

# INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## Proceedings of Mid-term EC meeting of the Society held on June 16, 2012

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

Following members of the Executive Council attended the meeting:

Dr. R.K. Khetarpal	:	President
Dr. U.S. Singh	:	President Elect
Dr. R.K. Jain	:	Ex-officio
Dr. Pratibha Sharma	:	Secretary
Dr. Dinesh Singh	:	Treasurer
Dr. S.M. Paul Khurana	:	Chief Editor
Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal	:	Editor
Dr. S.C. Dubey	:	Zonal President (DZ)
Dr. Kalyan K. Mondal	:	Zonal Councillor (DZ)
Dr. Suseelendra Desai	:	Zonal President (CZ)
Dr. R.M. Gade	:	Zonal President (WZ)
Dr. G.K. Giri	:	Zonal Councillor (WZ)
Dr. S.K. Gupta	:	Zonal President (NZ)
Dr. Narendra K. Bharat	:	Zonal Councillor (NZ)

Other EC members namely, Drs. R.K. Sharma, Joint Secretary; A.K. Misra, Zonal President (MEZ); Rakesh Pandey, Zonal Councillor (MEZ) N.C. Mondal, Zonal President (EZ); Mohan K. Biswas, Zonal Councillor (EZ); R.Viswanathan, Zonal President (SZ); A. Ramesh Sunder, Zonal Councillor (SZ) and R.D. Prasad, Zonal Councillor (CZ) could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupied schedule.

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

Dr. Khetarpal chaired the meeting and briefly highlighted the latest achievements made by IPS in various sections such as for organizing national symposium and zonal meetings, membership drive, journal and other publications etc. He specially highlighted the formation of Crop Protection Federation in association with other leading national Societies for which IPS took the lead. He also highlighted the First SP Raychaudhury Memorial Lecture delivered by Prof MS Swaminathan on 21 May. He highly appreciated the efforts of all the members of the EC in streamlining the affairs of the Society. He then requested Secretary to present the activity report of the Society.

The Secretary, Dr. Pratibha Sharma informed the house that present strength of the Society is 1806 which includes 110 Annual Members, 1596 Life Members and 100 institutional

subscribers and she has also presented the details report of activities of the Society undertaken from December 2011 to June 2012, mentioned below:

### **Activities of the Society (December 2011 to June 2012)**

National symposium on “Biology of Infection, Immunity, and Disease Control in Pathogen-Plant Interactions” and the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Indian Phytopathological Society (IPS) was organized during 2-4 December 2011. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. E. Hari Babu, Pro Vice Chancellor, UoH wherein he expressed as a very special occasion because the scientists/teachers working in Plant Pathology from different parts of the country visiting University was a rare possibility.

Several leading plant pathologists participated in the Brain Storming Session and made excellent presentations to develop a road map in the form of “Plant Pathology in India: Vision 2030”. Compilation of the presentations in this session was published and released by the IPS during the meeting. The IPS honoured two very senior plant pathologists Dr. Y.L. Nene, former DDG of ICRISAT and Prof. Anupam Varma of IARI for their Lifetime contribution in the field of Plant Pathology by “A.P. Misra Life Time Achievement Award” in the name of a great plant pathologist Prof. A.P. Misra.

Several researchers, from all over the country, showed interest and submitted as many as 180 abstracts for this meeting. Twenty invited speakers and 12 young researchers made presentations in the symposium and 9 students participated in the Prof. M.J. Narasimhan academic merit contest. All the abstracts will be available soon online as a special issue of Indian Phytopathology.

### **S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture on May 21, 2012**

The Society has successfully organized “Dr. S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture series” to commemorate the great contributions of Late Dr. S.P. Raychaudhuri. The first *lecture of the series* was delivered by Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, Member Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Chairman, Prof. MSSRF, Chennai on “Plant Health Management in the Era of Climate Change”. The lecture was held at Plant Pathology Auditorium, IARI, New Delhi on May 21, 2012 at 3.00 PM and presided over by Dr. R.B. Singh, Former Director, IARI and President, NAAS, New Delhi.

