

# INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Proceedings of Mid-Term EC Meeting held on February 27, 2017

**Venue:** *Committee Room, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi*

Following members of the Executive Council attended the meeting:

1. Dr. B.N. Chakraborty : President
2. Dr. R.N. Pandey : President-elect
3. Dr. Dinesh Singh : Secretary
4. Dr. Robin Gogoi : Joint Secretary
5. Dr. Vaibhav Kr. Singh : Treasurer
6. Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal : Ex-officio
7. Dr. Atul Kumar : Zonal President (DZ)
8. Dr. B.M. Bashyal : Zonal Councillor (DZ)
9. Dr. Shahid Ahamad : Zonal President (NZ)
10. Dr. Dr. S.K. Singh : Zonal Councillor (NZ)
11. Dr. Dr. V. Devappa : Zonal President (SZ)
12. Dr. Dr. B. Anjaneya Reddy : Zonal Councillor (SZ)
13. Dr. Dr. M.V. Totawar : Zonal Councillor (WZ)
14. Dr. Dr. Om Gupta : Zonal President (CZ)
15. Dr. Pramod Kr. Gupta : Zonal Councillor (CZ)
16. Dr. K.P. Singh : Zonal President (MEZ)
17. Dr. Srikanta Das : Zonal President (EZ)

Other EC members namely, Drs. S.S. Mane, Zonal President (WZ), Narendra Prakash, Zonal President (NEZ), Susheel Kr. Sharma, Zonal Councillor (NEZ); A.K. Tewari, Zonal Councillor (MEZ); Subrata Dutta, Zonal Councillor (EZ) could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupied schedule.

Dr. Dinesh Singh, Secretary, welcomed Dr. B.N. Chakraborty, President, IPS and requested to chair the meeting. He also welcomed the other EC members who have taken keen interest to attend this meeting despite their busy schedule.

## **Secretary's Report**

### **Activities of the Society**

The brief report about the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Society and National Symposium on "Diagnosis and Management of Plant Diseases: Integrated Approaches and Recent Trends" organized at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya was present.

Chief guest Dr. Mangala Rai (Former DG, ICAR) during the Inaugural session stressed on integration of efforts by all disciplines to make disease management effective and profitable. Dr. P.K. Chakraborty (ADG, PP & Biosafety) emphasised on molecular

detection of pathogens and also on the need of tracking transboundary movement of the pathogens. Book of abstract and souvenir of the national symposium and three books form IPS (1. A journey of seven decades 2. Special Issue of Indian Phytopathology and 3. Members Directory) were also released during the inaugural ceremony and 150 delegates have participated in the symposium.

It was informed that the special issue will published in online version (CD Format) and the same will be distributed among the authors and will be available online for wider access.

**The following decision were taken and approved by the General body.**

**Online voting system:** Online voting system for the different office bearer post of the Society was approved by the General Body. It will be applicable from 2017 onwards election.

**Proposal for S. Nagarajan Memorial Award:**

A committee of the following members namely, Drs. R.K. Jain, B.N. Chakraborty, V. Prakasam, Pratibha Sharma, Dinesh Singh and K.D. Srivastava constituted to discuss and develop the guidelines for institution of new award. It was also suggested to invite IPS members for their contribution of Endowment Fund for the award.

Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal inform the house that Dr. V.C. Sinha is visiting Dr. Nagarajan's home and he will explore the funds from family members.

**Venue for the forthcoming 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting:** The proposal of Dr. Ashok Bhattacharyya, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam was unanimously approved as a venue for the next 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and national Symposium of the Society.

The K.C. Puzari, AAU, Jorhat has suggested the topic "**Plant Health Management Embracing Bio-Eco-Sustainable Paradigm**" for national Symposium and tentative dates February 08-10, 2018.

However, EC felt that title should be modified as "**Plant Health Management: Embracing Eco-Sustainable Paradigm**" and the tentative dates would February 15-17, 2018 as suggested by Dr. Ashok Bhattacharyya, AAU, Jorhat.

**Revision of membership/subscription rate**

The Membership and subscription rate of the Society was revised and approved by the General Body, which is applicable from February 01, 2017.

