

**Proceedings of the 64th Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian
Phytopathological Society and National Symposium on “Biology of infection,
immunity and disease control in pathogen-plant interactions” held at
University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad on December 04, 2011**

It is indeed my proud privilege to welcome all the new members of the Executive Council of the Society, who have shown their keen interest in the affairs of the Society to come over to attend this Annual meeting and national symposium.

I heartily welcome Dr. T.S. Thind, President, Dr. R.K. Khetarpal, President-Elect and Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, Editor of the Society and seek active cooperation in enhancing the professional image of the Society.

The present strength of the Society stands as follows (as on November 30, 2011):

Annual Members	:	146
Life Members	:	1581
Institutional Subscriber	:	106
Total	:	1827

Activities of the Society

THE JOURNAL

- After so many thorough discussion with different agencies like *Indian Journals.com*; *Springer and Connect journal* it was decided to be online on ICAR platform. I thank my team for their support and efforts for making it success. Please accept my heartiest congratulations for **being online** of the journal *Indian Phytopathology* from Vol. 64, 2011. The journal will now certainly get better rating and boost image of the journal nationally and internationally. The request has already been sent to members for online registration so as to access the journal. I am also thankful to DIPA, ICAR, New Delhi for providing the online platform without any charges.
- **December issue** - Vol. 64 (4) 2011 is at final stage and ready for printing and soon available online also.
- **Backlog** from 2005 to 2010 has been cleared. The MSs have been returned back to authors for fresh submission after updating the latest information.
- A **supplementary issue** containing the abstracts of the National and Zonal Symposium held during the year 2010 has been published online and available for the IPS members. Non-members can download the same by paying the requisite membership fee.
- The **revision of rating of the journal is being taken up with the NAAS** 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 alongwith 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** have been taken for online version of the *Indian Phytopathology* (*i.e.* 2248-9800)

- 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 done improve the working efficiency of staff as well as the EC and Editorial team.

Revise Membership/Subscription Rate:

In view of the last few years, printing cost, postage, stationery, establishment, website development, online making charges and day to day expenditure have been drastically increased. It is in fact a heavy burden on the Society and under these circumstances we are facing difficulty to run the Society smoothly. Hence, the membership rates have been revised and details are available on the Society's website www.ipsdis.org. This information has already been sent to all the members alongwith the option form for print and online. It is infact good sign that we are receiving good response from the members.

The rates for online access for non members has also been finalized which is as follows:

Download charges	Indian (Rs.)	Foreign (US\$)
Single article	200.00	20.00
Single issue	500.0	100.00
One set volume (4 issues) charge	1000.00	200.00

Revision of IPS staff Salary

In the last 6 to 8 months, because of high rate of inflation there was drastic increase in the cost of living. The IPS Secretariat requested to the hike in their salary so as to meet their day to day monthly expenses. The local EC committee was constituted to consider the case and committee meeting was held on Sept. 02, 2011. The committee deliberated in details on all the aspects related to the subject and unanimously agrees and formal approval of President was taken. It was submitted before the EC for its final endorsement and the EC unanimously agreed on the increase in the salary of the IPS Secretariat and approved by the General Body.

	Existing Salary	Revised
	(Rs.)/month	(Rs.) /month
Business Manager :	10,000.00	19,500.00
Editorial Assistant :	4,500.00	8,000.00
Office Assistant :	3,000.00	5,500.00
Total (monthly):	17,500.00	33,000.00
Annual Total (Rs.) :	2,10,000.00	3,96,000.00

Brain storming Session on "Plant Pathology in India: Vision 2030"

A brain storming Session on "Plant Pathology in India: Vision 2030" will be held on Dec. 02, 2011 during this national Symposium at Hyderabad was held on Dec. 02, 2011. The session was chaired by Dr. C.D. Mayee, Ex-Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi and Co-Chair Dr. R.K. Jain and Dr Pratibha Sharma, Programme Coordinator, Co-coordinator Dr. R.K. Sharma and Dr. Dinesh Singh. Eighty delegates participated and 30 speakers presented their views in the session. The proceedings of the same will be compiled and submitted to DG, ICAR, alongwith the book "**Plant Pathology in India: Vision 2030**". EC thanks to all the contributors for their timely submission of the articles. The book was released in the inaugural session of the symposium by the Pro-VC, Prof. Hari Babu, Univ. of Hyderabad.

