

Report of the Secretary presented during the 62nd Annual General Body meeting of the Society held at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, November 13, 2009

Dr. S.S. Chahal, President chaired the session.

The Secretary welcomed all the members of Executive Committee and discussed about progress made by Society regarding. He informed 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 and congratulated Zonal Presidents and Councillors for their sincere efforts and activities.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 5th International Conference on Plant Pathology was held on the topic "Plant Pathology in the Globalized Era" during November 10-13, 2009 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India. 665 delegates attended the conference and 99 invited lectures and 545 posters were presented.

AWARDS

Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award (2009)

The Judging Committee has announced the name of K. Prabha, IARI, New Delhi for this award on the paper entitled "Cloning and characterization of NBS encoding resistance gene homologues from *Fusarium* wilt resistant pigeonpea plants" as the winner out of seven contestants.

K.P.V. Menon Best Poster Award (2009)

This year one award was awarded for each of 3 days presentation as per EC decision in view of 3 days international conference.

First Day, November 10, 2009

Winner: S. Chandra Nayaka, A.C. Udaya Shankar, S.R. Niranjana, C.N. Mortensen and HS Prakash Department of Studies in Biotechnology, University of Mysore, Mysore. Poster No. **463** entitled "Mandipropamid induced resistance to downy mildew in sunflower caused by *Plasmopara halstedii*"

Commendation

1. **Dipanwita Sinha, Hitendra K. Patel and Ramesh V. Sonti** CCMB and Hyderabad: Poster No. **104** entitled "Suppression of cell wall damage initiated innate immunity in *Xanthomonas*- rice interaction."

2. **S.C. Dubey, Aradhika Tripathi, Sheo Raj Singh, Vivek Singh, Kumari Priyanka and Meenakshi** IARI, New Delhi, Poster No. **218** entitled "Determination of diversity and development of molecular markers for *Fusarium oxysporum* f.sp. *ciceris* causing chickpea wilt based on ITS region."
3. **Rajan Sharma, VP Rao and RP Thakur** ICRISAT, Patancheru, Andhra Pradesh, Poster No. **219** entitled "Characterization of *Sclerospora graminicola* isolates for pathogenic and genetic diversity."
4. **R. Rathour, T.R. Sharma, N.K. Singh, A.K. Singh, U.D. Singh, A.S. Kapoor, R.P. Kaushik, D. Maiti, N.P. Mandal, S.K. Prashanthi and N.G. Hanamaratti** - Department of Agri. Biotech. HPKV, Palampur, Poster No. **203** entitled "Virulence structure of *Magnaporthe oryzae* population from Himanchal Pradesh as revealed by monogenic blast differentials."
5. **Archana Sharma, Sangit Kumar and Meena Shekhar** - DMR, New Delhi, Poster No. **190** entitled "Cultural and morphological variability in the isolates of *Exserohilum turcicum* of maize."

Second Day: November 11, 2009

Winner: M.K. Singh, B. Mandal, G.A. Elbadri and A. Varma - ACPV, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi. Poster No. **501** entitled "Association of a variant of *Cotton leaf curl Gezira virus* and the associated DNA and nanovirus – like DNA molecules with leaf disease of okra in Sudan"

Commendation

1. **Poonam Dhawan, S.K. Gandhi and Pawan Kumar** - Department of Plant Pathology, CCS, Hisar, Poster No. **478** entitled "Role of multiple diseases and abiotic stresses in lopping syndrome of onion seed crop and its management."
2. **Rajini Jain and Kailash Agrawal** - Department of Botany Agrawal P.G College, Jaipur, Poster No. **568** entitled "Seed-borne infection of *Pseudomonas syringae* pv. *syringae*, its Phytopathological effects and diseases management in cluster bean."
3. **S. K. Tripathi, A.K. Jain and G. Jha** - AICRIP, JNKVV, College of Agriculture Rewa, Madhya Pradesh, Poster No. **394** entitled "Dynamics of host resistance of grain discoloration of rice and their management." Email: sanat62tripathi@rediffmail.com

4. **Birendra Singh and S.C. Dubey** - IARI, New Delhi, Poster No. **386** entitled "Combinations of insecticide and fungicide in various modes of application for the management of cercospora leaf spots and yellow mosaic of mungbean."
5. **V. Suryanarayana, C.M. Siddaraju and S.T. Naik** - Department of Forest Biology and Tree Improvement, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Sirsi Poster No. **445 I** entitled. "**Magnitude, epidemiology and losses caused by Fusicladium leaf blight of Pongamia pinnata- a destructive nursery disease in Karnataka**"

Third Day: November 12, 2009

Winner: J. Preetida, Yogendra Singh, Taruna Madan, Anupam Varma, Seemi Farhat Basir and P. Usha Sarma. Poster No. **766** entitled "Bioinformatics approach to study the Polyketide Synthases in *Aspergilli* and development of diagnostics."

Commendation

1. **Chandra Bhanu and J.S. Mishra** Project Directorate for Farming System Research, Modipuram, Meerut, Poster No. **591** entitled "Biological control of exotic weed *Lagascea mollis* in Soybean-mustard cropping system by using a potential rust bio-herbicide."
2. **AK Gupta, Chhaya Sharma, R.S. Jarial, D.K. Srivastava, Kishore Khosla, S.S. Bhardwaj, K.P. Singh and Rup Lal** - *Department of Mycology and Plant*

Pathology, D.R. Parmar, University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan, Poster No. 594 entitled "Biological control of crown gall by native *Agrobacterium radiobacter* isolates and their effects on growth of peach plants."

3. **KS Hooda, D Joshi, JC Bhatt and NK Hedau** - Directorate of Maize Research, New Delhi, *Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan, Almora, Poster No.613* entitled "Organic approaches for the management of tomato diseases in north west Himalaya."
4. **Kavya Dashora, Veena Gupta and Arun Kumar** - Germplasm Conservation Division, National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi, Poster No. **735** entitled "Augmentative bio-control: an eco-friendly approach for plant disease management."
5. **A.C. Udaya Shankar, S. Chandra Nayaka, S.R. Niranjana, C.N. Mortensen and H.S. Prakash** - Department of Studies in Biotechnology, University of Mysore, Manasagangotri, Mysore, Karnataka, and Poster No. **797** entitled "Strobilurins for management of *Bean common mosaic virus* in French bean."

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the chair.

S.C. Chatterjee
(Secretary)