	Indian Members		Foreign members	
	Old rate	Revised rate	Old rate	Revised rate
Annual student Membership* (online)	Rs. 750.00	Rs. 1,000.00	US \$ 40.00	US \$ 55.00

Annual Membership <b>(online)</b>	Rs. 1000.00	Rs. 1,500.00	US \$ 40.00	US \$ 60.00
Life Membership <b>(online)</b>	Rs. 10,000.00	Rs. 12,000.00	US \$ 400.00	US \$ 480.00
Instt. Subscribers/ Agencies (print version)	Rs. 5,000.00	Rs. 10,000.00	US \$ 200.00	US \$ 400.00
Corporate Members*	Rs. 25,000.00	Rs. 25,000.00		
Patrons	Rs. 1,00,000.00	Rs. 1,00,000.00		
Admission fee (for new members)	Rs. 100.00	Rs. 100.00	US \$ 10.00	US \$ 10.00
Processing charges of papers	Rs. 400.00	Rs. 500.00		

It was also decided to withdraw the restriction of Life membership for 20 years as online access will be given to the members. However, members, who wish to take the print version of the journal as usual, an amount of Rs. 200.00 (Rs. Two hundred only)/[(US \$ 35.00 (US\$ Thirty Five only) in case of foreign members)] will be charged annually towards postal charge.

It was also decided that GROUP MEMBERSHIP (five and more than five) can be taken by a particular group of members and they can avail a discount of 10% on total membership fee. However, it has to be paid in a single installment.

**Proceedings of the same has already been sent to all the EC members and also available on IPS website.**

#### **Current Activities:**

##### **Seven Decades Journey of IPS**

Secretary inform that the Society established in 1947, is completing its 70 years of establishment on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2017. To commemorate seven decades of its relentless services to plant pathology, the Society is celebrating “**Seven Decades Journey of IPS**” on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2017 in the Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, Pusa Campus, New Delhi and the invitation has already been sent to all the IPS members.

##### **Birth Centenary of Prof. A.P. Misra:**

With the approval of request by Dr. A.K. Misra, former President, IPS to Dr. B.N. Chakraborty, President, IPS to include the “**Birth Centenary of Prof A.P. Misra**” in the programme of “**Seven Decades Journey of IPS**” and accordingly the Society is also organizing **Birth Centenary of Prof. A.P. Misra** alongwith “**Seven Decades Journey of IPS**”.

Executive Council agreed to conduct both the functions to be organized by the Society in Divisin of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi.

#### **THE JOURNAL**

- **NAAS Rating:** The journal Indian Phytopathology is now up-to-date and March issues is in press. He inform that the latest NAAS Rating for the journal Indian Phytopathology has been revised as 5.9 from 4.59 and thanked Editorial Board,

Reviewers, Executive Council and all other members for their invaluable contributions to journal's success.

- The Society will send the appreciation letter to outgoing Editorial Board as well as the reviewers for their valuable comments.

### **Funds**

- It's my pleasure to inform you that the Society is now in sound financial position.

### **3. Awards:**

#### **Declaration of awards to be presented in 2017**

On the basis of EC nomination and suggestion, GB approved the following names for below mentioned awards:

(i) **AP Misra Lifetime Achievement Award:** Dr. C.D. Mayee, Former Chairman, ASRB, ICAR, New Delhi.

(ii) **IPS Recognition Award:** Total four names has been recommended this award, namely,

- i. Dr. V.G. Malathi, Adjunct Professor, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- ii. Dr. T.S. Thind, Emeritus Scientist (ICAR) & Ex. Head (Plant Pathology), Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab
- iii. Dr. P.C. Trivedi, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh
- iv. Dr. K.H. Anahosur, Head, Plant Pathology (Retd.), University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka

(iii) **S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Award:** Last year the name of Dr. S. Ayyappan, Former DG, ICAR, New Delhi was approved for this award. However, he did not agree for this and he informed that he did not have any work in the relevant field and hence feel not proper to accept the invitation.

Further, the name of the Dr. N.K. Krishnakumar former DDG (Horticulture) was agreed by the EC for this award.

