

**SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF  
THE INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
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Mr. President, members of the Indian Phytopathological Society, ladies and gentlemen,

I am presenting herewith the sixteenth annual report of the Society for the year 1962. 60 new members joined the Society, 28 as life-members and 32 as ordinary members. Five members have resigned and the total number of the members at the end of the year was 305 and that of subscribers 201. Subscription is still due from 85 members for a period ranging from one year to nine years in some cases. Last year the number of members, who did not pay their subscription was 165, but due to their co-operation the number has been reduced to half and it is hoped that by the next year the number will become insignificant. Very recently we have received new proposals for membership from ten persons. In addition, eight old members have proposed to become life members.

During the year volume XIV, No. 2, 1961 and volume XV, numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4, 1962 of *Indian Phytopathology* have been issued. Title page and indices for volumes I-V and volumes VI-X are in the press. The financial position of the Society continued to be satisfactory. Besides, a sum of Rs. 7,500 continues to remain in the form of National Savings certificates. The amount to the credit of the Society in the Saving bank account with M/s National and Grindlays Bank Ltd., (Lloyds Branch), and cash in hand taken together on 31.12. 1962 was Rs. 14,950.37. Thus the assets of the Society amount to Rs. 22,450.37. In addition several cheques are in the process of collection.

During the year, the receipts amounted to Rs. 11,236.11 and expenditure to Rs. 10,032.81, thus showing a balance of Rs. 1,203.30 in favour of the Society. It may be mentioned that no financial assistance was received by the Society from any source during the year. We have paid the cost of printing vol. XIV Nos. 1 and 2, 1961 and volume XV, No. 1, 1962. The printing of the journal has been in the hands of M/s Oxford Printing Works, New Delhi. On the whole their work has been satisfactory.

During the year under report one council meeting of local members was held to discuss about the business of the Society with Dr. P. R. Mehta, President, in the chair.

The following lectures by eminent scientists were arranged during the year 1962.

1. 22nd February, 1962. Dr. J. G. Horsfall, Director, Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station, New Haven—4, Conn., U.S.A. — 'Fungicides'.
2. 28th Feb., 1962. Dr. T. S. Sadasivan, Director, University Botanical Laboratory, Madras.—'Plant wilts'.

3. 3rd March, 1962. Dr. K. Ramakrishnan, Professor of Plant Pathology, Agricultural College, Coimbatore.—'Technique for isolating Pythiaceus fungi from soil'.
4. 18th Dec., 1962. Dr. D. J. Raski, Visiting Professor from University of California.—'Plant parasitic nematodes'.

At the 12th annual general meeting held in Bombay, in January, 1960, the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved that members of the Society having continued membership for ten years be elected as fellows and be called fellows of the Indian Phytopathological Society (FPS) till such time as they continued to be members. A small fee of Rs. 20 may be charged from such fellows as registration fee". Somehow, this has not so far been given effects. This may be brought to the notice of all members concerned so that they can become fellows of the Society by paying the registration fee of Rs. 20.

Before I close, I may mention here that the first 'Mundkur Memorial Lecture' is being delivered by Professor J. F. Dastur, who very kindly accepted the invitation at great personal inconvenience and we are very grateful to him. Also, a symposium on 'Role of therapeutic treatments for controlling plant diseases' has been arranged for which there has been very favourable response from India and abroad. We are thankful to Shri S. Y. Padmanabhan, Mycologist, C.R.R.I., for kindly taking interest in the matter.

Thanks of the Society are due to the Director, Indian Agricultural Research Institute for kindly permitting us to hold the sixteenth Annual General Body Meeting in this building and for providing all the necessary facilities for the purpose. Thanks are also due to Dr. B. L. Chona, Head of the Division of Mycology and Plant Pathology for providing all the facilities for having the office of the Society in this laboratory. I am much indebted to Dr. P. R. Mehta, President of the Society and Dr. R. Prasada, Chief Editor for advising and helping me in many ways to carry out my duties. I also want to express by thanks to Dr. D. Suryanarayana, Joint Secretary, Dr. M. M. Payak, a local member of the editorial board as well as my other colleagues, for their active interest and co-operation in all matters.

Dr. Glenn S. Pound, Chairman, Biological Division, University of Wisconsin, USA and Ex-President of the American Phytopathological Society was kind enough to send a message wishing the Annual Meeting of the Indian Phytopathological Society a great success and this gesture of good wishes was greatly appreciated.

Sd. S. P. RAYCHAUDHURI  
*Secretary-Treasurer.*

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