

Report of the Secretary presented at the 38th Annual General Body Meeting held at Bhagalpur, February 11, 1986

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome to the 38th Annual General Body meeting of the Indian Phytopathological Society. I hope you enjoyed the deliberations of the Symposium on "The Concept and Parameters of Durable Resistance in Plants to Pathogenic Diseases" and contributory paper sessions. The overwhelming response from our members for this meeting is gratifying.

Membership and Fellowship

Present membership of the Society is 1191 which includes 87 new members. One hundred and five members did not renew their membership in 1985, and in the sudden demise of Dr. S. Y. Padmanabhan on 29.1.1985, we lost a highly valuable member of the Society. It is a pleasure to inform you that the following 31 members have been admitted as Fellows of the Society: Drs. Quiser Ahmed, K. C. Alexander, Arun Arya, B. S. Bains, J. S. Dhiman, H. C. Dube, M. N. Gupta, S. V. Hegde, K. N. Pandey, P. B. Papdiwal, B. G. Patil, R. K. Prasad, G. N. Qasba, P. Raghuvver Rao, V. Raghunathan, A. N. Roy, B. L. Sharma, D. D. Sharma, M. P. Sharma, O. P. Sharma, B. K. Singh, H. B. Singh, Premrata Singh, R. N. Singh, Surender Singh, S. K. Sinha, H. P. Srivastava, R. P. Thakre, I. P. S. Thind, S. C. Vyas and S. Zachariah.

Financial Position

Financial position of the Society continues to be sound. The Society maintains saving bank account and fixed deposits in Bank of India, Syndicate Bank and Grindlay's Bank. On 31.12.1985, the Society had a total of Rs. 1,58,059.51 in savings account and cash in hand, and Rs. 1,22,000.00 in fixed deposits of 60-63 months, which will mature in 1988-89. Rs. 30,000.00 have been invested in National Saving Certificate Scheme for 6 years, maturing in 1991. The amount in fixed deposits and N.S.C. includes deposits for organising M.J. Narasimhan Award Contest, Best Paper Award for papers published in Indian Phytopathology from the Volume 37, 1984 onwards and Jeersannidhi Lecture Award.

You will be happy to know that Dr. M. J. Thirumalachar has denoted Rs. 10,000/- more to the Society towards Jeersannidhi Lecture Award fund to make Jeersannidhi Lecture an annual feature. We are very thankful to him. The ICAR has also granted to the Society financial assistance of Rs. 15,000/- for organizing Symposium on "Chemical Control of Plant Diseases" held at Hissar on 16-18 February, 1984 and Rs. 15,000/- for the publication of Indian Phytopathology for the year 1984-85, we are highly thankful to the ICAR for increasing the grant by Rs. 3,000.00 for the publication of the journal.

The Journal

During 1985 three issues (No. 4 of Vol. 37 and Nos. 1 and 2 of Vol. 38) of the Journal were printed. As the Chief Editor resigned in October, 1985, publication of the

remaining two issues of Vol. 38 has been delayed but I am happy to inform you that the No. 3 of Vol. 38 will be out in this month and No. 4 is also in the press.

Executive Council Meetings

The EC of the Society had two (7.1.1985 and 3.5.1985) meetings during the year.

Zonal Activities

Delhi

Dr. R. Plumb, Head, Department of Plant Pathology, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, U.K. gave a lecture on "Epidemiology of barley yellow dwarf" on 22.2.1985 at IARI, New Delhi.

Central

A panel discussion on "Post-harvest diseases of fruits and vegetables at Jabalpur" was organised on 30.11.1985 in the Department of Biological Sciences, University of Jabalpur, Jabalpur.

Eastern

A symposium on "Development of plant pathology" in eastern India was held on 20 January, 1986 at Assam Agril. University Campus, Jorhat. It was organized by Dr. A. K. Roy, Councillor, Eastern Zone, under the auspices of the Society.

Western

Dr. K. S. Deshpande, Head, Deptt. of Botany, Science College, Nanded, gave lecture on "Biological control of weeds by phytopathogens" on 21.1.86 at the Deptt. of Plant Pathology, Marathwada Agric. University, Parbhani (M.S.).

Special Lectures

We are highly grateful to Dr. K. S. Bilgrami for kindly delivering 23rd Mundkur Memorial Lecture entitled "Fungal toxins—Effect on living systems", and to Dr. Y. L. Nene, for kindly delivering 3rd Jeersannidhi Award Lecture entitled "Opportunities for research on diseases of pulse crops."

Symposium

This year we organized a symposium on "The concept and parameters of durable resistance in plants to pathogenic diseases" on the recommendation of the ICAR. A large number of eminent scientists of the country took active part in the symposium, which was held under the chairmanship of Dr. D. N. Srivastava. We are thankful to Dr. Srivastava for his keen interest in organising the symposium.