**It was also approved that that the cut-off marks for all the awards will be 70% and 60% for FPSI. If two person get equal marks then award will be given to the senior person on age basis”.**

“EC agreed and General Body approved the names recommended by the Award Screening Committee”

<b>Name of the award</b>	<b>Name of the awardee</b>
1. Mundhkur Memorial Award	Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty ADG (PP and B), ICAR, New Delhi

2. M.S. Pavgi Award	Dr. U.S. Singh, Senior Scientist II, South Asia Regional Project Coordinator-STRASA, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) - India Office, New Delhi
3. J.F. Dastur Memorial Award	Dr. Shamarao Jahagirdar, Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka
4. A.K. Sarbhoy Memorial Award	Dr. T. Prameela Devi, Principal Scientist Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
5. Sharda Lele Memorial Award	Dr. K.P. Singh, Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, G.B. Pant University of Agricultural & Technology,, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand
6. M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award	1. Dr. Bishnu Maya Bashyal, Scientist (Senior Scale), ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi 2. Dr. V. Prakasam, Scientist (Plant Pathology), ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad, Telangana
7. K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award	Dr. D.P. Singh, Principal Scientist, ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat & Barley Research, Karnal, Haryana

The following suggestions were made by EC for selection of awards:

1. Maximum number of award to a single person should not be more than 2 except FPSI.
2. Five years will be cooling period for applying any awards except FPSI.

**Following names has been finalized for FPSI (2016)**

1. Dr. V.K. Razdan, Professor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agriculture Science & Technology-Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir
2. Dr. Ramji Singh, Professor & Head, Department of Plant Pathology, S.V.B.P. University of Agricultural & Technology, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
3. Dr. M.B. Patil, Professor and Extension Leader, Agricultural Extension Education Center [UAS-R], Taluka Panchayat Campus, Koppal, Karnataka
4. Dr. M.S. Yadav, Principal Scientist (Plant Pathology), National Centre for Integrated Pest Management, New Delhi
5. Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura, Founder, Krishi Jnana Vijnana Vedike, Mysore, Karnataka
6. Dr. J.N. Srivastava, Associate Professor/Senior Scientist, Department of Plant Pathology, Bihar Agricultural University, Bhagalpur, Bihar
7. Dr. Gayatri Biswal, Associate Professor, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
8. Dr. Vinod Kumar, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology), ICAR-National Research Centre on Litchi, Muzaffarpur, Bihar

9. Dr. S.S. Vaish, Senior Assistant Professor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
10. Dr. Sampat Nehra, Scientist, Birla Institute of Scientific Research, Jaipur, Rajasthan
11. Dr. S.D. Somwanshi, Assistant Professor, College of Agriculture, Udgir, Maharashtra
12. Dr. Sunita J. Magar, Assistant Professor, College of Agriculture, Latur, Maharashtra
13. Dr. Prashant P. Jambhulkar, Assistant Professor (Plant Pathology), Agricultural Research Station, Banswara, Rajasthan

**M.J. Narasimhan Best Research Paper** published in the journal Indian Phytopathology (2012-2016)

The published research articles in Indian Phytopathology w.e.f. 2012 to 2016 were evaluated by the different screening committees which were further screened on the basis of citation of the publication. However, the General Body not agreed on the result. The members suggested that the paper should not selected on basis of citation index only, but also should be based on the importance of papers and its contents etc. Hence, the results will be re-reviewed by the evaluation committee.

#### **Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award**

This year total 9 contestant participated in this contest from different zones. However, no names have been received from Central and Mid-eastern Zone.

The judging committee recommended two names for Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award.

1. **Ms. Parveen Khan**, Department of Plant Pathology, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam for the paper entitled "*Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *lactucae* a potential threat to hydroponically grown lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*) and its management using microbial consortia"
1. **Mr. Muttanna Revadi**, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka for the paper entitled "Molecular characterization, generation of scFv monoclonal antibody and management of viral diseases of cucumber"

However, the following names were recommended for Commendation award:

1. Ms. Nitika Gupta, *Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi* - Genome characterization and Immuno based diagnosis using synthetic peptides of Leek yellow stripe virus (LYSV)
2. Mr. Maninderjeet Singh, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana - Induction and basis of resistance in wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) against Karnal bunt caused by *Tilletia indica* Mitra
3. Mr. Teli Basavaraj - S.D. Agricultural University, Sardarkrushinagar, Gujarat - Exploring biodiversity of nematophagous fungi in the semi-arid ecosystem of north Gujarat and their significance in managing root knot of tomato

