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The Study Circle Meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 2.30 PM in the Silver Jubilee Hall under the chairmanship of Dr. M. Anandaraj, Director. All the study circle members attended the meeting.

After the introduction of new members to the house the Chairman made a brief presentation on his trip to Jakarta, Indonesia in connection with the IPC e-Working Group Meeting to review Pepper Production Guide and Guidelines for Production of Quality Pepper planting material by International Pepper Community (IPC) on 23-25 March 2015. He suggested the new scientists to take up the challenge to address the possible use of hanging shoots as a planting material in black pepper with scientific explanation. In India hanging shoots are not used as planting material where as Vietnam uses it. He also emphasized that the irrigation requirement in spices as another researchable issue.

The PhD Synopsis Identification of novel target genes in burrowing nematode (*Radopholus similis* Thorne) through genome wide transcriptome analysis was presented by Blessy M. Baby (JRF-UGC) under the guidance of Dr. Santhosh J Eapen at Mangalore University. The synopsis was approved. Chairman expressed his concern on funding for contingencies since the transcriptome work would demand more funds.

The house decided to take seven abstracts that were accepted by IPS for poster presentation as such without further discussion in the study circle as it was discussed at the divisional level.

Regarding the discussion on Technical seminar series, chairman decided to have Dr. John Zachariah HD (Crop Production) for the Technical seminar in April Study Circle meeting. The Principal Scientists who have not presented technical seminar so far would do so in coming months.

The meeting came to an end at 3.30 PM.

This has the approval of the Director.

Secretary,

Study Circle.