

INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Proceedings of Mid-Term Executive Council Meeting (Virtual) held on May 23, 2020

Operated from IPS office premise, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi

Following members of the Executive Council attended the meeting:

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| 1. Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty | : | President |
| 2. Dr. Pratibha Sharma | : | President-Elect |
| 3. Dr. Robin Gogoi | : | Secretary |
| 4. Dr. Kalyan K. Mondal | : | Joint Secretary |
| 5. Dr. Malkhan Singh Gurjar | : | Treasurer |
| 6. Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal | : | Ex-officio |
| 7. Dr. T. Prameela Devi | : | Zonal President (DZ) |
| 8. Dr. Deeba Kamil | : | Zonal Councillor (DZ) |
| 9. Dr. B. Srinivasulu | : | Zonal President (CZ) |
| 10. Dr. K. Sessa Kiran | : | Zonal Councillor (CZ) |
| 11. Dr. Jaspal Kaur | : | Zonal President (NZ) |
| 12. Dr. Abhishek Sharma | : | Zonal Councillor (NZ) |
| 13. Dr. N. Tiameren Ao | : | Zonal President (NEZ) |
| 14. Dr. Sushant Banik | : | Zonal Councillor (NEZ) |
| 15. Dr. Arup K. Mukherjee | : | Zonal President (EZ) |
| 16. Dr. M.K. Bag | : | Zonal Councillor (EZ) |
| 17. Dr. M.R. Khan | : | Zonal President (MEZ) |
| 18. Dr. M.A Siddiqui | : | Zonal Councillor (MEZ) |
| 19. Dr. P. Nallathambi | : | Zonal President (SZ) |
| 20. Dr. C. Uma Maheswari | : | Zonal Councillor (SZ) |
| 21. Dr. R.M. Gade | : | Zonal President (SZ) |
| 22. Dr. D.L. Wasule | : | Zonal Councillor (SZ) |

Dr. Robin Gogoi, Secretary, welcomed Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty, President, IPS and requested to chair the meeting. He also welcomed the other EC members who have taken keen interest to attend this virtual meeting despite their busy schedule.

Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty, President, IPS also welcomed all the EC members. In his address, he elaborated about the significant crop losses due to pest and diseases and the obligation of plant pathologists to play a major role to save the avoidable losses. He reminded about the International Year of Plant Health 2020, where the Society has to show a path to the country to address the major issues related to crop disease management. He also emphasized on bridging the gap between the three major stakeholders, *viz.*, academia, policy makers and industries for effective implementation of plant protection measures. Further, he requested Dr. Robin Gogoi, Secretary to proceed with the agenda items.

Secretary's Report

1. Activities of the Society

Brief report by Secretary on IPS 7th International Conference: "Phytopathology in Achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals"

Secretary presented a brief report on the 7th International Conference on "Phytopathology in Achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals" organized by the Indian Phytopathological Society (IPS) during January 16-20, 2020 at New Delhi. Altogether 708 delegates from 24 countries participated in this mega-event of which 40 delegates were from outside India. There were 60 farmer delegates from different states of India who participated in Scientist –Industry - Farmers Interface on 19th January 2020. Four days long conference from Jan 16 to 19, 2020 comprised of 21 technical sessions and deliberated on 21 different themes. There were 8 plenary speakers, 49 keynote speakers, 76 invited speakers, 130 oral speakers and 423 poster presentations in the conference. Proceeding of the conference is available on IPS Website (www.ipsdis.org).

The Secretary informed the following decision approved by the last Annual General Body Meeting held on January 19, 2020.

- i. **Re-initiation of cash prize for AP Misra Lifetime Achievement Award**
GB agreed to increase cash prize from Rs. 10,000.00 to Rs. 15,000.00 to the awardee.
- ii. **Institution of new award named "Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay Oration Award" for Innovation in Biointensive Management of Plant Diseases and "Dr. S. Nagarajan IPS Travel Sponsorship Award for Young Researchers"**
- iii. **Resolution: The General Body (GB) deliberated at length on the issue of the powers vested in the President of the IPS.**

Based on the aforementioned discussion the GB - amongst other things - also bestowed upon the President of the Society the power to expel any person from the primary membership of the Society. This should be done in consultation with Executive Council members, if his/her conduct and actions prove to be highly unbecoming of a responsible member of a reputed professional national association like the Indian Phytopathological Society (Ref.: Byelaws of the Society **Article 9**: Meetings of the Executive Council, No. iii: *On any emergent issue, the President in consultation with the Secretary shall be empowered to take decisions subject to subsequent approval by the members of the Executive Council*).