4. Mr. Pranjal Kr. Kaman, Department of Plant Pathology, CSIR- North East Institute of Science and Technology, Jorhat, Assam - Biosynthesis of silver nanoparticles and its effects against soil borne pathogens
5. Mr. Pradeep Manyam, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka - Bacteriophages, Characterization and Utilisation as Biocontrol agent *Xanthomonas axonopodispv. citri* (Hasse) Vauterin *et al.* and *Ralstonia solanacearum* (Smith) Yabuuchi *et al.*
6. Mr. Kanishendra Nath Sarker, Department of Plant Pathology, BCKV, Mohanpur, Nadia, West Bengal - Assessment of antifungal and nematicidal potentiality of fluorescent Pseudomonads from different agro-ecological region of West Bengal
7. Ms. M. Dolpriya Devi, Uttar Banga Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Pundibari, Coochbehar, West Bengal - Validation of phenotypic traits in wheat for selection of resistance genotypes from the germplasm

### APS Travel Sponsorship Award

**Out of 5 candidates, 2 names have been recommended for this travel grant sponsorship. The abstract and biodata of the selected candidates will be sent to APS for finalization.**

1. **Ms. Himadri Kaushik**, Department of Plant Pathology, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam for the paper entitled “Chemical approach of synthesizing zinc oxide nanopowder and studies on its antifungal activity and plant growth promotion”
2. **Ms. Parveen Khan**, Department of Plant Pathology, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam for the paper entitled “*Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lactucae* a potential threat to hydroponically grown lettuce (*Lactuca sativa*) and its management using microbial consortia”

Zonal Presidents/Councillors were requested to popularized **APS Travel Sponsorship Award** so that the maximum number of students can participate for this award.

### K.P.V. Menon Best Poster Award

The judging committee recommended the following names for Prof. KPV Menon Best Poster Award:

Title of the poster	Name of the presenter	Position
Green synthesis of zinc nanoparticles using chitosan and culture filtrate of <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> and their utility against major plant pathogens	<b>V.B. Nargund</b> , UAS, Dharwad (authored by J.U. Vinay, V.B. Nargund, C. Swamy, R.R. Patil, S. Jahagirdar and R.V. Hegde)	First
Organic practices : Cropping system approach	<b>Joyshree Matanta</b> , UBKV, Pundibari, West Bengal (authored by Joyshree Matanta, P.M. Bhattacharya and A. Roy)	Second
Development of PCR based and Loop-mediated isothermal amplification	<b>Kirti Rawat</b> , IARI, New Delhi	Third

(LAMP) assay for the detection of bakane disease pathogen <i>F. fujikuroi</i>	(authored by S.K. Sunani, Kirti Rawat, S. Sharma, B.M. Bashyal and R. Aggarwal)	
<b>Commendation Award</b>		
Phytoplasma associated with Witches'-broom and green stem syndrome in soybean in Vidharbha region, Maharashtra	<b>Monicka Hajong</b> , College of PG Studies, CAU, Ribhoi, Meghalaya (authored by Monicka Hajong, P.C. Taram, S.S. Mane)	First
Survey for the incidence of black rot of cabbage caused by <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>campestris</i> in different districts of Northern Karnataka	<b>K.B. Yadahalli</b> , College of Agriculture, Hanumanamatti, Karnataka	Second
Molecular analysis of mild cross protecting strain of <i>Citrus tristeza virus</i> for management of disease	<b>Utpal Kr. Bhattacharya</b> , IARI, New Delhi (authored by S.P. Choudhury, Utpal Kr. Bhattacharya, N. Balram, P. Chakraborty and Kajal Kr. Biswas)	Third

### Award Nomination –2017

Award nomination proforma was sent to all EC members and following names have been received. This nomination has also to be invited from IPS members through open nomination and this information will be circulated soon by email and last date for receiving of application will be **30<sup>h</sup> April 2017**.

#### (i) **A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award**

The following names have been received from EC.

1. Prof. C. Manoharachary, Hyderabad
2. Dr. S.V. Ngachan, ICAR-RC-NEH Region, Umiam
3. Dr. Y.L. Nene, Asian Agri-History Foundation, Secunderabad, A.P.
4. Dr. R.B. Somani, Ex-Dean, PGS, Dr. PDKV, Akola
5. Dr. M.N. Khare, Jabalpur
6. Dr. U.P. Singh, BHU, Varanasi
7. Dr. Ali Anwar, SKUAST-K, J&K
8. Dr. V.K. Razdan, SKUAST-J, J&K
9. Dr. Srikant Kulkarni, Bangalore
10. A.K. Roy, Jorhat

However, the name of Dr. M.N. Khare, Jabalpur ; Dr. A.K. Roy, AAU Jorhat and Dr. U.P. Singh, BHU, Varanasi were recommended by the EC for the finalization based on age- wise seniority.

