

## **Report of the Secretary presented at the 58<sup>th</sup> General Body Meeting of the Indian Phytopathological Society held at North Bengal University, Siliguri, January 31 to February 2, 2006**

Mr. President, Members of Indian Phytopathological Society, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my proud privilege to welcome you all in this 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of the Society at NBU, Siliguri. It gives me great pleasure to present before you the report of various activities of the Society held during 2005.

I am very happy to inform the house that all the four issues of 2005 Vol. 58 have been printed and dispatched to the members of the Society and first issue of Vol. 59: 2006 is in press. During the period 5 issues have been published for which I record my appreciation for the hard and dedicated work done by editorial team.

Following members of Executive Council members were present :

Y.S. Ahlawat	:	President
S.C. Chatterjee	:	Secretary
S.C. Dubey	:	Joint Secretary
R.C. Sharma	:	Treasurer
C.D. Mayee	:	Chief Editor
O.M. Bambawale	:	Zonal President (DZ)
D. Bahukhandi	:	Zonal Councillor (DZ)
B.S. Dileep Kumar	:	Zonal President (EZ)
A. Eswaran	:	Zonal Councillor (SZ)
T. Kalaimani	:	Zonal President (SZ)

The Society has 1730 members on its roll, which includes 240 Annual Members, 1320 Life Members and 170 Subscribers.

### **Nominations for FPSI (2005)**

Out of 16 nominations the committee has recommended and EC approved the following four names for the award of FPSI

- (i) Dr. D.K. Ghosh, NRC for Citrus, Nagpur

- (ii) Dr. A.K. Shukla, NRCRM, Bharatpur  
(iii) Dr. A.K. Singh, IGKV, Ambikapur (CG)  
(iv) Dr. R.K.S. Tewari, IGKV, Bilaspur (CG)

### **Mundkur Memorial Lecture Award (2006)**

The Judging Committee has recommended the name of Dr. G. Bagyanarayana, OU, Hyderabad for this award

### **M.S. Pavgi Memorial Lecture Award (2006)**

The Judging Committee has recommended the name of Dr. T.S. Thind, PAU, Ludhiana for this award

### **Dr. K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Memorial Award (2006)**

The Judging Committee has recommended the name of Dr. A.K. Misra, CISH, Lucknow for this award.

### **A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award (2005-06)**

The Judging Committee has recommended the name of Late Prof. S.P. Raychaudhary for this award.

### **Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award (2005)**

The Judging Committee has recommended the name of Ms. Swarnalee Dutta, Jorhat for this award on the paper entitled "Plant growth promotion and suppression of fusarial wilt in pigeon pea through fluorescent *Pseudomonas* and *Bacillus* strains in presence of rhizobial strain".

### **Dr. K.P.V. Menon Best Poster Paper (2005)**

The Judging Committee has recommended the name of R.G. Sharathchandra, Mysore, Poster No.

108 entitled "*Expression proteomics provides novel insight into elicitor induced biochemical adaptation in pearl millet cells*" for this award. Poster No. 52 entitled "*Citrus yellow vein clearing disease of citrus in India*" by Dr. R.P. Pant *et al.* and Poster No. 148 entitled "*Host plant resistance to brown spot of rice and their management*" by Dr. S.K. Tripathi *et al.* has been recommended for Commendation award.

All Zonal Chapters of the Society remained very active and organized symposia in their respective Zonal Meetings on important aspects of plant diseases. I congratulate Zonal Presidents and Councillors for their sincere efforts and activities.

In the National Symposium on "**Emerging Plant Diseases their Diagnosis and Management**" 284 papers have been received for poster/oral presentation. Three invited speakers also presented their views on the theme of symposium.

Detailed discussions were held on the agenda items of the E.C. Meeting and following decisions were taken and approved by the General Body.

- (i) It is resolved that to institute "Prof. M.K. Patel Memorial Lecture Award" in the field of Plant Bacteriology out of endowment sponsored by Dr. M.V. Desai and facilitated by Dr. D.J. Patel (The guidelines will be developed and presented to the next EC for approval.
- (ii) A committee is to be constituted to review and stream line the procedure for the different awards of the Society.
- (iii) A committee to be constituted to assist in conducting the election of the society in consultation with Secretary.
- (iv) Consequent to prolong discussion a consensus emerged that none of the Executive members will be allowed to remain in office for more than one term in continuation in the same position constitutional amendment be done accordingly.
- (v) G.B. may acquire the statutory power to drop any executive member even in mid-term if sufficient reasons are witness.
- (vi) It is resolved that the committee to evaluate M.J. Narasimhan Medal Award Best Research

Paper Published in journal should be constituted of atleast three members one each nominated by President, Chief Editor and Secretary.