- iv. **Formation of a High-Level Committee to Review and Revise the Byelaws of the Society.**

A committee with following members was constituted by the EC to Review and Revise the existing Byelaws of the Society in view of the needs and changing scenario that was last revised 24 years ago, in Feb. 1996.

Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay	- Chairman
Prof. C. Manoharachary	- Member
Dr. S.S. Chahal	- Member
Dr. B.L. Jalali	- Member
Dr. C.D. Mayee	- Member
Ex-officio, IPS	- Member
President, IPS	- Member
Secretary, IPS	- Member Secretary

GB also felt that some more member may be included with the representation of women and middle age scientist in the committee. EC may decide as per requirements as co-opted members later. Accordingly, Dr. Robin Gogoi, Secretary suggested the following names to be included in the committee namely, Dr. Pratibha Sharma (President-Elect), Dr. Kalyan K. Mondal (Joint Secretary), Dr. Malkhan Singh Gurjar, (Treasurer) and Dr. P. Nallathambi (Zonal President, SZ) which was agreed by the EC members.

Secretary's updates on IPS publications

Journal: *Indian Phytopathology*

Secretary informed that two issues (March and June - 2020) of the journal "*Indian Phytopathology*" is published timely and are available online on Springer portal. The 18 articles were accepted for publication in September issue (2020). Presently, sufficient number of manuscripts are available with the Society for consideration for publication in the *Indian Phytopathology* that will cater to the next issue of the journal.

IPS Newsletter - *Indian Phytopath News*

The March issue of Newsletter is published and is available online on IPS website and the April – June issue (2020) will soon be compiled after getting the news items from all the editors. EC members are requested to collect and provide news materials for its timely publication.

The Newsletter consisted of news items, viz., Research Highlights, Activities (viz., Seminar/symposia/brainstorming sessions/conferences/Training attended/conducted), Forth-coming events, Awards/Honours received and Miscellaneous (Promotion/ transfer/ Necrology/ Foreign visit/ important news (world-wide) related to plant pathology, disease outbreak etc.).

Further, the President emphasized to initiate a column in the Newsletter from the next issue that will forge greater collaboration with all stakeholders of crop protection viz., Academia, Industry and Govt. The information is expected to benefit the students and researchers, where they are expected to learn about the latest technologies launched by the industry or the policies developed by the policy-makers related to plant protection. Similarly, Govt. authorities and industries may get information about the knowledge generated for advancement on pathogen etiology, their behavior, epidemiology or management technologies developed by scientists to enable development and implementation of effective IPM strategy with involvement of all relevant stakeholders for the bio-security and sustainability of the crops.

Following decision was taken in the present EC meeting held on May 23, 2020

2. Editorial Board Nominations (2020-22) for Journal

The EC duly acknowledged the Editorial Board (2017-19) for their exemplary services provided to the Society. It was suggested by the President to send a request to the editorial board members to continue their service till new Editorial Board (2020-22) is formed.

Out of the following 6 nominations given below, **Dr. B.N. Chakraborty, Aliah University, Kolkata** was unanimously selected as **Chief Editor**.

1. Dr. B.N. Chakraborty, Aliah University, Kolkata
2. Dr. Bikas Mandal, IARI, New Delhi
3. Dr. Bushan L. Jalali, Faridabad
4. Dr. M. Krishna Reddy, IIHR, Bangalore
5. Dr. M. S. Saharan, IARI, New Delhi
6. Dr. Prasun K. Mukherjee, BARC, Mumbai

A thorough discussion was held regarding the selection of Sr. Editors and Editors. Some EC members suggested that there should be some specific guidelines for selection of the editors and Sr. editors. It was also suggested that the priority be given to those who have contributed significantly in the review of the papers in *Indian Phytopathology*. So it was decided to take the decision for selection of Editors from the list mentioned below within a week by sending the shortlisted eligible names to all the EC members.

