought gave birth to a network mode of interaction and resulted in "Bangalore Resolution" announcing the formation and establishment of Vegetable Science International Network the "VEGINET".

In pursuance of this the "VEGINET" was formed and launched on 3rd November 2003 by the PNASF Bangalore hosting the VEGINET Secretariat with the Nomination Committee representing members from different regions of the world.

The Nomination Committee

Dr. Prem Nath – Convener (India)
Dr. W. O. Baudoin – Member
(FAO)/International Advisor (Rome)
Dr. M. L. Anothai Choomsai – Member (Thailand)
Dr. O. A. Denton – Member (Nigeria)
Dr. H. A. B. Parpia – Member (India)
Dr. R. K. N. Singh – Member (Canada)
Dr. G. Anais – Member (Caribbean), and
Representative from – Latin America





Dr. Prem Nath introducing the concept of VEGINET to the deligates

Vision

The goal of VEGINET will be to strengthen partnership and inter-institutional cooperation among the member organizations of the vegetable sector towards improved production and utilization of vegetables.

Objectives

The main objectives of the VEGINET will be to:

- ★ Strengthen / promote vegetable research and development by facilitating inter-and intra-regional and inter-institutional cooperation through exchange of scientific, technological and related economic information and in identifying priority areas of cooperative research and development. And, development of regional and inter-regional projects with specific time frame, objectives and outputs.
- ★ Promote partnership between public and private sector for improving vegetable production.
- ★ Facilitate development of human resource through better education and training.
- ★ Promote improved and sustainable production of vegetables for food to provide nutritional security and economic empowerment of the farming community.
- ★ Develop collaborative network for dissemination of information among the member organizations.
- ★ Facilitate building of a sound and sustainable infrastructure of roads, railways and water transport for perishable produce from farm-to-the-consumer and processor for holistic socio-economic development of the farming community. It must ensure collection of produce from the farms, their safe transport to well equipped food terminals, with facilities for refrigerated storage, grading and packing for marketing and for preventing heavy losses.

Human Resource Development would receive highest priority in the activities of VEGINET by facilitating in building institutional capabilities through short term training as well as through education programs leading to Doctoral and Post Doctoral fellowships, for visiting fellows and entrepreneurs from inside and outside the network. Special emphasis will be given in case of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) by way of providing special fellowships for masters degrees also. In order to strengthen the linkages and build new concepts to help formulate realistic action plans in priority areas of importance to its member countries, the VEGINET would organize consultation workshops and conferences.

The structure

As a first step, to start with, a Nomination Committee was constituted as given in the foregoing and the *PNASF*, *Bangalore*, *India would host the Secretariat*. The nomination committee in turn would nominate the Executive Council Members of the VEGINET. This Executive council will develop a constitution for the network. The broad structure of the VEGINET would be:



Fund

The financial resources to support various activities of the VEGINET would come from contributions and donations from countries across the globe in the initial stage. The VEGINET would further generate its own financial resources from bilateral and multilateral agencies by developing strategic plans, and external funding including public and private sectors. In this direction the PNASF, Bangalore, India on behalf of VEGINET appeals to all interested in vegetable research and development to extend their donations and contributions to VEGINET and also appeals to join the network and avail the unique opportunity in the offing.

Membership

The Membership of the VEGINET will be open to both private and public sector organizations actively engaged in Vegetable and related Research & Development, Technology Development, Protection and Processing, Marketing, Planning and Policy formulation and management. The membership fee for various categories of organizations / individuals beginning May 1, 2004 will be as follows;

Category A: More than 100 Scientists & Technologists

Developed Countries

Life Membership – US \$ 5,000.00 Annual Membership – US \$ 2000.00

Developing Countries

Life Membership – US \$ 2500.00 Annual Membership – US \$ 1000.00 Category B: 51-100 Scientists & Technologists

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Developing Countries

Life Membership – US \$ 1,500.00 Annual Membership – US \$ 500.00

Category C: Less than 50 Scientists & Technologists

Developed Countries

Life Membership – US \$ 1,000.00 Annual Membership – US \$ 500.00

Developing Countries

Life Membership – US \$ 500.00 Annual Membership – US \$ 250.00

Category D

Developed Countries

Individual Associate Members Annual–US \$ 45.00 Life Members – US \$ 2,000.00

Developing Countries

Annual –US \$ 30.00 Life Members – US \$ 400.00

Category E: Patron

US \$ 10,000.00 and above

However, during the launching period only, a concession rate has been provided upto the deadline of **April 30, 2004 as mentioned in the table below:**

Membership Fee upto April 30, 2004

Options	Developed Countries	Developing Countries
	Founder	Founder
Founder member for 4 yrs	US \$ 150	US \$ 35
Founder life member	US \$ 350 (US \$ 150 + 200)	US \$ 85 (US \$ 35 + 50)
Voting rights (Category A, B, C	US \$ 850 (US \$ 150 + 200 + 500)	US \$ 235 (US \$ 35 + 50 + 150)

For registration form, use the last perforated page of this newsletter

The PNASF became the first Founder Member of the VEGINET in November, 2003