

INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi 110012

Proceedings of the Annual EC Meeting of the Indian Phytopathological Society held at Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi on March 05, 2014

Following members of the Executive Council attended the meeting:

1. Dr. U.S. Singh	:	President
2. Dr. M. Anandaraj	:	President Elect
3. Dr. Pratibha Sharma	:	Secretary
4. Dr. R.K. Sharma	:	Joint Secretary
5. Dr. Dinesh Singh	:	Treasurer
6. Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal	:	Editor
7. Dr. Robin Gogoi	:	Zonal President (DZ)
8. Dr. Someshwar Bhagat	:	Zonal Councillor (DZ)
9. Dr. V.K. Razdan	:	Zonal President (NZ)
10. Dr. Sachin Gupta	:	Zonal Councillor (NZ)
11. Dr. Dipankar Maiti	:	Zonal Councillor (EZ)
12. Dr. M. Zaim	:	Zonal Councillor (MEZ)
13. Dr. M.P. Thakur	:	Zonal Councillor (CZ)

Other EC members namely, Drs. S.K. Chakrabarti, Zonal President (SZ); T. Makesh Kumar, Zonal Councillor (SZ), Rakesh Pandey, Zonal President (MEZ); Mukund Variar, Zonal President (EZ); D.N. Dhutraj, Zonal President (WZ); A.P. Suryawanshi, Zonal Councillor (WZ) and C.P. Khare, Zonal Councillor (CZ) could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupied schedule.

At the outset Dr. Pratibha Sharma, Secretary, welcomed Dr. U.S. Singh, President and other EC members who have taken keen interest to attend this meeting despite their busy schedule.

Secretary briefly presented about overall activities of Society for the period Jan. 01, 2013 to Feb 28, 2014.

THE JOURNAL

Secretary informed the EC members that the journal Indian Phytopathology is up-to-date. December issue, Vol. 66 (4) 2013 has already been printed and also available online. The NAAS rating of the journal has been increased to 4.59 from 3.8 and journal is being sent regularly to **Thomson Reuters** for international impact factor.

The documentation of all previous issues (back volumes) of this Journal has been done and ready to sale in the form of DVD on payment basis. Till date 5 libraries/institutes have purchased the digitized volumes of Indian Phytopathology. Any interested member can purchase the archives of 65 years by paying Rs. 5000.00 (Rs. Five Thousand only) and Institutional libraries can purchase at cost of Rs. 50,000.00 (Rs. Fifty thousand only).

Other Publications: IPS Books Series

Besides, publication of the journal *Indian Phytopathology*, the Society is also in process of compilation of Compendium on “**Role of IPS in development of Plant Pathology in India**” and many book series. The first book of the series ‘**Diseases of Fruit Crops**’ have already been published. The other books entitled ‘**Diseases of Vegetables**’, ‘**Diseases of Plantation Crops**’ and ‘**Diseases of Field Crops**’ are under process and will be released during National Symposium at IGKV, Raipur on May 26-28, 2014.

AWARDS

The following lecture awards will be delivered during the national symposium at Raipur:

- i. **Mundkur Memorial Award** by Dr. T.R. Sharma, NRC Biotechnology, New Delhi
- ii. **S.N. Das Gupta Memorial Award** by Dr. H.S. Prakash, Mysore
- iii. **Dastur Memorial Award** : Dr. Prasun Mukherjee, CICR, Nagpur
- iv. **Sarbhoy Memorial Award**: Dr. M.K. Naik, UAS, Raichur
- v. **M.K. Patel Memorial Award**: delivered by Dr. S. Bhagat, Sr. Scientist (Plant Pathology), NCIPM, New Delhi during the Delhi Zone Symposium Dec. 13, 2013.

Awards for 2013-14

On the basis of nominations received from EC, the Award Screening Committee has recommended the following names for different awards of the Society.

1. Mundkur Memorial Award : Dr. M. Krishna Reddy, IIHR, Bangalore
2. M.S. Pavgi Award : Dr. Akhtar Haseeb, AMU, Aligarh
3. K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award : Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, IARI, New Delhi
4. Dastur Memorial Lecture Award : Dr. P. Chowdappa, IIHR, Bangalore
5. J.P. Verma Memorial Lecture Award : Dr. Ramesh Chand, BHU, Varanasi
6. Sharda Lele Memorial Award : Dr. Pratibha Sharma, IARI, New Delhi
7. M.K. Patel Memorial Lecture Award : Dr. TSSK Patro, Vizianagaram, A.P.
Dr. P. Srinivas, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
8. Fellow of Indian Phytopathological Society (FPSI)
 - i. Dr. V.K. Baranwal, IARI, New Delhi
 - ii. Dr. Jagdish Kumar, Wellington, TN
 - iii. Dr. M.S. Patil, Dharwad
 - iv. Dr. K.K. Pandey, CPRI Shimla
 - v. Dr. S.K. Jain, VPKAS, Almora
 - vi. Dr. V.I. Benagi, UAS, Dharwad

Revision of IPS Staff salary: The revised salary of the IPS staff was approved by the EC as follows.