Nominations received**Senior Editor 1: Fungal Pathology, Nematology, Mycology**

1. Dr. Apurba K. Chowdhury, UBKV
2. Dr. B.N. Chakraborty, Aliah University, Kolkata
3. Dr. M.R. Khan, AMU, Aligarh
4. Dr. M.S. Prasad, Hyderabad
5. Dr. M.S. Saharan, IARI, New Delhi
6. Dr. Naresh Mehta, Hisar
7. Dr. P.M. Bhattacharya, UBKV, Cooch Behar, WB
8. Dr. R. Viswanathan, SBI, Coimbatore
9. Dr. S.K Gupta, Solan, Hisar

Senior Editor 2: Bacteriology, Virology

1. Dr. A. Kumar, IARI, New Delhi
2. Dr. D.K. Ghosh, CCRI, Nagpur
3. Dr. K. Vidyasagar Rao, CPRI
4. Dr. K.B. Pun, IARI, New Delhi (Virology)
5. Dr. K.K. Biswas, IARI, New Delhi
6. Dr. Kalayan K. Mondal, IARI, New Delhi
7. Dr. Mujeebur Rahman Khan, AMU, Aligarh
8. Dr. P N Sharma, Palampur
9. Dr. R. Selvarajan, NRC for Banana, Trichy
10. Dr. R. Sridhar, Cuttack, Odisha (Bacteriology)
11. Dr. R.P Pant, IARI, New Delhi
12. Dr. V.K Baranwal, IARI, New Delhi

Editors : Fungal Pathology

1. Dr. Apurba K. Chowdhury, UBKV
2. Dr. Atul Kumar, IARI, New Delhi
3. Dr. B.M. Bashyal, IARI, New Delhi
4. Dr. D.K. Banyal, HKPV, Palampur
5. Dr. Harleen Kaur, PAU, Ludhiana
6. Dr. Jagdish Kumar, NIBSM, Raipur
7. Dr. Jameel Akhtar, NBPGR, New Delhi
8. Dr. K. Angappan, TNAU, Coimbatore
9. Dr. K.S. Hooda, NBPGR, New Delhi
10. Dr. M. Loganathan, ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi, UP
11. Dr. P. Srinivas, IIHR-CHES, Bhubaneswar
12. Dr. P.L. Kashyap, DWR Karnal
13. Dr. Pankaj Baiswar, ICAR RC-NEH, Umiam, Meghalaya
14. Dr. Pranab Dutta, CAU, Barapani, Meghalaya
15. Dr. R. Gopi, ICAR-SBI, Kunnur, Kerala
16. Dr. R. Selvakumar, SBI, Coimbatore
17. Dr. Ram Dutta, Jungarh
18. Dr. S. Jahagirdar, UAS, Dharwad, Karnataka
19. Dr. S.C. Bhardwaj, Shimla
20. Dr. Sachin Gupta, SKUAST, Jammu, J&K
21. Dr. Sanjeev Sharma CPRI
22. Dr. Vinayak Hegde, ICAR-CPCRI, Kasaragod

23. Dr. Vineet Kumar, PAU, Ludhiana
24. Dr. Yashoda R. Hegde, UAS, Dharwad

Bacteriology

1. Dr. A. Kumar, IARI, New Delhi
2. Dr. Dinesh Singh, IARI, New Delhi
3. Dr. G.S. Laha, DRR, Hyderabad
4. Dr. J.S. Lore, PAU, Ludhiana
5. Dr. K. Kamalakkanna, TNAU, Coimbatore
6. Dr. L.C. Borah, AAU, Jorhat
7. Dr. Mandeep Hunjan, PAU, Ludhiana
8. Dr. R. Ramesh, ICAR Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Goa
9. Dr. Sachin Upamanya, Palampur
10. Dr. Santosh, CICR-RC, Coimbatore

Mycology

1. Dr. A.C Mathur, Durgapur
2. Dr. Jaspal Kaur, PAU Ludhiana
3. Dr. N.K. Dubey, BHU, Varanasi
4. Dr. N.S. Atri, Punjabi University, Patiala, Punjab
5. Dr. Naresh Mehta, CSS, HAU, Hisar
6. Dr. Rashmi Dubey, ARI, Pune, MS
7. Dr. S. Nakkeeran, TNAU, Coimbatore, TN
8. Dr. S. Thirubhuvanamala, TNAU, Coimbatore, TN
9. Dr. Sanjay K. Singh, Pune, MS
10. Dr. T. Prameela Devi, IARI, New Delhi
11. Dr. Udai Bhan Singh, NBAIM, Mau

Virology

1. Dr. Abhishek Kumar, PAU, Ludhiana
2. Dr. Bikash Mandal, IARI, New Delhi
3. Dr. D.K. Ghosh, CCRI, Nagpur
4. Dr. Naimuddin IIPR, Kanpur, U.P.
5. Dr. Palash Deb Nath, AAU, Jorhat
6. Dr. R.K Saritha, IARI, New Delhi
7. Dr. R.P Pant, IARI Pusa New Delhi
8. Dr. Raj Verma, IARI-RS, Pune
9. Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, CPRI, Shimla
10. Dr. Sunita J. Magar, Latur
11. Dr. T. Makesh Kumar, CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Nematology

