

INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Proceedings of Mid-term EC meeting of the Society held on August 11, 2014

Venue: Guindy Campus, University of Madras, Chennai

Following members of the Executive Council attended the meeting:

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| 1. Dr. M. Anandaraj | : | President |
| 2. Dr. A.K. Misra | : | President -Elect |
| 3. Dr. Pratibha Sharma | : | Secretary |
| 4. Dr. Dinesh Singh | : | Treasurer |
| 5. Dr. I.K. Kalappanvar | : | Zonal President (SZ) |
| 6. Dr. S.I. Harlapur | : | Zonal Councillor (SZ) |
| 7. Dr. B.M. Waghmare | : | Zonal President (WZ) |
| 8. Dr. Sunita J. Magar | : | Zonal Councillor (WZ) |
| 9. Dr. Harvinder Kr. Singh | : | Zonal Councillor (CZ) |

Other EC members namely, Drs. K.S. Hooda, Zonal President (DZ); Vaibhav K. Singh, Zonal Councillor (DZ); Jyoti Kumar, Zonal President (EZ); Manoj Kr. Barnwal, Zonal Councillor (EZ); A.S. Kotasthane, Zonal President (CZ); S.P. Pathak, Zonal President (MEZ) and Hemant Kr. Singh, Zonal Councillor (MEZ) could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupied schedule.

At the outset Dr. Pratibha Sharma, Secretary, welcomed Dr. M. Anandaraj, 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 IPS and highlighted the significant achievement of society and proceedings of Annual General Body Meeting at IGKV, Raipur.

Journal

Secretary informed the EC members that the journal Indian Phytopathology is now up-to-date and March & June issues of 2014 have already been published and available online. The contents of forth-coming September issues are also available online.

Digitized volumes

The documentation of all previous issues (back volumes) of this Journal has been done and ready for 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). Dr. M. Anandaraj,

President-IPS ensured to purchase a set of digitized volume of Indian Phytopathology for their Institute.

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
Southern	October 30-31, 2014	Plant Diseases - Perspectives and Innovative Management Strategies	University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka
Eastern	November 21-22, 2014	Advances in Phytopathological Research in Globalized Era with Reference to Eastern Region	Ranchi University, Ranchi Jharkhand
Mid-Eastern	November 28-29, 2014.	Recent Advances in Diagnosis and Management of Diseases of Field and Horticultural Crops	NDUAT, Kumarganj, Faizabad, U.P.
Delhi	Dec. 16-17, 2014	Innovative approaches in disease management for sustainable development	Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi
Western	Jan. 12-13, 2015	Plant Pathology - Disease diagnosis and management for sustainable Agriculture	Botany Research Center, Department of Botany Maharashtra Mahavidyalaya, Nilanga Dt. Latur (MS)
Central	Mid-January 2015	Innovative Management Strategies to Mitigate Diseases of Agricultural and Horticultural crops	IGKV, Auditorium, CG

North Eastern Zone

Keeping in view of Govt. of India policy of development, the Society has also taken steps to develop North-Eastern Zonal activity. Dr. M. Anandaraj, President-IPS will take initiatives for the same and will contact the concerned persons from NEZ.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Dr. Dinesh Singh has presented the financial statements 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 (March '14 to July '14) additional Rs. 2.5 Lakhs (Rs. Two Lakhs fifty thousand only) has been kept as Term Deposit.

Editorial

The EC decided to change the editorial pattern of the Indian Phytopathology, which consists of one Editor-in-Chief, two Senior Editors and 25 Editors (5 for each disciplines viz., Bacteriology, Fungal Pathology, Mycology, Nematology and Virology). Out of the nominations received from EC, the following names have been finalized for the aforesaid editorial board of the Society.

Chief Editor: Dr. R.K. Khetarpal, Regional Director, CABI South Asia, New Delhi
Senior Editors: Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, Head (Plant Pathology), IARI, New Delhi and
Dr. P. Chowdappa, Director, CPCRI, Kasaragod, Kerala

Editors:

Fungal Pathology

1. B.P. Dandnaik, College of Agriculture, Latur
2. Robin Gogoi, IARI, New Delhi
3. K.P. Singh, GBPUAT, Pantnagar
4. M.P. Thakur, IGKV, Raipur
5. R. Viswanathan, SBI, Coimbatore

Bacteriology

1. R.M. Gade, PDKV, Akola
2. R. Ramesh, ICAR Res. Complex, Goa
3. A. Kumar, IARI, New Delhi
4. Ram Kishun, CISH, Lucknow
5. A.K. Gupta, YSPUHF, Solan

Mycology

1. N. Raaman, Univ. of Madras, Chennai
2. T. Prameela Devi, IARI, New Delhi
3. R.N. Kharwar, BHU, Varanasi,
4. N.S. Atri, Punjabi University, Patiala
5. D.U. Gawai, NES Science College, Nanded

Virology

1. A.P. Suryawanshi, VNMKV, Parbhani,
2. Kajal Kr. Biswas, IARI, New Delhi
3. D.K. Ghosh, NRCC, Nagpur
4. G.P. Rao, IARI, New Delhi
5. R.N. Pandey, AAU, Anand

Nematology

1. Rashid Parvez, IISR, Calicut
2. S. Lingaraju, UAS, Dharwad
3. S.S. Vaish, BHU, Varanasi
4. Rakesh Pandey, CIMAP, Lucknow.
5. B.P. Kurundkar, RWRRS, Mahabaleshwar

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 in consultation with President for the screening and recommendation for the awards.

S.P. Raychaudhury Memorial Lecture Series

The EC agreed on the name of Dr. R.S. Paroda, former DG, ICAR, New Delhi for the year 2013.

The major decisions taken in this meeting is as follows:

- 1. National Symposium:** President informed the house that the next Annual Meeting will be held in Kerala in February/March, 2015. The exact venue will be decided after December 2014. The President will pursue the matter and finalize the topic, venue and date.

(Action: President)
- 2. International Conference:** Secretary informed that the 6th International Conference of the Society will be held in February 2016 at IARI, New Delhi on the topic “**Plant, Pathogens and People**” with the mission “*Challenges in Plant Pathology for the benefit of humankind*”. Request for the necessary permission from the competent authority has been sent and after getting the permission, first circular for the same will be issued very soon.

(Action: Secretary)
- 3. Increase in FPSI Fee:** President Elect, Dr. A.K. Misra has suggested for revision in FPSI fee from Rs. 3000.00 to Rs. 5000.00 for betterment of financial health of the Society. Suggestion was agreed by EC members.

(Action: Secretary)
- 4. Copy editing and paid reviewing system:** To raise the status of our journal and also reduce the editing/proof reading on editorial board, the President suggested the name of Dr. Yateendra Joshi, Pune, a well-known certified editor in the Board of Editors in the Life Sciences (BELS), for copy editing service of the journal Indian Phytopathology. Secretary will pursue the same with concerned person in consultation with President. It was suggested that the paid reviewing system may be applied for the next volume i.e. January 2015 onwards.

(Action: Secretary and President)
- 5. IPS Project - Crop Disease Survey and Surveillance:** It was agreed by the EC that each zone will send the project proposal for the Project: Crop Disease Survey and Surveillance for their zone. The guidelines and proforma of application will be prepared by Drs. R.K. Sharma, Joint Secretary (IPS), Dinesh Singh, Treasurer (IPS) under the chairmanship of Dr. Pratibha Sharma, Secretary (IPS).

(Action: Secretary)

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Dinesh Singh.

Date: September 30, 2014


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