

INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Mid-term EC Meeting (June 25, 2011)

Venue: Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi- 110012

Proceedings of Mid-term meeting of the Society held on June 25, 2011

Dr. Pratibha Sharma, Secretary welcomed Dr. T. S. Thind, President of the Society and other EC members and requested him to chair the meeting.

Following members of the Executive Council attended the meeting:

Dr. T.S. Thind	:	President
Dr. R.K. Khetarpal	:	President Elect
Dr. R.K. Jain	:	Ex-officio
Dr. Pratibha Sharma	:	Secretary
Dr. R.K. Sharma	:	Joint Secretary
Dr. Dinesh Singh	:	Treasurer
Dr. S.M. Paul Khurana	:	Chief Editor
Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal	:	Editor
Dr. V. Celia Chalam	:	Zonal Councillor (DZ)
Dr. V.I. Benagi	:	Zonal President (SZ)
Dr. V.B. Nargund	:	Zonal Councillor (SZ)

Other EC members could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupied schedule.

Chairman Dr. Thind presided over the meeting and Secretary presented the activity report of the Society for the period from January - June, 2011.

Activities

The secretary informed the house that about the on line availability of the journal from 2011 and 1st issue of Vol. 64. President and all the Executive members thank the secretary and her team for making the journal on-line. The journal will now certainly get better rating and boost its image nationally and internationally. The request has already been sent to members for online registration for accessing online version of the journal **Indian Phytopathology**.

- **June issue** - Vol. 64 (2) 2011 is at final stage and ready for printing and soon will be available on-line.
- **Backlog** of the manuscripts from 2005 to 2009 has been cleared. The pending MSs have been returned back to authors for fresh submission after updating the latest information.
- A **supplementary issue** will be released by second week of July 2011, which will contain the abstracts of the National and Zonal Symposium held during the year 2010. It will be available online only. Non-members can download the same by paying the requisite membership fee.

- For revision of NASS rating of the journal is being taken up and for the purpose the following steps have been taken :
 - Citation analysis has been done by NISCAIR, New Delhi as well as by our office through google search. Letter along with the print copy of the journal has been sent to different abstracting agencies viz., *Institute for Scientific Information*, Philadelphia; *Bioscience Information Services of Biological Abstracts*, Philadelphia; *Serial Publications*, Michigan, USA and *Serials Solutions*, USA for inclusion of abstracts of the journal *Indian Phytopathology* to improve the impact factor/NAAS rating.
 - e ISSN (2248-9800) has been taken for online version of the Indian Phytopathology
 - Online application has been submitted to **Thomson Reuters** for **Impact factor** of the journal *Indian Phytopathology*. A line of confirmation from Thomson Reuters has been received for evaluation of the journal.

Renovation of IPS Office

Renovation of the IPS office has been done for the better image of the society as well as create good working place to improve the working efficiency of the staff as well as the EC and Editorial team.

National Symposium - 2011

The forth-coming National Symposium will be held on theme “**Biology of infection, immunity and disease control in pathogen-plant interactions**” during **December 2-4, 2011** at Department of Plant Sciences, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad (A.P.). Secretary informed that confirmation has been received and Dr. Apparao Podile will be Organizing Secretary.

Awards

The nominations for different awards have been received by IPS office to be delivered in 2012. The Secretary will invite the biodata for various awards from the nominees. The awardee would be informed for their presentation during the National Symposium in 2012.

- **Prof. S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture Series** has been instituted, which will be held annually on 31st December on the birthday occasion of Prof. S. P. Raychaudhuri in the Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi. The EC members unanimously approved the same. The detailed guidelines have been prepared and will be printed separately along with the other award guidelines and will also be available on the Society’s website. Out of the nominations proposed for this lecture series the name of Prof. M. S. Swaminathan has been finalized by the EC. The house suggested that the Secretary/ Ex officio should take necessary action in this regard.
- **M.J. Narasimhan Medal for Best Paper published in IPS:** Secretary informed the house regarding action taken for clearing the backlog of “M. J. Narasimhan Medal for the Best Paper published in each volume of the *Indian Phytopathology*, pending since 2004.

Nominations received for the following awards by E. C. members:

- **Mundkur Memorial Lecture Award**
 1. Dr. R.K. Jain, New Delhi
 2. Dr. O.M. Bambawale, New Delhi
 3. Dr. T.R. Sharma, New Delhi