1. Dr. Anju Kamra, IARI, New Delhi
2. Dr. B. Anitha, TNAU, Coimbatore
3. Dr. K. Sankaranarayana, ICAR-SBI, Coimbatore
4. Dr. M.A. Siddiqui, AMU, Aligarh
5. Dr. N.K. Dhillon, PAU, Ludhiana
6. Dr. R.K. Walia, IARI, New Delhi
7. Dr. Rakesh Pandey, CIMAP, Lucknow

8. Dr. S.K. Randhawa, PAU, Ludhiana
9. Dr. S.P. Bishnoi, Durgapura
10. Dr. Vishal Somwanshi, IARI, New Delhi

As per Springer's publishing policy, Indian: Foreign editors should exist in a ratio of 60:40. Hence, the following prominent names of foreign scientists were proposed based on their participation in the 7th International Conference of the Society and also for their active services as prominent reviewers. Since their numbers need to be restricted as per requirement, it was suggested to seek their willingness to act as Editor, through email.

1. Dr. Amirreza Amirmijani, Iran
2. Dr. Ashok K. Chanda, USA
3. Dr. Becky Westerdahl, USA
4. Dr. Elvis Asare-Bediako, Ghana
5. Dr. Fayz Abdel-Rahman
6. Dr. Frank KwekucherAckah, Ghana
7. Dr. Ganga D Sinniah, Sri Lanka
8. Dr. Harbans Bariana, Australia
9. Dr. Hebert-Zair Barrels Cureno, Mexico
10. Dr. Ian M. Small, USA
11. Dr. J.K. Brown, UOA, Tucson USA
12. Dr. Jay Ram Lamichhane, INRA, France
13. Dr. Jesse Poland, USA
14. Dr. Kamal A.M. Abo-Elyousr, Ezypt
15. Dr. L.M. Suresh, Kenya
16. Dr. Laetitia Willocquet, France
17. Dr. Laszlo Kredics, Hungary
18. Dr. Lava Kumar, Nigeria
19. Dr. M. Catherine Aime, USA
20. Dr. Marty Dickman, Texas A&M University, USA
21. Dr. Mary Beth Mudgett, USA
22. Dr. Matthew Rouse, USA
23. Dr. Md Shamim Akhter, Bangladesh
24. Dr. Mohammed F. R. Khan, USA
25. Dr. Ravjit Khangura, Australia
26. Dr. Sai Sree Uppala, USA
27. Dr. Sarah Schmidt, Germany
28. Dr. Seiji Tsuge, Japan
29. Dr. Sudeep Bag, Tifton, USA
30. Dr. Juliana Astua Freites- Astua, Brazil

3. Special issue for selected papers on "IPSCONF2020" – Phytopathology in Achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals

It was discussed and decided by the EC members to invite specifically selected articles having original information based on the abstract published in the abstract book of IPSCONF2020 for publication in the special issue of the journal *Indian Phytopathology* (December 2020 or March 2021) named **Phytopathology in achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals**. The papers will be submitted online and published only after peer review.

4. Chief Editor for IPS News Letter (2020-22)

Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, Head (Plant Pathology), IARI, New Delhi, was unanimously elected/selected as Chief Editor for IPS News Letter for the year 2020-22.

5. Publication: Initiation of new journal

Keeping in view of receipt of large number of manuscripts for publication in *Indian Phytopathology*, it was suggested by the Secretary, IPS to initiate one more journal on applied aspects. However, EC objected to the proposal and suggested that instead number of issues of the journal/volume may be increased up to six (bimonthly), in case there is a large flow of manuscripts. The Secretary informed the house that it will be discussed with the publisher. In the MoU (5 years) with Springer, it is agreed upon to publish only 4 issues/year of the journal along with 1 special issue.

6. Award nominations – 2021

The nominations for various awards (13) instituted by the Society was invited from the EC members. It was informed that first 3 awards (S.No. i-iii) viz., Prof. A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award, Prof. S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture and IPS Recognitions Award will be finalized by the EC members. However, the rest popular awards (S.No. iv-xiii) of the Society will be finalized by inviting biodata from the prospective candidates and based on the score card. The final recommendations will be made by award committees to be constituted for the purpose.

