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**Proceedings of Brainstorming Session**

The brainstorming session on publication of open access journal on medicinal and aromatic plants was held on 25/09/2008 at 3:00 PM in Conference Hall under the Chairmanship of Dr. Satyabrata Maiti, Director, NRCMAP.

The following members were present:-

1. Dr. Satyabrata Maiti, Director, NRCMAP	Chairman
2. Dr. P. Manivel, Principal Scientist (Plant Breeding)	Member
3. Dr. Geetha K.A., Senior Scientist (Plant Breeding)	Member
4. Dr. Vipin Chaudhary, Senior Scientist (Entomology)	Member
5. Mr. R. Saravanan, Scientist SS (Plant Physiology)	Member
6. Mr. N. Srinivasa Rao, Scientist (Computer Applications)	Member
7. Ms. Smitha G.R., Scientist (Horticulture)	Member
8. Dr. L. Saravanan, Scientist (Entomology)	Member
9. Mr. Vinay Kumar, Scientist (Plant Biotechnology)	Member
10. Mrs. Parul Purohit, Technical Officer	Member
11. Mr. Arunkumar Phurailatpam, SRF	Member
12. Ms. Aarti Kavane, SRF	Member
13. Mr. J. Shankara Swamy, SRF	Member
14. Mr. Jatindra Nath Samanta, SRF	Member
15. Dr. Gutam Sridhar, Scientist (Plant Physiology)	Convener

The session was chaired by Dr. Satyabrata Maiti, Director, NRCMAP. The convener had briefed about the concept on the open access and related information retrieval and its dissemination. In the Chairman's introductory remarks, he invited the attention of the members present towards the need for the knowledge sharing in the field of medicinal and aromatic plants through open access resources.

During the meeting the following leads have emerged:

1. Starting an open access journal in medicinal and aromatic plants.
2. Formation of a formal body or association by the researchers working on medicinal and aromatic plants.
3. And the formed association should take care about the journal's content, quality and periodicity.

To explore the modalities for formation of an association, a steering committee was constituted with the following members:

1. Dr. P. Manivel
2. Mr. R. Saravanan
3. Dr. Vipin Chaudhary
4. Dr. Gutam Sridhar

The committee was asked to prepare the bylaws for the proposed association by 15<sup>th</sup> October. The session ended with vote of thanks.

**(Gutam Sridhar)**  
Convener

**(Satyabrata Maiti)**  
Chairman