On the basis of record, the name of **Dr. M.N. Khare** (dob 8th June 1934) is recommended on seniority basis. The dob of Dr. Dr. A.K. Roy, AAU Jorhat is 1st Nov. 1936 and Dr. U.P. Singh is 10 Oct. 1942.



**(ii) S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Award**

The following names have been received from EC.

1. Prof. Swapan Kumar Datta, Kolkata
2. Dr. V.K. Baranwal, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
3. Prof. B.N. Chakraborty, University of North Bengal, Siliguri
4. Dr. D.V. Singh, New Delhi
5. Dr. D.K. Ghosh, ICAR-CCRI, Nagpur
6. Dr. B.P. Singh, Noida
7. Dr. M. Anandaraj, Bangalore
8. Dr. A.K. Basandrai, CSK HPKV, Palampur
9. Dr. R.S. Sodhi, SKUAST-J, J&K

The name of **Dr. B.P. Singh**, former Director, CPRI, Shimla has been recommended for this award.

**(iii) IPS Recognition Award**

The following names have been recommended for this award.

1. Dr. O.M. Banbawale, Nagpur
2. Dr. Kamal, Gorakhpur
3. Dr. N. Samajpati, Kolkata
4. Dr. G.S. Saharan
5. Dr. Udit Narain

Besides, above award the following nominations have been received for the following awards and biodata data of the nominees will be called by the Society.

**(iv) Mundkur Memorial Award Lecture**

1. Dr. C. Chattopadhyay, UBKV, Coochbehar
2. Dr. Satish Chandra, ICAR-RC-NEH Region, Umiam
3. Dr. S.C. Dubey, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
4. Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
5. Dr. S.S. Mane, Dr. PDKV, Akola
6. Prof. Appa Rao Podile, Hyderabad
7. Dr. V.P. Gupta, Palampur
8. Dr. Ali Anwar, SKUAST-K, J&K
9. Dr. V.I. Benagi, UAS, Dharwad

**(v) Jeersannidhi Award Lecture**

1. Prof. Appa Rao Podile, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
2. Dr. R. Selvarajan, ICAR-NRC for Banana, Tamil Nadu
3. Dr. R.K. Khetarpal, CABI South Asia-India, New Delhi
4. Dr. Satish Chandra, ICAR-RC-NEH Region, Umiam
5. Dr. R.N. Pandey, AAU, Anand
6. Dr. N.N. Tripathi, DDU Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur
7. Dr. Ashok Bhattacharyya, AAU, Jorhat
8. Dr. G.V. Bhat, SKUAST-K, J&K