Nomination received

(i) Prof. A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award

1. Dr. A.S. Krishnamoorthy, Registrar, TNAU Coimbatore, TN
2. Dr. Chirantan Chattopadhyay, UBKV, Cooch Behar
3. Dr. D.V. Singh, IARI, New Delhi
4. Dr. J. Bagyaraj, Osmania University, Hyderabad
5. Dr. Pratibha Sharma, SKNAU, Jobner
6. Dr. R. Sridhar, Cuttack
7. Dr. S.S. Chahal, Punjab University, Chandigarh
8. Dr. T.S. Thind, PAU, Ludhiana
9. Dr. V. Muniyappa, Ex Prof and Head, UAS Bangalore
10. Dr. V.G Malathi, Ex-PS and I/c, Virology Unit, Coimbatore, TN

(ii) Prof. S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture

1. Dr. Apurba Choudhury, UBKV, Pundibari
2. Dr. Arup K. Mukherjee, NRRI, Cuttack
3. Dr. Jayanta Tarafdar, BCKV, Kalyani
4. Dr. M. Muthamilan, Professor, Plant Pathology, TNAU, Coimbatore,
5. Dr. P. Chawdappa, Bangalore, Karnataka
6. Dr. P. K. Chakrabarty, ASRB, New Delhi
7. Dr. R. Viswanathan, Head, Crop Protection, ICAR-SBI, Coimbatore,
8. Dr. R.K. Jain, Emeritus Scientist, Div. of Plant Pathology, IARI, Delhi

(iii) IPS Recognitions Award

1. Dr. A.N. Mishra, Indore, MP
2. Dr. A.S. Indulkar, Mumbai
3. Dr. Binita Sen, IARI, New Delhi
4. Dr. C.L. Jandaik, Solan, HP
5. Dr. D.J. Patel, Anand
6. Dr. K.D. Srivastava, IARI, New Delhi
7. Dr. K.S. Aulakh, Ex. VC, PAU, Ludhiana
8. Dr. P. Bahadur, Retd. Professor IARI (2006)
9. Dr. S. Gangoapdhay, Rajasthan

10. Dr. T.S. Thind, Retd. Professor, PAU Ludhiana
11. Dr. Udit Narain, Retd. Professor, CSAUAST, Kanpur
12. Dr. Y. Rathaiah, Retd. DPGS, AAU, Jorhat

(iv) Mundkur Memorial Award

1. Dr. A. Paranidharan, Plant Pathology, TNAU, Coimbatore, TN
2. Dr. A. Ramesh Sundar, ICAR-SBI, Coimbatore, TN
3. Dr. Apurba Kumar Chowdhury, UBKV
4. Dr. C. Chattopadhyay, UBKV, Cooch Bihar, West Bengal
5. Dr. Naresh Mehta, Hisar
6. Dr. Parimal Sinha, IARI, New Delhi
7. Dr. PPS Pannu, PAU, Ludhiana
8. Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, Dean, (Joint. Director, Education, IARI)
9. Dr. S.K. Chakrabarti, CPRI Simla
10. Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, CPRI, Shimla
11. Dr. V.K. Baranwal, IARI, New Delhi

(v) Jeersannidhi Award Lecture

1. Dr. Anil Kotasthane, Deptt. Pl. Pathology IGKV, Raipur
2. Dr. J. Kumar, Pantnagar
3. Dr. Kodaru Anitha, ICAR-NBPGR RS, Hyderabad
4. Dr. P.N. Sharma., Palampur
5. Dr. R. Selvakumar, ICAR-SBI, Coimbatore
6. Dr. R. Viswanatthan, SBI Coimbatore, TN
7. Dr. Rita Kundu, Univ. of Calcutta, WB
8. Dr. S. Renuka Devi, College of Forestry, Mettupalayam
9. Dr. S.C. Dubey, NBPGR, New Delhi

(vi) K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award (for writing a review article in Indian Phytopathology).

1. Dr. K. Sessa Kiran, Dr. YSRHU, Andhra Pradesh
2. Dr. M. Prashar, MAHYCO, Jalna, MS
3. Dr. Malkhan SinghGurjar, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI. New Delhi
4. Dr. Neena Mittar Australia
5. Dr. P.N. Sharma, CSKHPKV, Palampur
6. Dr. Prasumn Mukherjee, BARC, Mumbai
7. Dr. Praveen Verma, NIPGR, New Delhi
8. Dr. S. Nakkeeran, TNAU, Coimbatore
9. Dr. Sanjeev Sharma, CPRI, Shimla
10. Dr. Suresh Madugula, Agricultural College, Naira, Andhra Pradesh
11. Dr. T. Makesh Kumar, ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
12. Dr. Seiji Tsuge, Japan
13. Dr. Uma Maheswaran, Kerala Agrl. University, Trivandrum