4. Dr. Y.P. Sharma, Shimla
 5. Dr. Indu Sharma, Karnal
 6. Dr. Kamal, Gorakhpur
 7. Dr. Chandra Shekhar, Coimbatore
 8. Dr. R. Samiyappan, Coimbatore
- **Jeersanidhi Memorial Lecture Award**
 1. Dr. M. K. Naik, Raichur
 2. Dr. R. D. Rawal, Bangalore
 3. Dr. R. C. Sharma, Solan
 4. Dr. S. K. Gandhi, Hissar
 5. Dr. R. K. Jain, New Delhi
 6. Dr. K. P. Singh, Varanasi
 7. Dr. O. M. Bambawale, New Delhi
 8. Dr. Indu Sharma, Karnal
 9. Dr. Chadra Shekhar, Coimbatore
 10. Dr. V. Prakasam, Coimbatore
 - **K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award (2012)** for writing a review article in Indian Phytopathology.
 1. Prof. Akhtar Haseeb, Aligarh
 2. Dr. S. N. Tiwari, Cuttak
 3. Dr. M. Anandaraj, Calicut
 4. Dr. R. K. Arora, Jaalandhar
 5. Dr. Naresh Mehta, Hisar
 6. Dr S. C. Sharma, Shimla
 7. Dr J. N. Sharma, Solan
 8. Dr. Dr. M. S. Saharan, Karnal
 9. Dr. Kuruvella Jacob, Kottayam
 - **Dastur Memorial Lecture Award**
 1. Dr. B.N. Chakraborty, Siliguri
 2. Dr B. P. Singh, Shimla
 3. Dr R. C. Sharma, Solan
 4. Dr. M. Anandaraj, Calicut
 5. Dr. Baleshwer Singh, New Delhi
 6. Dr. Dr. S. Kumar, Ranchi
 7. Dr. V. V. Datar, MS
 8. Dr. R. N. Pandey, Anand
 - **M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award**
 1. Dr Rajeiv Rathour, Palampur
 2. Dr. D. K. Srivastava, Jammu
 3. Dr. H. K. Lal, Ranchi
 4. Dr. S. Khayum Ahmad, A.P.
 5. Dr. S. Jahagirdar

- **J. P. Varma Memorial Lecture Award**

1. Dr. B. S. Thind, Ludhiana
2. Dr. Ramesh Chand, Varanasi
3. Dr. R. N. Pandey, Anand
4. Dr. A. Kumar, New Delhi
5. Dr S. K. Chakravorty, Shimla*
6. Dr C. S. Kalha, Jammu
7. Dr. Ram Kishun, Lucknow
8. Dr. N. K. Dhal, Bhubaneswar
9. Dr. Dinesh Singh, New Delhi
10. Dr. Khan, A.N.A., UAS, Bangalore

Zonal Chapters Activities

The date, venue and topic of the zonal chapters received from the respective Zonal president/ Councilors are as follows:

Chapter	Zonal President	Zonal Councillor
Northern	<i>Dr. Y. S. Paul</i>	<i>Dr. D. K. Banyal</i>
Topic : Strategic issues in Plant Pathological Research Venue : CSKHPKV, Palampur Date : November 3-4, 2011		
Eastern	<i>Dr. D. K. Jha</i>	<i>Dr. T. C. Sharma</i>
Topic : Micro-organisms and Plant Health/ Plant Pathology Today and Future Directions. Venue : Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam Date : November 4-5, 2011		
Western	<i>Dr. P. A. Fugro</i>	<i>Dr. M. S. Joshi</i>
Topic : Recent Trends in Disease Management of Horticultural crops. Venue : Dr. B. S.Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli (M.S.) 415 712 Date : October 19-20, 2011		
Mid-Eastern	Rajendra Prasad	Samir K. Biswas
Topic: "Sustainable Crop Protection in Changing Agriculture Scenario" Venue: Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture and Technology, Kanpur-208002 Date: 18- 19 November, 2011		
Southern Zone	V.I. Benagi	V.B. Nargund
Topic : "Integrated Disease Management Strategies in relation to Climate Change in South India" Venue : College of Agriculture, University of Agricultural Sciences,Dharwad-5 Date: 14-15 Oct,2011		

Delhi Zone	D.B. Parakh	V. Celia Chalam
Topic : Recent Advances in Diagnostics of Plant Pathogens and Certification Procedures for Planting Material Venue : NBPGR, New Delhi Date: September 9, 2011		

Dr. S.S. Sharma, Zonal President (Central Zone) has declined to conduct the zonal symposium/meeting due to some unavoidable circumstances. Keeping this in view, Madhya Pradesh and Chhatisgarh has been merged with western zone and Andhra Pradesh has been merged with southern zone for this year only.

Detailed discussions were held in the meeting and following decisions were taken:

- A documentary film and profile to be made with all the activities of the Society.
(Action : Secretary)

Financial Resources:

Dr. Dinesh Singh, Treasurer presented the financial health of the Society and inform the house that Society is now in better financial position. An amount of Rs. 6,00,000.00 (Rs. Six Lakhs only), savings from the International conference has been fixed deposited.

The members suggested that society should immediately approach to the funding agencies other than the ICAR like DST, DBT etc for the financial support.

Editor's report:

The editor informed the house that the journal has become online from 2011 and 1st issue of Vol. 64 is already available on-line and 2nd issue is ready to be uploaded. The 1st issue contained 15 Full Research Papers, 12 Short Communications, besides Prof. A.P. Misra Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award. The galley proof of 2nd issue is ready with 14 full research papers, 13 short communications and two award lectures.

During this period, 43 papers were received, 3 were rejected and 41 are in the process of publication, Out of which 28 are received on-line.

It was also informed that a backlog of 304 papers since 2005 to 2009 has also been cleared and out of these, 254 were not found suitable for consideration for publication, and 50 papers were sent back to authors for revision and resubmission on-line.

The meeting ended after formal vote of thanks to all the EC by the Secretary, IPS.


(Pratibha Sharma)
Secretary

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