### **The journal**

Secretary briefly explained about the online achievements of the Indian Phytopathology:

- Indian Phytopathology is now being visited by **94** countries globally and having approx. 3000 visitors per month (as per **Google Analytics**).
- The journal Indian Phytopathology is now update and March & June issue of 2012 have already been published and available online. A special issue containing the abstracts of national and Zonal symposium have also been published and available on our website. It will be available online only for the IPS members. Non-members can download the same by paying the requisite membership fee.
- The new members in the Editorial Board have been nominated from abroad, namely, Dr. Paul Bridge, CABI, Bakeham Lane, Egham, Surrey, TW20 9TY, UK, Dr. Weiding Chen, Washington State University, Pullman, USA; Dr. Huerta Espino Julio, Campo

Experimental Valle de México INIFAP, México; Dr. Dilip Lakshman, USDA, USA; Dr. Mousa Najafinia, Jroft and Kahnoot Centre for Agril. Res., Iran; Dr. Thusith Wijesekara, Coconut Research Institute, Sri Lanka

- For better rating and impact factor of journal, the abstracting & indexing agencies have been contacted for inclusion of Indian Phytopathology abstracts in their database and now as on today our journal is being abstracted and indexed by **12** agencies, as follows: *CAB Abstracts Indian Science Abstracts, RUNNERS, Indian Citation Index (ICI), Google Search Engine, Google Scholar, AGRIS (International Information System for the Agricultural Sciences and Technology), Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS), AGRICOLA, Directory of Open Access Journal (DOAJ), WorldCat, PASCAL database, CAS Source Index (CASSI).*
- Twenty one (21) abstracting/Indexing agencies have been approached for inclusion of Indian Phytopathology in their database, namely, *Science Citation Index, Science Citation Index Expanded (SciSearch), SCOPUS, Embase, Biobase, SciVerse, EBSCO, CSA, Academic OneFile, BIOSIS, EMBiology, (EMBAE), Food Science and Technology Abstracts, Gale, Global Health, IBIDS, OCLC, PaperChem, SCImago, Summon by Serial Solutions, VINITI - Russian Academy of Science, Medline and Pubget.* Confirmations from almost all the agencies have been received and are in process of evaluation of the journal.

### Archives of the journal

The process for making archives of the journal Indian Phytopathology is in progress. Till now, the archives from 1994 to 2012 are available with us in CD and archives from 1996 to 2012 are available online on website online portal of Indian Phytopathology.

### Revision in Foreign Membership/Subscription

In order to motivate and encourage the foreign members, the foreign membership has been revised as follows. The Indian membership fee will remain as such.

	Indian Members	Foreign members	
	Revised Rate	Previous (old) Rate:	Revised Rate
Annual student Membership	Rs. 750.00	US \$ 150.00	US \$ 40.00
Annual Membership	Rs. 1000.00	US \$ 200.00	US \$ 40.00
Life Membership*	Rs. 10,000.00	US \$ 2000.00	US \$ 400.00
Instt. Subscribers/ Agencies	Rs. 5,000.00	US \$ 500.00	US \$ 200.00
Admission fee (for new members)	Rs. 100.00		US \$ 10.00
Corporate Members*	Rs. 25,000.00		
Patrons	Rs. 1,00,000.00		

### **National Symposium**

The next Annual Meeting will be held on “**Blending Conventional and Modern Plant Pathology for Sustainable Agriculture**” at IIHR Bangalore during December 04-06, 2012. Dr. P. Chowdappa is the Organizing Secretary of Conference. The detailed first circular will be issued to members by the first week of July 2012 alongwith the election nomination form for the position of President Elect and Zonal President/Coucillors of different zones.

### **Awards**

The nominations for the various awards have been requested from the EC members. The biodata from the nominees will be sought by the society and an Award Screening Committee will be constituted for the screening and recommendation for the awards. The awardee would be informed for their presentation during the National Symposium in 2013.

