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The Study Circle meeting was held at 2.30 pm in the Silver Jubilee Hall under the chairmanship of Dr. M. Anandraj, Director, IISR. Two synopses, two research papers and four deputation reports were presented in the study circle.

1. **Contribution No.595:** The synopsis entitled “Exploring the potential of Curcuma caesia as an antitumor herb.” by Reenu Joseph was approved. It was suggested to get permission of the collaborating agency (Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum) before initiating programme and also to identify a suitable software for in silico analysis.
2. **Contribution No.596:** The synopsis entitled “Studies on seed transmission and genome sequencing of Piper.” by Deeshma. K. P. was approved.
3. **Contribution No. 597:** “Comparative study of pathogenesis related protein (PR-5) of different Zingiberaceae species.” by Prasath D., Amruta Balagopal, Vijay Mahantesh, Rosana Babu, S. Jayasankar and Anandaraj M was accepted.
4. **Contribution No. 598:** “Symptomatological and coat protein gene sequence studies suggest high variability in Cardamom mosaic virus isolates occurring in India.” by Siljo, A.I. Bhat and C.N. Biju was accepted. Director instructed to bring out a pamphlet based on the findings.

In connection with publication of research papers Director informed that the recently adopted online and open access policy of JOSAC will ensure better visibility for papers. Hence he suggested the forum to contribute quality papers to JOSAC also in order to improve its impact factor.

The meeting continued with the presentation of the following deputation reports.

1. Dr. Ishwara Bhat : NAIP sponsored training in the area of Biosecurity (Horticulture) at the Food and Environment Research Agency (FERA). York, UK from 28-3-2011 to 27-6-2011.

2. Dr. K Nirmal Babu & Dr. Utpala Parthasarathy: The 2nd International Symposium on Underutilized Plant Species - Crops for the Future: Beyond Food Security 27 June – 1st July at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
3. Dr. T John Zachariah: IFT Annual Meeting & Food Expo held June 11-14 2011 in New Orleans Louisiana, USA.
4. Dr. R Senthil Kumar: International training on Marker Assisted Selection (Horticulture) held during 15-03-2011 to 14-06-2011 at Iowa State University, USA.

The meeting came to an end at 6.30 pm.

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Secretary, Study Circle.