

**A**  
**Presentation on**



**International Sericultural**  
**Commission [ISC]**



**INTERNATIONAL SERICULTURAL COMMISSION**



**THE NEW OFFICE OF ISC HQs IN BANGALORE**

# International Sericultural Commission

- The only inter-governmental Organization for Sericulture and Silk Industry
- Instituted on 8th of August 1960 based on an international treaty
- Registered with United Nations on 1970
- 13 member countries - Brazil, Egypt, France, Greece, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Syria, Madagascar, Romania, Thailand, Tunisia.
- About 75 Associate Members

# International Sericultural Commission

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- ❑ **Conference** - the Chief Governing Body of ISC comprising 5 delegates from each country
  - ❑ **Executive Committee** – Assembly of National Delegates for advising the Conference on the functioning of ISC
  - ❑ **Secretary General** – Elected by the Conference with 3 years term who implement the objectives of ISC
  - ❑ **Congress** – triennial assembly of scientists, technologists, technocrats and stakeholders of silk industry
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# Aim of ISC

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*“to encourage and promote  
the development of  
sericulture and related  
activities in the world”*

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# Objectives

- 1) Carrying-out of research and investigations and disseminating the same among the scientists, students, etc.,
- 2) Collaboration with other international organizations,
- 3) Undertaking frontier areas of research using silkworm or other sericigenous insects as “biological model”,
- 4) Exchange of information among Member Countries,
- 5) Exchange of scientific information through the setting-up of a sericultural documentation centre,
- 6) Publication of the scientific journal “Sericologia”, Directory of sericulture, periodical bulletins, reports on meetings and other specialized publications, etc., and
- 7) Organization of international scientific meetings dealing with sericulture and silk industry.

# Glimpses of benefits so far

- 1) ISC Congresses have provided the scientific platform for scientists, technologists, technocrats and stakeholders to interact and exchange on the developments in silk industry
- 2) Developed the international standards for silkworm cocoons
- 3) Significant work done on silkworm as a biological model
- 4) Compiled and published Statistical data on silk
- 5) Publishes the only international journal on sericulture; 'Sericologia'
- 6) Supported the Members to prepare scientific and technical project reports.

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# Glimpses of benefits so far

- 7) Supported Member countries to source funds from International agencies like World Bank, FAO, UNDP, etc.
- 8) Trained scientists of member countries in reputed labs
- 9) Countries could develop improved breeds and food plant varieties through exchange of genetic materials and expertise organized by ISC
- 10) Specialized expertise in critical areas provided
- 11) Collection of rare scientific literature with ISC, a boon to sericulture scientists and students
- 12) 33 Scientists have been awarded with Louis Pasteur Prize, considered as the Nobel Prize in Silk Industry



# Recent Happenings

- **ISC HQs started operation in Bangalore, India from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013.**
- **New SG assumes charge on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013**
- **XXII Conference of the ISC held at New Delhi on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2013**
- **Conference approved to take up many innovative programmes**
- **ISC to emerge as a multilateral agency for developing sericulture in the world**

# How India can support other countries?

- 93% of silk produced among member countries is from India
- India possesses the required facilities, expertise and technologies to develop sericulture in other countries.
- India can become a converging point for integrating traditional designs of silk with current trend of clientele choice
- India instituted the only “Silk Mark Label” of the world thereby ensure consumer protection in consumer countries
- Indian silk industry is a model for other countries to use silk industry as an ideal tool for employment generation and poverty alleviation
- India is committed to support other countries for the development of sericulture and silk industry
- The Plan of Action proposed by India for ISC envisages intensive development of silk industry all over the World

# Plan of Action for ISC

**Other than the existing mandates of ISC, the proposed activities are:-**

- ❑ Policy Action to strengthen ISC
- ❑ Plan of Action benefiting:-
  - Silk Producing/Potential Countries
  - Silk Processing Countries
  - Silk Consuming Countries

# Policy Actions

- 1) The Statute of the ISC would be amended to take innovative programmes under ISC
- 2) Depository of ISC to be brought under United Nations
- 3) Membership of ISC to be increased from existing level of 13 countries
- 4) Close association with other international organizations like FAO, UNDP, UNIDO, ESCAP, etc. for the benefit of member countries
- 5) ISC to emerge as an agency for sourcing multilateral assistance to the member countries for taking up sericulture

# Plan of Action for Silk Producer/ Potential countries

- 1) Take up multi-institute wise collaborative research programmes among the R&D units of member countries by sourcing funds from International agencies
- 2) To organize regular training programmes for the stakeholders of member countries
- 3) Explore the possibility of creating an International Sericulture Research and Training Institute linking with the R&D units of member countries as subsidiary units.
- 4) Developing Global standards for silkworm seed production and instituting seed production network among the member countries to share material and resources
- 5) Promote Silk Products through the ISC Platform

# Plan of Action for Silk Producer/ Potential countries

- 6) Consultancy services would be provided for the various disciplines of silk industry
- 7) Volunteer expert services would be provided for developing sericulture in member countries
- 8) Organize and facilitate supply of materials, machineries and equipments
- 9) Services of Louis Pasteur Awardees would be sourced for the continued development of silk industry in the World
- 10) ISC to provide a platform for large scale sericulture farming in developing countries

# Plan of Action for Processing countries

- Activities like conversion, processing, trading, export, import and marketing has been included as a separate session in ISC Congress (triennial assembly of scientists, technocrats, stakeholders)
- Research for processing sector would also be included under the multi-institute wise research programme
- ISC would document traditional designs of silk from various parts of the world for integration with the present day product choice
- Initiate the process of instituting a Design centre for Silk in any one of the silk processing country

# Plan of Action for Silk Consuming Countries

- 1) ISC Congress now proposes to include the issues of consumer countries for discussion in its Sessions
- 2) ISC to be used as a platform for consumer countries to interact with producer and processing countries on various issues like; quality, product requirement, trade issues, etc.
- 3) ISC as a platform for exchange of knowledge and information on silk industry



# How to become a Member Country ?

- Membership request should come from the Government of the interested Country
- After fully understanding the ISC and agreeing with the provisions indicated in its Statute, an Instrument of Accession should be signed (specimen copy follows)
- Signing authority should be either Head of State or the Head of Government or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Minister concerned with the Silk Industry
- Embassy of the new Country in France delivers the signed Instrument to the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs to keep in Depository; also a copy to SG, ISC
- French Government then notifies the other Governments bound by the Convention of the date of membership (which is that of the date of deposit)

# Instrument of Accession (Specimen)

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**(NAME OF THE PRESIDENT OR THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, OR  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OR OTHER MINISTER OF THE  
REPUBLIC )**

I, \_\_\_\_\_,

having seen and examined the convention instituting the international Sericultural Commission (ISC), hereby declare to join the Commission and promise that we would inviolably obey the provisions of the Statute, up on which we gave the Instrument of Accession signed and covered with the seal of the Republic of \_\_\_\_\_, on this day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

**SIGNATURE**

**(OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
OR THE PRIME MISNITER;  
OR THE MINSITER OF ROFREIGN AFFAIRS  
OR OTHER MINSTER)**

# Other types of Memberships

<b>Name of the Membership and its features</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>Personal Associate Membership</b> - Individuals to subscribe 'Sericologia'	US \$ 170
<b>Collective Associate Members</b> - Institutions, Libraries, etc. who can subscribe 'Sericologia' and privileges to attend ISC Congress, sourcing of data and information on sericulture and silk industry	US \$ 450

Thank You!