9. Dr. S.K. Singh, SKUAST-Jammu, J&K

10. Dr. Om Gupta, JNKVV, Jabalpur

**(vi) J.F. Dastur Memorial Award Lecture**

1. Prof. Usha Chakraborty, University of North Bengal, Siliguri

2. Dr. R.K. Jain, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

3. Dr. Pratibha Sharma, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

4. Dr. A.P. Suryawanshi, College of Agriculture, Latur

5. Dr. S.S. Sharma, Udaipur

6. Dr. S. Nakkeeran, TNAU, Tamil Nadu

7. Dr. Dharmesh Gupta, Dr. YSPUH&F, Solan

8. Dr. D.K. Gupta, ICAR-IIWBR, Karnal

**(vii) J.P. Verma Memorial Award Lecture**

1. Prof. D.K. Jha, Gauhati University, Guwahati

2. Dr. S.J. Kolte, Pune

3. Dr. A.K. Das, ICAR-CCRI, Nagpur

4. Dr. A. Kumar, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

5. Dr. R. Ramesh, ICAR-CCARI, Goa

6. Dr. Shahid Ahmad, SKUAST-Jammu, J&K

7. Dr. Y.S. Paul, CSK HPKV, Palampur

**(viii) Sharda Lele Memorial Lecture Award**

1. Prof. Usha Chakraborty, University of North Bengal, Siliguri

2. Dr. Amrita Banerjee, ICAR-NRRI, Bidyadharpur, Cuttack

3. Dr. Hemavati Ranebennur, ICAR-RC-NEH Region, Tripura

4. Dr. Karuna Vishnuvat, GBPUAT, Pantnagar

5. Dr. V.K. Baranwal, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

6. Dr. A.K. Saxena, ICAR-IIHR, Bangalore

7. Dr. Y.S. Paul, Palampur, CSK HPKV, Palampur

8. Dr. Ali Anwar, SKUAT-K, J&K

**(ix) M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award Lecture**

1. Dr. Rakhee Das Biswas, Raiganj Surendranath Mahavidyalaya, Raiganj

2. Dr. Susheel Kr. Sharma, ICAR-RC-NEH Region, Manipur Centre, Imphal

3. Dr. V. Celia Chalam, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi

4. Dr. Pooja Singh, DDU Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur

5. Dr. O.P. Gangwar, ICAR-IIWBR, Shimla

6. Dr. Y.S. Paul, Palampur, CSK HPKV, Palampur

7. Dr. S.K. Singh, SKUAST-Jammu, J&K

**(x) K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award (for writing a review article in Indian Phytopathology)**

1. Prof. Apurba Kumar Chowdhury, UBKV, Coochbehar

2. Dr. M.S. Saharan, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
3. Dr. M.P. Thakur, IGAU, Raipur
4. Dr. Shahid Ahamad, SKUAST-Jammu, J&K
5. Dr. S.K. Singh, SKUAST-Jammu, J&K
6. Dr. V. Celia Chalam, NBPGR, New Delhi

Since, **S. Sinha Memorial Award** has been instituted recently and the age criteria for this award is 35-45 years. Hence, the nomination for this award will be sent to all the members in details for open nomination

**(xi) S. Sinha Memorial Award**

1. Dr. G.S. Saharan, Ex-Professor & Head (Plant Pathology), CCSHAU, Hisar
2. Dr. Ram Dutta, ICAR- Directorate of Groundnut Research, Junagadh
3. Dr. Jameel Akhtar, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
4. Dr. Sunita Chandel, Dr. YSPUH&F, Solan
5. Dr. V.K. Razdan, SKUAST-Jammu, J&K

**Editorial Board Nomination (2017-19)**

The following nominations for Editorial Board (2017-19) have been received from the EC

**1) Chief Editor**

- 1) Dr. M. Anandaraj, Former Director (ICAR-IISR, Calicut), Bangalore
- 2) Dr. A.K. Misra, Ex. Project Coordinator, AICRP (STF), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Prof. K.D. Srivastava, Professor and Head (Retd., Plant Pathology), Faridabad
- 4) Dr. V.K. Baranwal, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
- 5) Dr. S.C. Dubey, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
- 6) Dr. Ali Anwar, Division of Plant Pathology, SKUAST-K, J&K

Out of the nominations received, the name of Dr. M. Anandaraj, Bangalore has been recommended by the EC. If he does not accept the offer then Dr. A.K. Misra, Lucknow will be requested to be the Chief Editor, Indian Phytopathology.

**Senior Editor:**

Dr. Dr. S.C. Dubey, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi and Dr. V.K. Baranwal, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi has been recommended by EC as Sr. Editor.

**7) Editors**

The nominations and recommended list for Editor, Indian Phytopathology is as follows :

<b>Nominations received</b>	<b>Names recommended</b>
<b><i>Fungal Pathology</i></b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prof. Usha Chakraborty, University of North Bengal, Siliguri</li> <li>2. Dr. A.K. Das, ICAR-CCRI, Nagpur</li> <li>3. Dr. S.C. Dubey, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi</li> <li>4. Dr. Shahid Ahamad, SKUAST-Jammu, J&amp;K</li> <li>5. Dr. R.R. Pandey, Manipur University, Imphal</li> <li>6. Dr. A.K. Basandrai, CSK HPKV, Palampur</li> <li>7. Dr. V.B. Nargund, UAS, Dharwad</li> <li>8. Dr. Naresh Mehta, HAU, Hisar</li> <li>9. Dr. T.K. Bag, IARI, New Delhi (??)</li> <li>10. Dr. H. B. Singh, Varanasi</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prof. Usha Chakraborty, University of North Bengal, Siliguri</li> <li>2. Dr. R.R. Pandey, Manipur University, Imphal</li> <li>3. Dr. V.B. Nargund, UAS, Dharwad</li> <li>4. Dr. T.K. Bag, IARI, New Delhi</li> <li>5. Dr. Naresh Mehta, HAU, Hisar</li> <li>6. Dr. H. B. Singh</li> <li>7. Dr. M. S. Saharan</li> </ol>
<b><i>Bacteriology</i></b>	
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In view of the discussion, made with Springer regarding inclusion of Foreign Editors in Editorial Board, 50 foreign plant pathologists were requested to become the editors and I am happy to inform you that the following 15 plant pathologists are ready to serve the Society as *Editor, Indian Phytopathology*.