	Existing Salary	Revised Salary
	(Rs.)/month	Rs.) /month
Business Manager	: 19,500.00	25,000.00
Editorial Assistant	: 8,000.00	10,000.00
Office Assistant	: 5,500.00	7,000.00

Treasurer's report (2013)

Treasurer, Dr. Dinesh Singh has presented the account detail of IPS and it was felt that marked improvement in collection of fund has been achieved during this period and Society is in sound financial position. He also informed that this financial year an additional amount of Rs. 8.00 Lakhs (Rs. Eight Lakhs only) has been fixed as Term Deposit and overall the Society has additional increased its financial position of Rs. 22,89,901.63 in last three years.

Chief Editor's Report (2013)

On behalf of Chief Editor, Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal presented the Chief Editor's report. During 2013, total 178 papers received through on-line submissions. Out of these, 59 were rejected, 90 published, 4 are in review, 10 have been accepted for next issue and 15 have been sent back to authors for revision. This shows approximately 33% articles were declined for publication and at present we do not have any backlog.

After the Journal has become online, published papers in Indian Phytopathology are accessible to a very large group of scientists and academicians across the world, more than 20 papers have been downloaded, more than 100 times, which are from Vol. 64, 65 & 66. The total downloads till March, 2014 are 10,045. The Journal is abstracted in 23 online abstracting services, which includes CAB Abstracts, Indian Science Abstracts, Indian Citation Index, Google Search Engine, AGRIS, AGRICOLA, Science Index, Research Gate etc. Around the world, 178 countries are accessing Indian Phytopathology and among them top 5 countries are India, China, USA, Pakistan and Iran.

She thankfully acknowledges efforts rendered by Associate Editors Drs. P.N. Chowdhry, I.K. Das, A. Kumar, Robin Gogoi, V.K. Razdan, G.P. Rao and D.K. Ghosh; and also to all the referees who reviewed the papers and to name a few Drs. Ashok Aggarwal, Ramesh Chand, C. Manoharachary, P.N. Sharma, S.N. Tewari, M.S. Saharan, A.N. Mishra, P.P. Thirumalsamy, S.K. Duttamajumder who helped in prompt and critical reviewing of the manuscripts.

Zonal Chapter activities

Six Zonal Chapters of the Society have actively organized symposia on different themes at their respective Zonal Meetings on important aspects of Plant Pathology. The various topics of the symposium were as under:

Zone	Date	Topic	Venue
Eastern	October 24-25, 2013	Crop Pathosystem Interaction Under Aberrant Weather and Perspectives for Crop Health Management	Central Rainfed Upland Rice Research Station, Hazaribagh (Jharkhand)
Southern	October 24-25, 2013	Pathogenomics for Diagnosis and Management of Plant Diseases	Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Mid-Eastern	October 26-27, 2013	Microbes Promoting Crop Health, Productivity & Sustainability	CSIR-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants & CSIR –National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow, U.P.
Delhi	Dec. 13, 2013	Functional Strategies for Tackling Emerging Diseases of Major Crops	Division of Plant pathology, IARI, New Delhi
Western	December 27-28, 2013	Plant Diseases: Diagnostics and Integrated Disease Management for Food Security	Department Plant Pathology, MKV, Parbhani
Central	February 25, 2014	Emerging Trends in Plant Health Management	College of Agriculture, IGKV, Raipur, Chhatisgarh

However, Northern Zone could not conduct the zonal symposium due to some unavoidable circumstances.