### **Zonal Chapters Activities**

This year all the 7 zonal chapters of the Society have sent the topic, date and venue for the zonal symposium are as follows:

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Northern	28-29 Sept., 2012	Emerging Issues in Plant Health Management	Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan (HP)
Eastern	6-7 Oct., 2012	Plant microbe interactions and crop health management	Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva Bharati, Sriniketan, Birbhum, West Bengal
Mid-Eastern	12-13 Oct., 2012	Managing threatening diseases of horticultural, medicinal and crop plants in relation to changing climatic situation	Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow
Western	30-31 Oct., 2012	Consortium approach for Plant health and disease management.	Department of Plant Pathology, Dr. PDKV, Akola
Central	2-3 Nov., 2012	Disease management challenges in changing rainfed crop production systems of India	CRIDA, Santoshnagar, Hyderabad
Southern	16-17 Nov., 2012	Heading towards molecular horizons in Plant Pathology: Host resistance, Pathogen dynamics, Diagnostics and Management	Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Indian Council of Agricultural Research Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

Delhi	Nov., 2012	Genetic Diversity towards managing plant pathogens	Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi
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### Funds

Dr. Dinesh Singh, Treasurer, IPS informed that Society is now having sound financial health and recently Rs. 6,00,000.00 (Rs. Six Lakhs only) has been fixed as term deposit and the Society is very much thankful to ICAR, New Delhi (Rs. 97,500.00) and DST, New Delhi (Rs. 1.00 Lakh) for their financial support for publication of the journal Indian Phytopathology and NABARD for releasing the grant sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1.00 Lakh for international conference.

### Chief Editor's Report

Editor, Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal on behalf of Chief Editor presented the report. She informed that 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of Vol. 65 (2012) has been printed and also available. This issue was already available online in May 2012. The 2<sup>nd</sup> issue contained 12 Full Research Papers, 7 Short Communications, besides Presidential address and K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award. There are two new reports, out of which one is international, from China. During 2011 we received 44 papers as hard copies and 127 as on-line submissions. Out of these total 171 papers received during 2011, 53 were rejected, 56 have been published, 45 are in review, 9 have been accepted for next issue and 8 have been sent back to authors for revision. During the current year, total 69 manuscripts had been received till yesterday, out of which 25 were rejected, 5 have been published and 39 are in review. To summarize, total 84 manuscripts are in review, 9 accepted for next issue and 8 have been sent back to authors for revision.

Editor also appreciated the efforts rendered by Associate Editors Drs. P.N. Chowdhry, I.K. Das, Robin Gogoi, V.K. Razdan, G.P. Rao and D.K. Ghosh who helped in refereeing and evaluation of the manuscripts and to the referees who helped in reviewing the manuscripts.

Details discussions were held in the meeting and following points were suggested:

- A corpus fund has to be created by the Society and the interest incurred from fund be utilized for the financial support for participation in International Conference on Plant Pathology organized by ISPP. One member of the office bearers of the society or any senior member of the Society can be nominated. Besides these, the Society can also invite application from the members whose paper accepted for presentation in ICPP. A committee of the following members, namely, Drs. R.K. Jain, R.K. Khetarpal, Pratibha Sharma, Suseelendra Desai and S.K. Gupta has been constituted to make the guidelines and mode of operandi for the same. (**Action:** Secretary)
- Dr. S.M. Paul Khurana, Chief Editor suggested to invite the extended summary of the abstract presented in the symposium to publish in the journal Indian Phytopathology as special issue. (**Action:** Secretary/Editor and Chief Editor)

- It was suggested that office bearers from H.Q. be invited by each zone for attending the zonal symposium. The TA/DA and hospitality will be borne by the zonal chapters. (**Action:** Secretary/ Zonal President/Councillor)
- It was suggested that zonal symposium should be multidisciplinary to encourage maximum participation. A session for Farmers-scientists interaction should also be proposed for benefit of farmers. KVK people should also be invited in the zonal symposium. (**Action:** Zonal President/Councillor)
- It was also proposed and decided that 2 Laptops with internet data card should be purchased for Secretariat and Editorial work. (**Action:** Secretary - Treasurer)
- Dr. R.K. Jain, Ex-officio and Past President suggested that the archives of back volumes of Indian Phytopathology should not be available free of cost. The Society should earn some financial support from archives. It was also seconded by other EC members. (**Action:** Secretary)
- Dr. R.K. Khetarpal, President, IPS briefly explained about the initiative taken by the Society (IPS) for establishment of “Crop Protection Federation” and about its objectives. He specially acknowledged the contribution and support of Dr Pratibha Sharma and Mr Raj Kumar in this endeavour. The step thus taken was widely appreciated by all the EC members.

The meeting ended after formal vote of thanks by Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal (Editor, IPS) specially to those who had come from different zones. A special thank was also given to Dr. U.S. Singh, President-Elect, IPS for hosting a sumptuous lunch.

  
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