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Area of specialization</b>
1)	Dr. Serge Savary	France	Plant Disease Epidemiology
2)	Dr. Laetitia Willocquet	France	Plant Disease Epidemiology
3)	Dr. N.K.B. Adikaram	Sri Lanka	Plant/Postharvest Pathology, Mycology
4)	Professor David B. Olufolaji	Nigeria	
5)	Dr. Hesham Ali Metwally Ali El-Enshasy	Malaysia	Biological Control, Biofertilizers, Mycology, Bioprocess Engineering, Industrial Biotechnology
6)	Dr. Vijai Kumar Gupta	Ireland	Microbial Biotechnology/Mycology
7)	Prof. Jing Lan	China	Fungal Pathology
8)	Dr. Shrishail S. Navi	USA	
9)	Dr. Urmil Bansal	Australia	Rust Pathology
10)	Dr. Gomathinayagam Subramanian	South America	Life Sciences, Agricultural and Biological Sciences
11)	Dr. Mousa Najafiniya	Iran.	Fungal plant Pathology
12)	Dr. Mehdi Azadvar	Iran	Phytoplasma, bacteriology,
13)	Dr. Sanjay Swarup	Singapore	
14)	Prof. M.S. Reddy	USA	
15)	Dr. Yulmira Yanti	Indonesia	PGPR, , Bacteriology, Enzyme, Biological Control

However, Final Composition of Editorial Board will be done soon after finalisation of Chief Editor.

**4. Zonal Chapters Activities** – The following details kindly provide the topic and date of their zonal chapter symposium,

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Venue</b>
North Eastern	September 7-8, 2017	Emerging and Re-emerging Plant Diseases in North East India: Challenges and Strategies	ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Manipur Centre, Imphal
Southern	September 27-28, 2017	Emerging trends in plant health management in relation to climate change	College of Horticulture, UHS Campus, Bengaluru
Northern	October 25-26, 2017	Ecologically Sustainable Plant Diseases Management under Diversified Farming Situation	SKUAUS-J, Jammu
Mid-Eastern	Nov. 9-11, 2017	Sustainable disease management: Approaches and applications	GB PUAT, Pantanagr
Eastern	Nov. 23-24, 2017	Challenges and perspective in plant health management under climate change scenario	BCKV, Mohanpur
Delhi	Dec. 8, 2017	Innovative strategies for the management of plant disease under climate change scenario	Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi
Central	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> week 2017	Challenges and opportunity: Management of plant disease under weather change	JNKVV, Jabalpur
Western	Dec. 3/4 <sup>th</sup> week	Awaited	DR. PDKV, Akola

## **7. Any other items**

### **(i) Springer Collaboration**

EC and General Body agreed on proposal for collaboration with the Springer to publish the journal *Indian Phytopathology* from next volume. To implement this a meeting regarding Co-Publication Proposal for the journal *Indian Phytopathology* with Springer was held on 15.02.2017 at 11.00 AM in the Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi.

The detailed discussion was made on the points suggested by President/ President-Elect and the following points were further suggested for development of the proposal:

1. Reference should not more than 5-8 years old in Research Articles.
2. Editorial Compositions: It should be minimum in the ration of 60:40 (Indian: Foreign).
3. One good research article of each foreign editors should be published in every issue of the journal and they should also invite their colleagues for submission of research article.
4. The submission of the article from foreign author is not there in the journal and hence it was suggested to first complete the above minimum requirement to fulfill the criteria of the Springer. In doing all the process, it will take time, hence it was suggested to move ahead for next year for final agreement.

**(ii) CSR (Company Society Responsibility) Project**

I wish to form the house that Society has received proposal from two companies (i) **FIINOVATION** and (ii) **Unique Welfare Foundation**, which facilitates funds from CSRs, PSUs and agencies according to the requirement and eligibility of the Organization. They also provides services such as resource mobilization, assessment services, proposal customization, mentoring, donor mapping as well as legal assistance to NGOs, CBOs, NPOs, corporate etc.