Awards:

Prof. S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture Series

Prof. S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture Series has been instituted which will be held annually on 31st December on the birthday of Prof. S.P. Raychaudhuri in the Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi.

Prof. M.S. Swaminathan has kindly agreed to deliver “*Dr. S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture series – 2011*” on the topic “**Plant Health Management in the Era of Climate Change**”. The lecture will be held at B.P. Pal Auditorium, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa Campus, New Delhi on December 31, 2011.

M.J. Narasimhan Medal for Best Paper published in IPS: the action has been 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.

A committee was constituted for the same who have recommended the following names for the award:

M.J. Narasimhan Medal Award for best paper published in Indian Phytopathology (2004 to 2010).

S.No.	Year	Authors	Title of the paper	Vol. / page no.
1	2004	A.S. Kapoor, R. Prasad And G.K. Sood (3)	Forecasting of rice blast in kangra district of himachal pradesh	57: 440-445
2	2005	B.N. Chakraborty, M. Sharma And R. Das Biswas (3)	Defense enzymes triggered by <i>exobasidium vexans</i> massee induce resistance in tea plants	58: 298-304
3	2006	D. Maiti, M.K. Barnwal, Sulochana K. Rana, M. Variar And R.K. Singh (5)	Enhancing native arbuscular mycorrhizal association to improve phosphorus nutrition of rainfed upland rice (<i>oryzae sativa</i> l.) Through cropping systems	59: 432-438
4	2007	R.P. Thakur, V.P. Rao, B.M. Wu, K.V. Subbarao, K. Mathur, H.C. Tailor, U.S. Kushwaha, R.R. Dwivedi, R. Krishnaswamy, R.V. Hiremath And S. Indira (11)	Genetic resistance to foliar anthracnose in sorghum and pathogenic variability in <i>colletotrichum graminicola</i>	60: 13-23
5	2008	I. Sharma, A. Sirari, B. Raj, N.S. Bains And R.C. Sharma (5)	Heterothallism in <i>tilletia indica</i> : implications for physiological specialization	61: 34-42
6	2009	J.P. Sharma And S. Kumar (2)	Management of ralstonia wilt of tomato through microbes, plant extract and combination and cake and chemicals	62: 417-423
7	2010	R.P. Pant, Mrinal Das, K.B. Pun, P. Ramachandran And R.P. Medhi (5)	Occurrence of cymbidium mosaic and odontoglossum ringspot viruses in orchid germplasm of sikkim and darjeeling hills, their identification and diagnosis	63: 326-332

On the basis of nominations received from EC, the following have been awarded for the different awards, namely,

- **Mundkur Memorial Lecture Award** : Dr. R.K. Jain, Head, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi
- **Jeersanidhi Memorial Lecture Award** : Dr. Indu Sharma, Project Director, Directorate of Wheat Research (DWR), Karnal
- **K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award** for writing a review article in Indian Phytopathology.
Dr. M. Anandaraj, IISR, Calcut, Kerala / R.K. Arora, CPRS, Jalandhar, Pb.
- **Dastur Memorial Lecture Award**: Prof. B.N. Chakraborty, North Bengal University, Siliguri
- **M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award**: Dr. Rajeev Rathour, CSKHPKV, Palampur
- **J. P. Varma Memorial Lecture Award**: B.S. Thind, PAU, Ludhiana
- Fellow of Indian Phytopathological Society (FPSI) (2011)
 1. Dr. R. Velazahan, TNAU, Coimbatore
 2. Dr. Dipankar Maiti, CRURRS, Hazaribag, Jharkhand
 3. Dr. Robin Gogoi, IARI, New Delhi
 4. Dr. Geeta Sumbali, Jammu
 5. Dr. Girija Ganeshan, Bangalore

Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award Contest: The Screening Committee has recommended the name of T. Swaroopa Rani, Department of Plant Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad (AP) for this award on the paper entitled “Cell wall-associated defenses in *Citrus-Xanthomonas* interactions”.

The following names were recommended for Commendation Certificate.

