

## **Report of the Secretary presented at the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body meeting of the Society and National Symposium on “Plant Disease Scenario in Organic Agriculture for Eco-friendly Sustainability” held at Regional Wheat Rust Research Station, Mahabaleshwar (MS), January 10-12, 2008**

I heartily welcome Prof. S.S. Chahal, President of the Society. It is indeed my proud privilege to welcome all the Executive Council members of the Society, who have shown their keen interest in the affairs of the Society and have taken trouble to come over here at Mahabaleshwar to attend this EC Meeting.

I am happy to inform the house that three issues of Vol. 60 : 2007 have been printed and dispatched to the members and forth issue is in press. The efforts for enhancement of accreditation rank of our journal is in process.

The following members have been nominated and elected in the Editorial Board namely, Drs. A.K. Sood, Palampur (Bacteriology), Indranil Dasgupta, New Delhi (Virology), N.N. Tripathi, Gorakhpur (Fungal Pathology) as Associate Editor and Drs. T.S.S.K. PATRO, *Vizianagaram* (Bacteriology), L. SOBITA DEVI SIMON, *Allahabad* (Nematology), V. PRAKASAM, *Coimbatore* (Pathology), R.N. KHARWAR, *Varanasi* (Pathology), ARUN ARYA, *Baroda* (Mycology) and Dr. S.K. Gandhi, Hisar (Pathology) as Editorial Members.

The Society has 1717 on its roll, which includes 195 Annual Members, 1376 Life Members and 146 Subscribers.

**Awards:** The Screening Committee has recommended the names for following awards and approved by the General Body:

- (i) **Mundkur Memorial Lecture Award (2008) :** Dr. R.K. Khetarpal, Head, Plant Quarantine Division, NBPGR, New Delhi 110012
- (ii) **Dr. A.P. Misra Life Time Achievement Award (2007-08) :** Dr. R.L. Munjal, New Delhi
- (iii) **Prof. S.N. Dasgupta Memorial Lecture Award (2007-08):** Dr. Satish Lodha, Principal

Scientist, Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur-342003 (Rajasthan)

- (iv) **Jeersanidhi Memorial Lecture Award (2007-08) :** Dr. (Ms.) S.K. Mann, Dean P.G. Studies, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-141004 (Punjab)
- (v) **Dr. K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Memorial Award to write a review article (2008) :** Dr. R.D. Rawal. Pr. Scientist, Deptt. of Plant Pathology, Indian Instt. of Hort. Research, Hessaraghatta Lake Post, Bangalore-560089 (Karnataka)
- (vi) **Prof. M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award:** Dr. Kalyan K. Mondal, Sr. Scientist, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi 110012
- (vii) **Prof. Dastur Memorial Lecture Award :** Dr. Akhilesh Pandey, Professor, Deptt. of Biological Sciences, R.D. University, Jabalpur-482001 (M.P.)
- (viii) **Fellow of Indian Phytopathological Society (FPSI) 2007:** Out of seven nominations received the Screening Committee has recommended the following four names for **Fellow of Indian Phytopathological Society (FPSI)**
  - 1. G.K.N. Chhetry, Assoc. Professor, Deptt. of Life Sciences, Manipur University, Canchipur, Imphal-795003, Manipur
  - 2. Dr. R.B. Singh, Assoc. Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, N.D. Univ. of Agril. & Technology, Kumarganj, Faizabad 224229 (UP)
  - 3. Dr. Shamarao Jahagirdar, Sr. Scientist (Plant Pathology), Department of Plant Pathology, Agricultural Research Station, Nipani- 591237, Belgaum, Karnataka

4. Dr. Ramesh Chandra, Professor cum Plant Pathologist, Deptt. of Mycology and Plant Pathology, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi-221005

**Prof. M.J. Narasimahan Academic Merit Award (2007):** The Judging Committee has announced the name of Dr. G. Manjunath, Downy Mildew Research Lab, DOS in Applied Botany and Biotechnology, University of Mysore, Manasagangotri, Mysore-570006 (Karnataka) for this award on the paper entitled "Nitric oxide mediates defense mechanisms in response to *Sclerospora graminicola*, an incitant of downy mildew disease in pearl millet" as the winner out of seven contestants.

**K.P.V. Menon Best Poster Award (2007):** The Judging Committee has recommended the name of Ms. Sadaf Quereshi, Mycology Research Lab., Deptt. of Biological Sciences, R.D. University, Jabalpur-482001 (M.P.) for this award for poster (No. P.12 Session IV) entitled "Partial characterization of herbicidal compounds from *Phoma* sp. FGCC#54 effective against prominent weeds of Madhya Pradesh". The following five names were recommended for Commendation Certificate:

1. Dr. S.K. Gupta, Assoc. Professor, Department of Mycology & Plant Pathology, Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan-173230 (HP)
2. Ms. Kumari Anjali, SRF, Division of Microbiology, IARI, New Delhi 110012
3. Dr. B.T. Raut, Department of Plant Pathology, Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola - 444104 (MS)
4. Dr. A.K. Vijayan, Scientist, (Plant Pathology), Indian Cardamom Research Institute (Spice Board, Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India), Idukki- 685553, Kerala
5. Ms. Sapna Sharma, SRF, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi 110012

**Zonal Chapter activities:** I am happy to inform the house that all the seven Zonal Chapters of the Society actively organized symposia on different themes at their respective Zonal Meetings on important aspects of Plant Pathology. I congratulate Zonal Presidents and Councillors for their sincere efforts and activities.

In this National Symposium on "Plant Disease Scenario in Organic Agriculture for Eco-friendly Sustainability" 215 papers have been received for presentation. 15 invited speakers, 20 oral lecture and 180 posters presented on the theme of symposium.

#### International Conference

The 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Plant Pathology will be held on the topic "**Plant Pathology in the Globalized Era**" during November 10-13, 2009 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi-110012, India.

#### Executive Council (2008)

The following members are elected as Zonal President and Councillor of the respective zone for the year 2008 and the Executive Council for the year 2008 will be as follows:

President: S.S. Chahal, President-Elect: R.K. Jain; Secretary: S.C. Chatterjee; Joint Secretary: U.D. Singh; Treasurer: Pratibha Sharma; Chief Editor: B.L. Jalali; Editor: V.G. Malathi

#### Zonal Presidents/Councillors (2008)

##### Delhi

Zonal President	R.K. Mittal	Elected
Zonal Councillor	Dinesh Singh	

##### Northern

Zonal President	J. Kumar	Elected
Zonal Councillor	M.S. Saharan	

##### Mid-Eastern

Zonal President	K.P. Singh	Elected
Zonal Councillor	P. Srinivas	

##### Western

Zonal President	S.K. Singh	Elected
Zonal Councillor	S.K. Potadar	

##### Central

Zonal President	S.N. Singh	Nominated
Zonal Councillor	G.N. Pandey	

##### Eastern

Zonal President	N.C. Mandal	Nominated
Zonal Councillor	M.K. Biswas	

##### Southern

Zonal President	V. Prakasam	Nominated
Zonal Councillor	R. Velazhahan	

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a grand success. My thanks are also due to all the staff members and students 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 activities of the Society. Last but not the least, I am thankful to staff at the Headquarters of IPS for infrastructural support.

I would like to inform this august house that two life members and of our Society passed away to their heavenly abode during this year namely Dr. Amerika Singh and Dr. H.K. Saksena We the members of the Society express our sincere condolences and profound grief to the bereaved families and pray to almighty that their souls may rest in peace.

Dr. S.C. Chatterjee  
(Secretary)