



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Report of the Secretary presented during the 63th Annual General Body meeting of the society Held at Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat, December 15, 2010

I heartily welcome Dr. R.K. Jain, President of the Society. It is indeed my proud privilege to welcome all the members of Executive Council of the Society, who have shown their keen interest in the affairs of the Society and have taken trouble to come over here at Anand to attend this Annual EC Meeting. The Society has 1717 on its roll, which includes 195 Annual Members, 1376 Life Members and 146 Subscribers.

I am happy to inform the house that three the issues of Vol. 63: 2010 have been printed and dispatched to the members and fourth issue is in press. The efforts for enhancement of accreditation rank of our journal is in process.

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.

In the Core Committee meeting of International Conference on "Plant Pathology in the Globalized Era", held on Sept. 30, 2010, the following resolution/decisions were taken:

- a. "It is resolved that the account of international conference (SB A/c No. 9029.201.93485) with syndicate Bank, Pusa Campus Branch, New Delhi be closed and the balance amount Rs. 5,03,841.94 (Rs. Five Lacs three thousand Eight Hundred Forty One and Ninety four Paisa only) alongwith the interest due on date of closure be transfer to Society's account No. 9029.201.5900"
- b. The Committee suggested that the amount saved be utilized for : (i) making the journal online (ii) creation of award in the memory of late Dr. S.P. Raychaudhuri, founder member, Ex-President, Ex-Chief Editor.
- c. The committee consequent to completion of International Conference, decided to dissolve itself with immediate effect.
- d. The account for international conference has been audited and balance sheet will appear in the subsequent issue of the journal.

The account of international conference (SB A/c No. 9029.201.93485) has been accordingly closed after transferring the balance amount.

The EC deliberated on these suggestions and resolved that first priority will be to making the journal online and the remaining amount be utilized for creating Late Dr. Dr. S.P. Raychaudhuri award endowment.

The following members have been nominated and elected in the Editorial Board namely,

Associate Editors

Mycology: V.B. Hosagoudar, Thiruvananthapuram

Members

Mycology: Ashok Aggarwal, *Kurukshetra*; Jamaluddin, Jabalpur; **Bacteriology:** S.K. Chakrabarti, Shimla; S.K. Duttamajumder, Lucknow; **Fungal Pathology:** Naresh Mehta, *Hisar*; Samir K. Biswas, *Kanpur*; A.S. Patil, *Pune*; L. Daiho, *Medziphema*; P. Srinivas, *Bhubaneswar*; **Virology:** T. Makesh Kumar, Thiruvananthapuram; S.K. Raj, Lucknow; G.P. Rao, Gorakhpur; **Nematology:** Akhtar Haseeb, Aligarh

Awards

The Screening Committee has recommended the names for the following awards which were accepted by EC and approved by General Body:

- (i) A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award (2008-09): Dr. Y.L. Nene, Hyderabad
- (ii) A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award (2010-11): Prof. Anupam Varma, New Delhi
- (iii) Mundkur Memorial Lecture Award (2011): Prof. V. Prakasam, Coimbatore, TN
- (iv) M.S. Pavgi Award Lecture (2011) : Dr. D.K. Agarwal, New Delhi
- (v) Dastur Memorial Lecture Award (2011): Dr. Kusum Mathur, MPUAT, Udaipur
- (vi) M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award (2011): Dr. Samir Kr. Biswas, Kanpur
- (vii) K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award (2011) for writing a review article in Indian Phytopathology: Dr. Sushant Banik, Nagaland
- (viii) Fellow of Indian Phytopathological Society (FPSI) (2010):

The Screening Committee has recommended the following 4 names for Fellow of Indian Phytopathological Society (FPSI) 2010 which was accepted by the EC

- (i) Dr. Dr. V. Kurucheve, Annamalai Univ, TN
 (ii) Dr. Dinesh Singh, IARI, New Delhi
 (iii) Dr. Ashok Chavan, Aurangaabd, MS
 (iv) Dr. N.K. Dubey, BHU, Varanasi

New award

Sharda C. Lele Memorial Award has been approved by the EC to be instituted w.e.f. 2011-12, the endowment amount of Rs. 5 Lakhs has been kept in fixed deposit for the purpose.

Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award Contest (2010)

The Judging Committee has recommended the name of Ms. M.V. Jiby, IISR, Calicut, Kerala for this award on the paper entitled "Development of *Agrobacterium* mediated transformation protocol and transgenic lines of black pepper for resistance against viruses" and also recommended commendation certificate to (i) Deepak Rajpurohit, Rajasthan for the paper entitled "Pyramiding of bacterial blight resistance (*xa21* and *xa13*) and semidwarfing (*sd-1*) genes in type 3 basmati using marker-assisted selection" and (ii) Susheel Kumar, IARI, New Delhi for the paper entitled "Molecular characterization of *Citrus tristeza virus* isolates from different geographical regions of India".

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/Councillors for their sincere efforts and activities.

Executive Council (2011)

As per the result declared the Executive Council for the year 2011 will be as follows:

President: Dr. T.S. Thind; *President Elect:* Dr. R.K. Khetarpal;
Secretary: Pratibha Sharma; *Joint Secretary:* R.K. Sharma;
Treasurer: Dinesh Singh

Zone Chapters

<i>President</i>	<i>Councillor</i>
<i>Delhi</i>	
D.B. Parakh, NBPGR	V. Celia Chalam, NBPGR
<i>Northern</i>	
Y.S. Paul, Palampur	D.K. Banyal, Palampur
<i>Mid-Eastern</i>	
Rajendra Prasad, Kanpur	Samir Kr. Biswas, Kanpur

EC has authorized local EC to nominate the Zonal President/Councillor for these zones namely, Southern, Eastern, Central and Western.

Detailed discussions were held in the meeting and following decisions were taken:

- The suggestion to hold Annual National and Zonal Symposium alternate year was discussed and it was not approved.
- 10% of registration fee of the zonal symposium should be deposited in the Society.
- All manuscripts from 2004 to 2008 be return back to authors for updating and resubmission. These manuscripts will be given priority in printing, for the purpose a special issue may be published
- The house proposes that enquiry should be made regarding criteria for impact factor down grading of the journal.
- On principle it was decided to bring out NEWS LETTER on financially self sustaining mode. EC to explore the proposal and identify a convener for the same.
- It has been resolved to increase the Membership fee. EC to develop proposal.
- It has been resolve to publish Practical Manual of Molecular and Genomic Technique for Plant Pathology (tentative title). Dr. V.G. Malathi has been entrusted to develop within a month and it was desired that the Book may be released in the next national symposium.
- The suggestion regarding utilization of saving of international conference was approved.

S.C. Chatterjee
 (Secretary)