M. J. Narasimhan Academic Award and Medal

(a) *Lecture Award* — Seven papers were received. Congratulations to Km. Neena Rewal for winning the award this year for her paper "Grey mould of chickpea".

(b) *Best Paper Medals* — The committee consisting of Prof. R. S. Singh, Dr. M. M. Payak, Dr. V. V. Chenulu, Dr. J. N. Chand, Dr. J. S. Jothy and Dr. A. Varna recommended the paper entitled "Spread of viruses Y and leaf roll by aphids in potato

fields" by M. N. Singh, B. B. Nagaich and H. O. Agarwal to be the best paper published in Indian Phytopathology Vol. 37 (No. 2, 241-251, 1984). The certificates alongwith medals were presented to the authors.

General Paper Reading Sessions

This year we received 190 papers for presentation.

Resolutions and Recommendations Approved by the General Body

The following resolutions and recommendations were approved by the General Body:

—The number of members of the Editorial Board should be increased by 50%, and systems developed to replace 1/3 of the members every year to maintain a continuity in the policy of the Editorial Board.

—It was decided that Seven Zonal Chapters of the society should be formed and each chapter should have a Chairman and a Councillor.

—Next meeting of the Society should be held at Parbhani or Tirupati.

—The Society should have a Foreign Councillor.

—A person who has been honoured by the Society by inviting to give Mundkur Memorial Lecture or Jeersannidhi Lecture should not be considered for the other lecture.

—Back-volumes of the journal may be sold at 50% of the current selling price to bulk buyers.

—The Subscription of the journal should be increased from Rs. 200.00 to Rs. 400.00 to meet a part of the escalation in the cost of printing of the journal. It will be operative from Vol. 39, No. 1, 1986 of Indian Phytopathology.

—Introduction of a page charge @ 35.00 per printed page in view of the improvements to be introduced in the printing of the journal.

New Members of the Executive Council

The following members have been elected members of the Executive Council for 1986. We heartily welcome them to the Executive Council.

President-Elect	Dr. J. S. Grewal (1986)
Secretary	Dr. Anupam Varma (1986-88)
Joint Secretary	Dr. R. P. Singh (1986-88)
Treasurer	Dr. R. H. Singh (1986-88)
Councillors	Drs. P. N. Chowdhury, Y. R. Sharma, Kumud Kumar, P. P. Sinha, S. C. Vyas J. G. Patel and Ram Kishun (1986)

Acknowledgements

It gives me a great pleasure to extend, on behalf of the members of the Society, hearty vote of thanks to Prof. Ekbal Bahadur Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Bhagalpur

University for providing excellent facilities for the meeting, and to Prof. K. S. Bilgrami, Head, P. G. Department of Botany, and Prof. T. Prasad and all the members of the Local Organizing Committee for the great efforts they have put in organizing the meeting which made it a grand success.

I would also like to express our gratitude to Dr. D. N. Srivastava, Dr. H. S. Sohi, Dr. M. M. Payak, Dr. K. S. Bilgrami, Dr. Y. L. Nene, Dr. V. P. Agnihotri, Dr. M. S. Chatrath, Dr. R. S. Dwivedi, Dr. T. Prasad, Dr. G. S. Dubey, Dr. D. Kumar, Dr. A. K. Sarbhoy, Dr. A. K. Roy (Jorhat), Dr. S. Chandra, Dr. H. N. Verma and Dr. T. P. Bhowmik for kindly chairing various sessions, and to Dr. M. P. Srivastava, Dr. S. S. Kore, Dr. Mahendra Pal, Dr. A. K. Roy, Dr. R. H. Singh, Dr. M. M. Prasad, Dr. S. K. Midha, Dr. R. S. Bilgrami, Dr. R. A. Singh and Dr. D. K. Purohit, for kindly organizing various sessions as rapporteurs. We are also highly thankful to Dr. H. S. Sohi (Chairman), Dr. K. S. Bilgrami and Dr. Y. L. Nene for kindly helping us in judging the Narasimhan Academic Award Contest, and to Prof. T. Prasad, Dr. B. K. Giri, Dr. G. K. Gupta, Dr. D. D. Kulshrestha, Dr. A. K. Roy (Jorhat) and Dr. B. K. Singh for their help in counting the votes.

In the end, I would like to express my gratitude to all the members of the Executive Council and staff at the Headquarter for their generous help in the functioning of the Society. I am particularly indebted to Shri Girdhari Lal, Business Manager of the Society for his untiring support.

Jai Hind,

ANUPAM VARMA
Secretary