Prof. M.J. Narasimahan Academic Merit Award Contest Nominations:

The following candidates have been selected from their respective zone for national level contest

S.No.	Zone	Name of the contestant	Title of the presentation
1.	Eastern	J Imam	Analyzing avirulence genes, molecular diversity of <i>Magnaporthe oryzae</i> from Eastern India and molecular identification of rice germplasm with resistance to blast pathogen

2.	Mid-Eastern	Antima Sharma	Application of bioinformatics tools to produce and improved and thermodynamically stable protein of <i>Trichoderma</i> species
3.	Southern	G.S. Arun Kumar	Mechanism of slow leaf rusters, molecular characterization in bread wheat and variability in <i>Puccinia tritici</i> Eriks
4.	Southern	R. Thilangavati	Soil metagenomics, a novel approach to unlock the microbial genetic resources of disease suppressive soil
5.	Delhi	Saumik Basu	Differential pathogenicity of AV2 of tomato-infecting begomoviruses in blocking PTGS mediated host recovery
6.	Delhi	Sandeep Kumar	Studies on virus(es) associated with grapevine leafroll disease in India
7.	Western	P. S. Nikam	Occurrence, Distribution and Ecofriendly management of tomato early blight caused by <i>Alternaria solani</i>
8.	Western	D. P. Kuldhar	Integrated management of <i>Sclerotium rolfsii</i> Sacc. causing stem / pod rot of groundnut

5. Composition of Executive Council (2014)

As per the election result declared the Executive Council for the year 2014 will be as follows:

President	M. Anandaraj, IISR, Calicut,
President-Elect	A.K. Misra, CISH, Lucknow
Secretary	Pratibha Sharma, IARI, New Delhi
Treasurer	Dinesh Singh, IARI, New Delhi
Jt. Secretary	R.K. Sharma, IARI, New Delhi
Zonal President (DZ)	K.S. Hooda, DMR, New Delhi
Zonal Councillor (DZ)	Vaibhav Kr. Singh, IARI, New Delhi
Zonal President (MEZ)	S.P. Pathak, NDUAT, Faizabad
Zonal Councillor (MEZ)	H.K. Singh, NDUAT, Faizabad
Zonal President (SZ)	I.K. Kalappanvar, UAS, Dharwad
Zonal Councillor (SZ)	S.I. Harlapur, UAS, Dharwad

The following names were proposed and approved by the EC for the Zonal President/Councillors

Zonal President (EZ)	Jyoti Kumar, Ranchi Univ., Ranchi
Zonal Councillor (EZ)	Manoj Kr. Barnwal, BAU, Ranchi
Zonal President (WZ)	B.M. Waghmare, Maharashtra, Latur
Zonal Councillor (WZ)	Sunit J. Magar, College of Agril., Latur

However, Zonal President and Councillor for Central and Northern Zones have not yet been suggested. It will be decided during the annual meeting and national symposium at Raipur.

The thorough discussion were held in the meeting and following points were suggested:

1. Proposal for IPS Recognition Award to be initiated for ZP/ZC for organizing zonal symposium however, the Society has already provision to provide Scroll of Honour to all the Executive Council Members.
2. Formulate a committee to prepare the guidelines for nomination of IPS awards for best zone.
3. The EC felt that the open invitation for all the awards of IPS may be called, which will be discussed in General Body.
4. Only presented abstract should be considered for publication in Indian Phytopathology and Zonal President/Councillor will have to ensure that it has been presented.
5. Proposal for paid editor: the EC agreed on proposal for paid editor for editing the manuscripts by professional editors.
6. Northern zone agreed to organize their zonal meeting between May 12 to 24, 2014 before the Annual Meeting to be held at Raipur.
7. Unspent money of Eastern Zone may be utilized for organizing brain storming session under IPS banner.
8. The society also felt that a session should be hold in the forth-coming national symposium at Raipur to develop the policy for Plant pathologists to be registered as plant doctor.
9. K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra award (2013) will be given to Dr. Dilip K Lakshman, USDA, USA, who agreed to write a review article for Indian Phytopathology.
10. EC agreed for A.P. Misra Life-time achievement award to be given to Dr. C.V. Subramanian, the first Professor of Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi.
11. IPS recognition Award (2013): EC suggested and agreed for Dr. D.V. Singh, former Head (Plant Pathology), IARI, New Delhi and S.J. Kolte, former Professor (Plant Pathology), GBUAT, Pantnagar for this award.
12. International Conference (2015/2016): Many titles have been received for the international conference. EC have been requested to finalize the title to get the permission from authorities.

13. Dr. U.S. Singh, President, IPS (2013) will deliver his Presidential Address on the first day of the national symposium to be held at Raipur and all the EC members honoured him for his support in IPS and will continue taking the advice in IPS activity in special reference to international conference to be hosted by the Society in 2015/2016.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks.


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