- (vii) In order to improve the quality of the journal it is resolved that the number of short note in each issue of the journal should be limited accordingly referees are advised that if MS is not suitable for full paper is should be returned to author instead of recommending the same as short note.
- (viii) It is resolved that the span of life membership should be limited to the age of 65 years for the purpose of journal, it can be extended further of 5 years by paying of Rs. 2000.00.
- (ix) It is resolved that the 10 years continuous Annual Member can be converted into Life Member by paying of Rs. 2500.00.
- (x) Fee for FPSI award has been approved to increase from Rs. 1000.00 to Rs. 3000.00.
- (xi) Revised membership fees will be as follows:
 

(a) Annual Membership fees	Rs. 500.00
(b) Life Membership fess	Rs. 5000.00
(c) Subscription fees (annual)	Rs. 2000.00

**Foreign Members :** The fee will be revised by calculating the equivalence and enhanced postal charges.

#### Venue for next Annual Meeting

The venue of 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society will be at Rani Durgavati University, Jabalpur.

#### Election of President-Elect and constitution of New Zonal EC (2006)

The Vote Counting Committee have submitted the results for

**President - Elect (2006) :** Prof. Amerika Singh

The Executive Council for the year 2006 will be as follows:

**President:** L.V. Gangawane; **President-Elect:** Amerika Singh; **Secretary :** S.C. Chatterjee;

**Joint Secretary :** S.C. Dubey; **Treasurer :** R.C. Sharma; **Chief Editor :** C.D. Mayee, **Editor:** V.G. Malathi

**Zonal Chapters (2006)****Delhi**

Zonal President	T.R. Sharma	Elected
Zonal Councillor	K.K. Biswas	

**Northern**

Zonal President	S.K. Mann	Nominated
Zonal Councillor	P.P.S. Pannu	

**Mid-Eastern**

Zonal President	N.N. Tripathi	Nominated
Zonal Councillor	Pooja Singh	

**Eastern**

Zonal President	N. Irabanta Singh	Nominated
Zonal Councillor	G.K.N. Chhetry	

**Central**

Zonal President	Kusum Mathur	Nominated
Zonal Councillor	S.S. Sharma	

**Southern**

Zonal President	R. Chandramohanam	Nominated
Zonal Councillor	M. Gunasekaran	

**Western**

Zonal President	P.K. Chakraborty	Nominated
Zonal Councillor	D.K. Ghosh	

In compliance to 57<sup>th</sup> General Body resolution regarding account of 56<sup>th</sup> National Symposium held at IARI, New Delhi. The Organizers have transferred the savings to the Society as a result of concentrated efforts by President, Local Executive and some past presidents with the request that the same amount be utilized for institution of a lecture in the name of Late Prof. S.P. Raychaudhary.

On behalf of the Society I thankfully acknowledge the grant of enhanced Financial Assistance of Rs. 1,20,000/- (Rupees One Lakh twenty thousand) for publication of the journal by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.

It is resolved to revise the salary of Business Manager to Rs. 6000.00.

I also express my sincere gratitude to Dr. Y.S. Ahlawat, President of the Society for his guidance, advice, encouragement and support in day-to-day functioning of the Society. I am also thankful to Chairmen and members of different sessions for conducting the proceedings nicely. I thank very profusely Dr P.K. Saha, Vice-Chancellor and Prof. B.N. Chakraborty Local Organizing Secretary, convenors and chairmans of various Organizing Committees for their wholehearted support in hosting the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and National Symposium at North Bengal University, Siliguri. My thanks are also due to all the staff members and student for rendering their valuable help in various ways for making the Meeting a grand success. It is my prime duty to thank all the members of E.C. for their cooperation, advice, support and suggestions in various matters for making this Meeting a grand success. Last but not the least I am thankful to staff at the Headquarters of IPS.

(S.C. Chatterjee)  
Secretary