I visited the **FIINOVATION** office to for further clarifications. FIINNOVATION is ready to collaborate with our Society. They are already having a running project and they want an organization (NGO) from Plant Protection and hence approached IPS. The detailed structure on the project would be done after getting approval by the EC members. I request you all to give you views on this point.

**(iii) Enhancement of Salary of IPS Staff (last revision July 2015)**

	<b>Existing salary (Rs.) /month</b>	<b>Revised salary (Rs.) /month</b>
Business Manager	29,000.00	32,000.00
Editorial Assistant	12,000.00	13,000.00
Office Assistant	9,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total (monthly)</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>

The revised salary will be effective from April 2017.

**(iv) Raising the membership of IPS through young scientists, PG students, other sources:**

All the EC members were requested to motivate students and plant pathologists to become the member of the Society and they all agreed for the same.

**(v) Initiation of new journal and IPS Newsletter for better interaction among the members.**

It was discussed and agreed by the EC for **IPS Newsletter** to introduce with the help of all 8 Zonal Presidents and Zonal Councillors. However, a new

journal may be initiated after agreement with Springer for publication of *Indian Phytopathology* and status of research papers being submitted by the authors.

- (vi) Enhancing the impact factor of the journal Indian Phytopathology.**  
The Society is continuously in process of enhancing the impact factor of the journal. The suggestions given by Springer will be taken care for its betterment.
- (vii) Mechanisms for prompt publication of the articles in the journal.**  
It was informed the EC members that the publication of the article is done online and it's a fast process. The manuscripts are now being published within 6 months of its submission. No back log of the articles is exist.
- (viii) Publication of books and manuals for the UG & PG plant Pathology.**  
The suggestion of publication of books and manuals for the UG & PG plant Pathology was discussed and agreed by the EC members. A separate committee will be constituted to take this responsibility and the information will be sent to members of the Society with request to contribute chapters/articles for the same.
- (ix) Encourage young researchers to have global exposure**  
Recently APS-IPS MoU has been signed in which young researchers (Ph.D. students) are being offered Travel Grant to participate in APS Annual Meeting every year (details are available on IPS website)
- (x) Institution of more awards for students and young scientists**  
It was discussed and EC members agreed to institute awards related to students, Young scientist. Besides, the above point, EC also suggested having a award for woman, preferably "**IPS Women Scientist Award**", in which a **citation and TA** will be given. Dr. R. N. Pandey agreed to generate endowment fund for this award. A committee of the following members was constituted for the same, viz., Drs. B.N. Chakraborty, R.N. Pandey, Dinesh Singh, Rashmi Aggarwal and Om Gupta.
- (xi) Updating of web page and Editorial Board**  
The necessary information will be updated within 15 days.
- (xii) Creation of more sections viz. seed pathology, epidemiology, biocontrol, etc. in the journal**  
It was discussed thoroughly but not agreed by EC members.



**(xiii) Enhancement of number of applicants for “IPS Travel Sponsorship for young scientists/students” at least one from each zone (max. upto 8)**

The proposal to enhancement of number of applicants for “**IPS Travel Sponsorship for students (Ph. D)**” was discussed and agreed with the following conditions.

- a. One application from one zone
- b. If no application received from some zones, candidates from other zones can be considered, but it should not more than 2 to a particular zone. The maximum number of awards will be 8 only.
- c. This grant will only be given to those who are not getting any fellowship/scholarship from any source.

**However, the original guidelines will be as such, which is as follows:**

Society to provide travel sponsorship to 4 Ph.D. students to promote their participation in Annual Meeting as per terms and conditions given below:

- (i) To and fro 3<sup>rd</sup> AC train fare.
- (ii) Waving off the registration fee.
- (iii) Award of certificate for presenting their research findings.
- (iv) He/she should be below 30 years of age.
- (v) He/she should be a member of IPS prior to the submission of application.

A Screening Committee will screen the applications to select the suitable candidates based on their research work.

**(xiv) Online banking: Not agreed**

**(xv) Video sketch for all awards (2-3 min):**

EC agreed on the point to make a video of 2-3 minutes for the awards instituted in IPS. The same will be shown before the presentation of award lecture.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Robin Gogoi, Joint Secretary, IPS.

Dated: March 14, 2017



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