1. Bidisha Sharma, Department of Botany, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam for the paper entitled “Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungal Association in Some Commonly Occurring Economically Important Plants of Kaziranga National Park, Assam, India”.
2. *Ashlesha*, Department of Plant Pathology, CSK HP Agricultural University, Palampur (HP) for the paper entitled “Organic management of Bell pepper diseases under Protected Cultivation”

K.P.V. Menon Best Poster Award: The Screening Committee has recommended the name of Debashish Dey, Department of Plant Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad for this award on the poster PTI-04 entitled “Pathogen induced or constitutive expression of harpin_{ss} confers disease resistance in tobacco against *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *solani*”.

The following names were recommended for Commendation Certificate.

1. Meenakshi Grover, CRIDA, Hyderabad for the poster PTII-42 entitled “Nanoencapsulation of bacterial antifungal metabolite”
2. Kumari Priyanka, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi for the poster PIII -06 entitled “Sequence analysis of translation elongation factor, 1 α , β -tubulin and internal transcribed spacer genes of *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *ciceri* causing chickpea wilt of determine genetic variability”

Zonal Chapter activities

I am happy to inform the house that the six Zonal Chapters of the Society actively organized symposia on different themes at their respective Zonal Meetings on important aspects of Plant Pathology. The various topics of the symposium are as under:

Zone	Date	Topic
Delhi	Sept. 9, 2011	Recent Advances in Diagnostics of Plant Pathogens and Certification Procedures for Planting Material"
Southern	Oct. 14-15, 2011	Integrated Disease Management Strategies in relation to Climate Change in South India
Western	Oct.19-20, 2011	Recent Trends in Disease Management of Horticultural crops
Eastern	Nov.4-5, 2011	Micro-organisms and Plant Health/ Plant Pathology Today and Future Directions
Mid-Eastern	Nov. 18- 19, 2011	Sustainable Crop Protection in Changing Agriculture Scenario"
Northern	Nov.24-25, 2011	Strategic issues in Plant Pathological Research

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.

Composition of Executive Council (2012)

As per the result declared the Executive Council for the year 2012 will be as follows:

President	:	Dr. R.K. Khetarpal
President elect	:	Dr. U.S. Singh
Secretary	:	Dr. Pratibha Sharma
joint secretary	:	Dr. R.K. Sharma
Treasurer	:	Dr. Dinesh Singh
Chief Editor	:	Dr. S.M. Paul Khurana
Editor	:	Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal
Ex-officio	:	Dr. R.K. Jain

Zones	Zonal President	Zonal Councillor
Delhi	S.C. Dubey, IARI, New Delhi	Kalyan K. Mondal, New Delhi
Northern	S.K. Gupta, YSP UHF, Solan	N.K. Bharat, YSP UHF, Solan
Western Zone	R.M. Gade, PDKV, Akola	G.K. Giri, PDKV, Akola
Southern Zone	R. Vishwanathan, Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore	Ramesh Sunder, Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore
Mid-Eastern	Dr. A.K. Misra, CISH, Lucknow	Dr. Rakesh Pandey, CIMAP, Lucknow
Eastern	Dr. N.C. Mondal, Head, (Plant Protection), Palli Siksha Bhavana, Sri Niketan, W.B	M.K. Biswas, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Sri Niketan, W.B.

Central zone's Zonal President and Councillor has be nominated by the EC.

Venue for next Annual Meeting: to be decided

On behalf of the Society, I thankfully acknowledge the sanction of grant of financial assistance from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi for Rs. 1,00,000.00 (Rs. One Lakh only) for publication of the journal Indian Phytopathology.

I also express my sincere gratitude to Prof. T.S. Thind, President and Prof. R.K. Khetarpal, President-Elect of the Society for his guidance, advice, encouragement and support in day to day functioning of the Society. I thank very profusely Prof. Hari Babu, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Univ. of Hyderabad and Prof. Apparao Podile, Organizing Secretary, Chairman, Cochairman, Local Organizing Secretary, convenors and rapporteurs of various technical sessions and organizing sub committees for their wholehearted support in making the 64th National Symposium a grand success. My thanks are also due to all the staff members and students for rendering their valuable help in various ways for making the symposium success. It is my prime duty to thank all the members of Executive Council for their cooperation, active support and suggestions in various activities of the Society. Last but not least, I am thankful to the staff of the Headquarter of IPS for their valuable support.



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