(vii) Dastur Memorial Award Lecture

1. Dr. A.P. Suryawanshi, MAUEB, Pune, MS
2. Dr. Abrar Ahmad Khan, AMU, Aligarh, UP
3. Dr. Arup K. Mukherjee, NRRI, Cuttack
4. Dr. Ashok Bhattacharyya, AAU, Jorhat
5. Dr. K. Karthikeyan, TNAU, Coimbatore
6. Dr. K. Shankarappa, UHF, Bagalkot, Bangalore Campus
7. Dr. L.M. Suresh, Kenya
8. Dr. R. Selvarajan, ICAR-NRCB, Thiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu
9. Dr. Ramesh Sunder, Coimbatore

10. Dr. S. Nakkeeran, Coimbatore
11. Dr. S.K. Sain, CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa
12. Dr. Shikha Sharma, PAU, Ludhiana
13. Dr. Vinod Kumar, NRC Litchi, Muzaffarpur, Bihar

(viii) M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award Lecture

1. Dr. Abhishek Sharma, PAU, Ludhiana
2. Dr. Pramod Prasad, IIWBR, Shimla
3. Dr. R. Gopi, SBI, Kannur
4. Dr. Ritu Bala, PAU, Ludhiana
5. Dr. S. Nithya, Scientist (Plant Pathology), ICAR-SBI, Coimbatore
6. Dr. Santosh, Scientist (Plant Pathology), ICAR-CICR, Coimbatore
7. Dr. Shikha Sharma, PAU, Ludhiana
8. Dr. Sushil Sharma, ICAR Res Complex For NEH Imphal Center
9. Dr. Udai Bhan Singh, Mau

(ix) A.K. Sharbhoy Memorial Award Lecture

1. Dr. Dalip Kumar Upreti, CSIR NBRI Lucknow
2. Dr. J. Kumar, Raipur
3. Dr. M. K. Bag, NRRI, Cuttack
4. Dr. M. Theradi Mani, AC&RI, Madurai, TN
5. Dr. R. Thangavel, ICAR-NRCB, Thiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu
6. Dr. R.P. Singh Deptt of Plant Pathology, GBPUAT, Pantnagar
7. Dr. S.C. Bhardwaj, Shimla
8. Dr. Subrata Dutta, BCKV, Nadia
9. Dr. T.K Bag, IARI, New Delhi

(x) Sharda Lele Memorial Lecture Award

1. Dr. Abhishek Sharma, PAU
2. Dr. Ashok Bhattacharyya Dr. AAU Jorhat
3. Dr. N. Revathy, AC&RI, Kudumiyamalai, Pudukkotai.
4. Dr. P. Malathi, ICAR- SBI, Coimbatore
5. Dr. Pankaj Baiswar, Barapani, Meghalaya
6. Dr. Pranab Dutta, CAU, Barapani
7. Dr. R.M. Gade, College of Agril., Gadchiroli
8. Dr. Saravni Tripathi, Pune

(xi) D.P. Misra & R.N. Pandey IPS Best Women Scientist Award

1. Dr. Asmita Sirari, PAU, Ludhiana
2. Dr. Jaspal Kaur, PAU, Ludhiana
3. Dr. M.B. Mudgett, Stamford Unit
4. Dr. M.L. Jeeva, ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
5. Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, IARI, New Delhi
6. Dr. S. Vanitha, TNAU, Coimbatore
7. Dr. T. Prameela Devi, IARI, New Delhi

(xii) B.N. Chakraborty and Usha Chakraborty IPS Best Teacher Award

1. Dr. A. Kamalakkannan, TNAU, Coimbatore
2. Dr. Jayant Tarafdar, BCKV, Kalyani (WB)
3. Dr. K.K. Mondal, IARI, New Delhi
4. Dr. Kajal Kr. Biswas, IARI, New Delhi
5. Dr. N.C. Talukadar, IASST, Guwahati, Assam
6. Dr. P.N. Sharma, CSKHPKV, Palampur

7. Dr. Parnidharan, Coimbatore
8. Dr. R.M. Gade, College of Agril., Gadchiroli
9. Dr. Ramesh Chand, BHU, Varanasi
10. Dr. S. Nakkeeran, TNAU, Coimbatore
11. Dr. Vineet Kumar Sharma, PAU, Ludhiana

(xiii) Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay Oration Award for Innovation in Biointensive Management of Plant Diseases

“Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay Oration Award” for Innovation in Biointensive Management of Plant Diseases was instituted last year. EC members may send nominations for this award by June 30, 2020. This award is Biennial in nature for scientists of 55 years or above holding permanent position and having at least ten (10) years of IPS Life Membership. The Society will inform the recipient of his/her selection and request him/her to deliver a lecture in the next annual meeting of the Society.

