

INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Proceedings of Mid-term EC meeting of the Society held on August 3, 2013

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

Following members of the Executive Council attended the meeting:

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| 1. Dr. R.K. Khetarpal | : | Immediate Past President |
| 2. Dr. U.S. Singh | : | President |
| 3. Dr. M. Anandaraj | : | President Elect |
| 4. Dr. R.K. Jain | : | Ex-officio |
| 5. Dr. Pratibha Sharma | : | Secretary |
| 6. Dr. R.K. Sharma | : | Joint Secretary |
| 7. Dr. Dinesh Singh | : | Treasurer |
| 8. Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal | : | Editor |
| 9. Dr. Robin Gogoi | : | Zonal President (DZ) |
| 10. Dr. Someshwar Bhagat | : | Zonal Councillor (DZ) |
| 11. Dr. Sachin Gupta | : | Zonal Councillor (NZ) |
| 12. Dr. Mukund Variar | : | Zonal President (EZ) |
| 13. Dr. T. Makesh Kumar | : | Zonal Councillor (SZ) |
| 14. Dr. Rakesh Pandey | : | Zonal President (MEZ) |

Other EC members namely, Drs. S.K. Chakrabarti, Zonal President (SZ); M. Zaim, Zonal Councillor (MEZ); D. Maiti, Zonal Councillor (EZ); V.K. Razdan, Zonal President (NZ); D.N. Dhutraj, Zonal President (WZ); A.P. Suryawanshi, Zonal Councillor (WZ); M.P. Thakur, Zonal President (CZ) 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. She also informed the house that present strength of the Society is 1857 which includes 106 Annual Members, 1611 Life Members and 140 institutional subscribers.

Secretary briefly presented about overall activities of IPS and highlighted the significant achievement of society like, grand success of Annual Meeting at Bangalore with more than 250 abstracts submitted with special emphasis to farmers and young students who will take charge of this society in future.

Journal

Secretary informed the EC members that the journal Indian Phytopathology is now up-to-date and March & June issues of 2013 have already been published and available online. The contents of forth-coming September issues are also available online. She also informed that the application for NAAS rating has been sent and best efforts have been taken care for better rating.

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. 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).

Zonal Chapters Activities

This year only 5 zonal chapters have sent their topic, date and venue for the zonal symposium which are as follows:

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)
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.
Central	October 17-18, 2013	Emerging Trends in Plant Health Management	College of Agriculture, IGKV, Raipur, Chhatisgarh
Western	December 27-28, 2013	Plant Diseases: Diagnostics and Integrated Disease Management for Food Security	Department Plant Pathology, MKV, Parbhani
Southern	October 24-25, 2013	Pathogenomics for Diagnosis and Management of Plant Diseases”	Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, hiruvanthapuram, Kerala

Dr. R.K. Khetarpal informed that CPF is already operational which needs to be informed to all crop protection and related societies. The IPS being the key members to take initiatives for formulation of CPF, IPS will always play key role in operational function of CPF. He

also informed that there will be national meeting of CPF (funded by National Food Security Mission, DAC, Govt. of India) with all plant protection Experts to make national strategies for Plant Protection in India. He also suggested that there should be Business Manager of CPF to look after the operational functioning as it will serve as Global Platform for plant protection peoples. For proper functioning of CPF, all professional societies will be encouraged to become member of CPF.

Treasurer's Report

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 year till date additional Rs. 9 Lakhs (Rs. Nine Lakhs only) has been fixed as Term Deposit.

Editor's Report

Editor, Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal presented the report of Editorial committee with recognition of this journal in the International arena (167 countries) by citation of Article published in the journal and till date more than 42000 times articles (2011-2013) have been downloaded from Indian Phytopathology. She has also taken the opinion of members to change the cover page and it was approved that only some relevant photographs can be given in each issues without changing the colour and pattern of cover page.

The President has congratulated the Editorial Committee for their painstaking job to make journal with international standard. However the members suggested that there is urgent need to have Editorial Assistance to make the journal international standard. The concept notes for review article will be called and it will be examined by editorial committee and again will be sent for reviewing to enhance the quality of review article. It was also felt that if authors do not reply the comments of Editor within time limit, the manuscript will automatically deleted from the record and for this author will be fully responsible.

The major decisions taken in this meeting is as follows:

- 1. National Symposium:** The topics of Zonal Symposium/Meeting should have different aspects of Plant Pathology rather than similar topics with special focus to cater the major problems of plant disease management in each zone. One separate session should be fixed for interaction with farmers and try to collaborate with entomologist, nematologist, weed specialist rather than only involvement of plant pathologist in the zonal meeting. Irrespective of zone, the experienced personnels should be called in zonal meeting for panel discussion with farmers to cater local problems. Instead of big zonal symposium, 4-5 Brainstorming sessions with 2-3 hrs can be organized in a year by focusing various issues in plant pathology. As far as possible try to invite real experts in the plant pathology so as to get good ideas at grass root level.

2. It was felt that only one Annual Meeting will be held once in two years and accordingly the term of members of Executive Council will be of two years rather than one year. The modalities for the guidelines will be finalized in the forthcoming GB meeting but at the same time, zonal and annual meetings will be held as per current schedule.
3. The members suggested that IPS being a member of International Society of Plant Pathology, at least two representatives from this Society should participate in all ISPP conference. In the next meeting, modalities for sending the representative of IPS will be formulated.
4. The salary hike of office staffs of IPS should be increased as per proposal and it was approved by the EC as follows.

	Existing Salary	Revised
	(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

5. Annual Meeting will be held in the Month of Jan- Feb, 2014 at Annamalai University /GBPUAT, Pantnagar.
6. Biopesticides is one of key issues in plant protection and it becomes more complex when it comes under the purview of CIB registration. So, IPS can take initiatives to invite expert opinion from our senior plant pathologist like, Dr. Thapliyal and Dr. Thind, under the umbrella of CPF brainstorming session and recommendation can be submitted to ICAR as policy documents.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. R.K. Sharma.

Date: August 14, 2013



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