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The Seventh All Pakistan Food Science Conference formerly called Annual General Meeting of the Pakistan Society of Food Scientists and Technologists was held on Wednesday, December 18, 1996 at the Iqbal Auditorium, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. It was attended by more than 450 delegates from all parts of the country. Dr. Javaid Aziz Awan, the Secretary of the Society, welcomed the participants and invited the dignitaries on the stage. The proceedings were started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Mr. Muhammad Khalid followed by a Naat by Mr. Rashid Mirza.

The Secretary informed the delegates of the sad demise of Prof. Dr. Anwar-ul-Haq, Vice Chancellor of the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad and requested for Fateha Khawani for the soul of the bereaved. He then highlighted the achievements of the Society since its inception in 1990. The Secretary informed that since 1990, an annual general meeting was being held each year. To foster closer links between the members, Food Science News was published which had been upgraded to the level of Pakistan Journal of Food Sciences in 1995. Full length report appears in the next few pages of this Journal.

In his Keynote address, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shafiq Chaudhry, President of the Society said that we are now living through the fog end of the 96th year of the present century and are looking forward to the new century. The developments such as ISO 9000 and 14000 and formation of the World Trade Organizations require upgradation in our processes and products. He showed concern over the quality of education being imparted in the discipline in various universities. He stressed the need to orient the research towards emerging problems in the food industries.

Professor Dr. Abrar Hussain Gilani in his inaugural address pointed out towards the malnourishment being faced by the people. He showed concern over food security in the world, where maldistribution of food and widespread malnutrition in sections of the populations existed. He mentioned various figures highlighting the malnutrition in various groups of the population in the

country. Dr. Gilani stressed the need to develop and manufacture local body food to save the foreign exchange. He also said that there was an urgent need to revise the syllabi of undergraduate programmes in all the first degree courses. He hoped for the establishment of stronger links between the academic and research institutions and the industry.

In his Presidential address, Professor Dr. Ahmad Nadeem Sheri, the Vice Chancellor, University of Agriculture Faisalabad welcomed the delegates to the University. He paid tribute to his successor, Prof. Dr. Anwar ul Haq, who passed away just one week ago. Dr. Sheri pointed out that despite the vitality of the agricultural sector there are glaring failures. The food supply is short of the demand resulting in the import of wheat, milk powder, edible oils, tea and other commodities. He also discussed the problem of malnutrition that is facing the people. He stressed the need to disseminate knowledge on food hygiene, safety and processing to the people.

Technical Session

Two technical sessions were held, one immediately after the tea break and the second after lunch. Following papers were presented in the two sessions:

1. **A. K. Baloch & Shahzada Arshad Saleem Khan**
Influence of water activity on the stability of Dhakki dates
2. **Iftikhar Ahmad**
A useful modification process to enhance the food applications of palm and palm kernel oils
3. **Taufiq Ahmad, Abdus Sattar & Saeed A. Nagra**
Effect of hydrogenated and unhydrogenated fats on the cholesterol level and other growth parameters of albino rats.
4. **Tahira Firdos, Salahuddin & Wazir H. Shah**
Heavy metal load in vegetables irrigated with municipal; sewage water

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5. **Aizad Ahmad**
The value of management studies to the food technologist
6. **Hafiz Haseeb Elahi, J.A. Awan & Nuzhat Huma**
Lifestyle, food and health
7. **Zubair Farooq, Nuzhat Huma, Salim-ur-Rehman & M. Asghar**
Effect of tallow on the quality of fresh beef sausages during storage
8. **K. M. Janjua**
The cooking utensils and human health
9. **Zia ur Rehman & Wazir H. Shah**
Effect of cooking method on dietary fiber components of vegetables
10. **Aurang Zeb, Nizakat Bibi, Amal Badshah & Abdus Sattar**
Influence of different treatments on single enzyme in vitro digestibility of rapeseed protein
11. **Tahira Firdos, Sakhawat Ali & Wazir H. Shah**
Utilization of agro-industrial wastes for the production of microbial proteins.

Full length papers are being published in this and subsequent issues of the Journal.

Business Session

This session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shafiq Chaudhry who was assisted by the Vice President Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saeed, Dr. Javaid Aziz Awan, Secretary, Dr. Wazir Hussain Shah, Joint Secretary and Dr. Salim ur Rehman, Treasurer. The Secretary welcomed the new members who joined the Society in recent months.

The house discussed various matters regarding the expansion of the Society. It was unanimously agreed that the membership dues be increased to cope with the increasing inflation and cost of printing. The house decided to increase the membership dues for Professional and Associate Members to Rs. 200.00 per annum while the Student Membership was enhanced to Rs. 100.00 per annum.

The business session came to an end by a vote of thanks by the Secretary, Dr. Javaid Aziz Awan. He thanked various food industries for their financial support and putting up the exhibition of their products. He also thanked the members of the Society for actively participating in the deliberations of the seventh Annual General Meeting of PSFST and wished them a safe journey home.