7. Office renovation

EC approved the proposal of Secretary, IPS for renovation of office of the Society with modern amenities and facilities within a budget as per requirement, but not exceeding Rs. 6.00 Lakhs (excluding taxes). All necessary official formalities will have to be adhered to. It was also suggested to take permission of Director, IARI for renovation with a request to contribute in renovation from IARI budget, if possible. In that case, the above-approved budget may be curtailed from IPS fund limited to the upper limit of Rs. 6.00 lakh.

8. Updating IPS Website

The Secretary discussed and informed the house regarding updating IPS Website for making it online friendly with following facilities:

- The online payment gateway for Membership & Misc. payments (card/NEFT payment options)
- Creation of subdomain website for all the conferences every year
- Payment of Registration fee: for all the IPS Conferences (National, International & Zonal)
- Online abstract submission: for all the IPS conferences (National, International & Zonal)
- Online election: Preliminary Nomination & Final voting
- Online access: Journal, Newsletter, e-books and all other publications etc.
- Online award application submission
- Online Archives: All proceedings, Back volumes of journals, Old Abstract books
- Online Photo & Video gallery event-wise
- Online feedback option

The EC approved the proposal of re-designing and development of IPS website within a budget of Rs. 3.00 Lakhs (excluding taxes) with need-based vetting and as per rules.

9. Forth-coming Activities: National and Zonal Symposium 2020-21 (brain storming/webinar)

Keeping in view of COVID-19 pandemic, it was suggested that it will be too early to decide the venue and date for the next Annual meeting cum National Symposium of the Society. However, zonal meeting/symposium can be organized whenever and wherever time and situation permits.

Zone	Date	Topic	Venue
North Eastern Zone	November 12-13, 2020	Plant Pathology in North East India: Experience and Aspiration	Dept. of Plant Pathology, SASRD, Nagaland University, Medziphema campus, Medziphema, Nagaland

Deliberations on the relevant themes/issues suggested by President, IPS

Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty, President, IPS suggested that during the International Year of Plant Health 2020, the National/Zonal symposia should be organized keeping in mind to address some of the relevant issues confronting crop protection. He identified the following relevant issues/gaps, which if addressed can help in making plant protection more efficient. Each of the 8 zones may organize their symposium selecting one or more of the following themes or other relevant issues that would serve to address the cause of Plant Pathology. The recommendations that stems out from each of these 8 zonal conferences can be deliberated and presented during the annual conference of IPS. Meaningful recommendations may be published and submitted to ICAR and Govt of India for approval/ implementation for effective crop protection.

Themes/issues for deliberations

1. Computing actual losses in individual crops due to pests and diseases.
2. Major food crops and estimating genuine share of losses due to biotic stresses.
3. Climate change-induced pests and diseases- a hoax or reality
4. Mapping threats of invasive pests and diseases due to increased globalisation.
5. Pest risk analysis and gearing to quarantine the economically important invasive pests
6. Redefining the list of quarantine pests of significance in PMB 2020.
7. How prepared are we to fight threats of agroterrorism.
8. Use of drones and mechanization of small and large farms for smart farming and efficient plant protection.
9. Are the 3 stakeholders of Plant protection- Govt, Academic and industry in sync to make plant protection more effective.
10. Robust Protection strategies of high value, low volume crops-spices.
11. How safe is conservation agriculture for plant protection?
12. Are Molecular diagnostics a mere cosmetic in Indian plant protection
13. Mandatory use of available Molecular diagnostics in decision making for crop protection intervention.
14. 5G (genomics) approaches for biotic stress management
15. Mainstreaming Epidemiology for effective pest and disease mgmt.
16. Strengthening research on VOC in host-pathogen interaction and modelling pest prediction and diagnosis.
17. Acoustic in pest management.
18. Strengthening research and main streaming bioherbicides for mgmt of weeds
19. Mainstreaming industry and Govt with Academics for effective plant protection.
20. Managing limitations of Biopesticides for mainstreaming IPM and biocontrol
21. Scope of Nanotechnology in pest management and their regulation.
22. Biostimulant in Plant diseases and pest management.
23. Defining greater role of IPS and other societies by forging greater coordination with academia-govt and industry.

