

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY (1953)

I am presenting herewith the Seventh Annual Report for the year 1953 of the Indian Phytopathological Society. During this year twelve new members were admitted to the Society bringing the total number to 180. A large number of members has not yet paid the 1953 membership fee but it is expected that it would be paid soon. The total number of subscribers at present is 130. I am very happy to state that our Journal now enjoys a wide circulation in America, Europe, Asia and Australia, and practically every big library is subscribing to it. Subscriptions from India, however, continue to be few in number and it is requested that individual members would exercise their influence to secure more subscribers and also enrol more members.

Two numbers of Indian Phytopathology were sent out during this year and third number would be issued by the middle of this month. This would be Vol. V, No. 2 of 1952. That means that we are still in arrears by one year. Every effort will be made to make it up during 1954 provided the members cooperate by sending their scientific papers to us in preference to foreign journals. Considering the wide circulation which Indian Phytopathology now enjoys, it should no longer be necessary to send these papers for publication abroad.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that the financial position of the Society continues to be sound. The year started with an opening balance of Rs. 5,251-8-9 putting aside a sum of Rs. 5,000/- invested in National Savings Certificates. Income during the year amounted to a round figure of Rs. 3,000/- and the amount spent was about Rs. 2,600/- A sum of Rs. 500/- was received as publication grant from the National Institute of Sciences of India for which we are very grateful. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research have discontinued their subsidy towards the publication of this Journal because, according to them, no help is required by us on account of our sound financial position. A duly audited Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the previous year is placed before you and that for 1953 will be sent to you after it has been audited.

As decided in the Annual General Meeting held last year, a circular was sent to all the members inviting their views and suggestions for the commemoration of the services of late Dr. B. B. Mundkur towards Mycology in India. The response unfortunately was poor.

I take this opportunity to express my grateful thanks to the members of the Society, the President and the Councillors for their kind support in the discharge of my duties. I am particularly grateful to my friend Dr. S. P. Raychaudhuri for helping me in various ways.

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R. Prasada
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes of the Seventh Annual General Meeting held on 3-1-1954 at the Indian Science Congress Session at Hyderabad-Dn.

In the absence of the President of the Society, Rev. H. Santapau was unanimously elected to preside over the meeting which was attended by nine members and three visitors.

The minutes of the Sixth Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

Report for 1953 was presented by the Secretary-Treasurer.

The ballot papers were opened and scrutinised by the Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer and the following members were declared to the Council of 1954 :—

<i>President</i>	Dr. S. N. Das Gupta.
<i>Vice-President</i>	Dr. P. R. Mehta.
<i>Councillors</i>	Dr. M. R. S. Iyengar.
			Dr. R. S. Mathur
			Dr. U. N. Mohanty.
			Shri K. G. Nema.
			Dr. N. Prasad.
			Shri K. V. Srinivasan.

The Following resolutions were passed unanimously :—

1. Resolved that a sum of Rs. 29-6-6 (Rupees Twenty nine, annas six and pies six only) which remained unaccounted for on account of the sudden death of Dr. B. B. Mundkur in December, 1952, be written off as irrecoverable.

2. Resolved that a part-time clerical aid be allowed to the Secretary-Treasurer upto Rs. 30/- per month for office and editorial work.

3. Resolved that the Secretary-Treasurer should attend the Annual Meetings of the Society and draw single II Class railway fare and Rs. 40/- (approximately 4 daily allowances) to cover part of incidental expenses, in case he is not sent officially as a delegate from his Institution.

4. Resolved that the Editor-in-Chief should be an ex-officio member of the Council.

In the absence of the retiring President, Dr. R. S. Vasudeva, copies of his address were distributed to the members present.

The meeting terminated after passing votes of thanks to the retiring office-bearers, the National Institute of Sciences of India for their generous financial aid, the Indian Science Congress Association for providing necessary facilities and the Chairman for conducting the proceedings of the meeting.

R. Prasada
Secretary-Treasurer

H. Santapau
Chairman