



**2008 - AGM of BEASL
held on 7th January 2009 at 80-Club,
Independence Square,
Colombo 07.**

Mr. L.P. Jayasinghe, President of BEASL, welcomed the members and thanked them for their participation and the honorary secretary read the minutes of the AGM held on 18th January 2008 at the same venue. In the absence of the honorary treasurer, Mr. P.G. Joseph presented the statement of accounts for the year 2008.

After the adoption of the minutes and accounts, the President presented the annual report and he said that BEASL is happy with its contribution made that will lead to advancement of dendro power in the ensuing years. Some of the features that were highlighted were:
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The new tariff structure for non-conventional renewable energy, to be announced in January 2009-01-19

Calling for proposals by the Sustainable Energy Authority based on the new tariff structure
Augmentation of sub-stations by CEB to cope with grid-connection of alternative power suppliers

National Science and Technology Award for 2008 in the field of 'Development of eco-friendly processes for industry' made to key members of the BEASL in recognition of their efforts in the promotion of dendro power.

Integrated trials at Ratmalgara to demonstrate the multiple-benefits of Gliricidia as a source of fuel, fodder and soil enrichment. A comprehensive research paper, on the trials, is now available at the BEASL web site.

Installation of a demonstration gasifier at Gannoruwa Agricultural Park of the Department of Agriculture. At the handing over ceremony, attended by the Minister of Agriculture, a promotional CD on the growing of Gliricidia produced in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture was launched.

The following office bearers were elected:

President - L.P. Jayasinghe, proposed by Cpt. Nalin de Silva and seconded by Haresh Karunaratne; Hony. Secretary - G. Kulatunga, proposed by Chamil de Silva and seconded by Haresh Karunaratne; Hony. Treasurer - N. Nagasinghe proposed by L.P. Jayasingh and seconded by Cpt. Nalin de Silva.

The following 10 Council members were elected: Messers. Haresh Karunaratne, Asoka Abeygunewardena, Cpt. Nalin de Silva, Chamil de Silva, Lalith Seneviratne, Indika Gallege, Gamini Ranasinghe, Chamitha Perera, Prof. Athalage and Dr. S. Sugathapala

At the conclusion of the AGM at 7pm, a public gathering was held and two presentations were made one by Prof. Ajith de Alwis on "The triple-benefits of Bio-gas", and the other by Dr. Lionel Weerakoon on "Research findings of mix-cropping of Gliricidia with vegetables". The latter presentation is made available on the BEASL web page.

The well attended gathering was followed by a valuable dialogue with the stake holders, then the guests were invited to the dinner hosted by well-wishers of BEASL.