10. IPS Election: Extension of Executive Council (2020) for one more year (2021)

Keeping in view of the present condition of lockdown due to COVID-19, it was proposed to postpone the IPS election this year. It was also proposed that if the COVID-19 situation continues to remain grim, the term of existing EC may be extended for one more year i.e. upto 2021. However, President opined that EC is not supposed to ask for extension of its own term. Hence, it was suggested to take the opinion/approval of GB through Google survey or through whatever means it is deemed suitable.

11. Formation of Endowment competitive Grant for Zonal Chapter

A concept proposal regarding provision for financial assistance to Zonal chapter on competitive grant basis was presented by Dr. K.K. Mondal, Jt. Secretary, IPS for discussion.

The matter was thoroughly discussed and the proposal was accepted with the following modifications:

1) It was suggested to provide the grant options/opportunities uniformly to all the zones, if available. The EC was of the view that all the zones require grants and therefore a mechanism should be put in place to cover support to all zones from the IPS HQ.

2) It was further agreed to provide nominal seed money from the Society HQ, on the condition that the zonal president/councillor will have to submit the audited account along with original expenditure bills within a month of the completion of the symposium. It is needful to say that every year the HQ has to face audit objections regarding zonal symposia funds settlement.

12. Other agenda items received:

The following agenda items were received from EC members:

- i. **Speedy processing of the MS submitted for publication in the Indian Phytopath.:**
It was informed that the Editorial Board is trying its level best for speedy processing of the manuscripts.
- ii. **Special discount on becoming IPS life member in a group of 10+.**
For General Life Membership: EC agreed on a discount of 15% in the case of group membership of 5 or more.
Life Membership for Students: The student will be provided a concession of flat 15% for IPS Life membership upon submission of valid ID proof of studentship (Registration enrollment No./Identity Card issued from the Institute/University/College/Schools). Further, a group of 5 or more students from the same organization will be given an additional concession of 10% (total 25% concession altogether). Students working in different projects and drawing salary as RA/SRF/JRF/PDF are not eligible for this concession.
The payment for life membership fee can be made in maximum two equal instalments.
- iii. **Financial assistance to hold Zonal Symposia/Conferences.**
EC agreed to provide seed money to hold Zonal Symposia/Conferences.
- iv. **Re-organization of Indian Phytopathological Society zones as per locations for effective participation of members in zonal conference/symposia.**
It was suggested to put the matter in GB.
- v. **Bringing out Annual Diary of IPS**
Secretary, informed that the IPS diary is already being published and available in IPS office.
- vi. **Creation of WhatsApp group of IPS Executive Council members for regular interactions**
It was suggested to exchange EC views through mail only.
- vii. **Formation of IPS subject matter committees to address and report on special fields or problems in plant pathology**
It was not agreed as so many committees diverts attention.
- viii. **Provision to reimburse travel cancellation charges to the IPS Executive Council members, if the proposed Executive Council Meeting is postponed/cancelled**
Secretary, informed that there is a provision to reimburse travel cancellation charges if the proposed Executive Council Meeting is postponed/cancelled.
- ix. **Organization of quarterly “Webinar” group meet with all the members of IPS and Organization of Brain storming session**
EC agreed to organize “Webinar” and Brain storming sessions, as per need.

Treasurer's report

Dr. Malkhan Singh Gurjar, Treasurer, IPS informed the house about the details of receipt and payment made during 2019-20 and Society is in sound financial position.

Remarks by President

Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty, President, IPS emphasized to make the important stakeholders of plant protection viz., policy makers, Industry Associations, farmer representative as patron for the newsletter. Since industry/policy makers are equally important, as scientists in making plant protection science successful, a session in all symposia may be kept to create an interface between Academia-Industry-Policy makers and farmers. The session may be dedicated to understand and address key concerns and expectation of industry, policies of Govt., and the problem of farmers.


He also suggested that IPS should take lead in organizing a common meeting involving all the plant protection societies of the country for jointly addressing crop protection issues. The Society also has to play a key role in organizing brain storming sessions on "abrupt banning of the pesticides in India and its pros & cons".

He further added that news from Govt./Industries to be published in the IPS's quarterly Newsletter would need extra efforts for collections/editing etc. For all these extra efforts and burden, Society has to make additional provision for incentive to Mr. Raj Kumar (Raju) with approval of EC/GB.

Remarks by President-elect

Dr. Pratibha Sharma, President-Elect conveyed her sincere thanks and good wishes to all for attending this virtual meeting.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Kalyan K. Mondal, Joint Secretary, IPS.

 23.06.20

(Robin Gogoi)
Secretary



Dated: June 23, 2020



(P.K. Chakrabarty)
President

