

## XXth. Annual Report of the Indian Phytopathological Society for the year 1966

Mr. President, Members of the I. P. S. and Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am presenting herewith the 20th Annual Report of the Society for the year 1966. Two hundred twenty (220) new members joined the Society, 14 as life--members and 206 as ordinary members. Five members discontinued due to non-payment of the subscription during the year. The total number of the members at the end of the year was 620 and that of subscribers 303. Subscription is due from only a few members.

During the year, I. P. S. Bull. No. 2, 1964, "Symposium on Host-Parasite Relationships in Plant Diseases", Dec., 1964, Calcutta and volumes XVIII, No. 4, 1965 and XIX Nos. 1-2, 1966 of *Indian Phytopathology* have been issued. The financial position of the Society continued to be satisfactory. The amount to the credit of the Society in the S. B. Account with M/s National and Grindlays Bank Ltd. (Llyods Branch), New Delhi and cash in hand taken together on 30-11-1966 was Rs. 49,960.88. Thus the assets of the Society amount to Rs. 49,960.88. In addition, several cheques are in the process of collection.

During the year the receipts amount to Rs. 48,205.02 and expenditure to Rs. 18,985.54 thus showing a balance of Rs. 29,219.48. It may be mentioned that financial assistance has been received by the Society for the International Symposium on Plant Pathology from the I. C. A. R., C. S. I. R., U. G. C., National Institute of Sciences of India and various firms. We are grateful to them for their support and encouragement received. Also, we are very thankful to the US AID and Rockefeller Foundation for paying travel expenses of several scientists from USA to participate in the symposium. We have paid the cost of printing of I.P.S. Bull. No. 2, 1964 and vol. XVIII, No. 3 and 4, 1965 and also of vol. XIX, Nos. 1 and 2, 1966. The printing of the Journal has been in the hands of M/s Kapoor Art Press, New Delhi.

Six Council meetings were held during the year. I am glad to inform that, 5 more members in India have expressed their desire to become fellows of the Society. They will be introduced in the morning session on 5th January, 1967.

During the year under report the following lectures were delivered by eminent scientists.

1. 28-2-1966 Prof. E. C. Stakman, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, U. S. A. 'Role of plant pathology in campaigns against hunger'.
2. 1-3-1966 Mr. K. A. Pirozynski, C. M. I., England—'An outline of classification of Ascomycetes'.

3. 8-3-1966 T. Mizukami, Chief, Department of Phytopathology, N. I. A. S., Nishigahara, Japan. 'Bacterial disease of rice'.
4. 28-3-1966 Dr. F. T. Last, Head. Department of Mycology and Plant Pathology, Glass House Crops Research Institute, Little Hampton, U. K. - 'Viruses infecting fungi especially the mushrooms'.
5. 6-5-1966 Dr. S. H. Ou, I. R. R. I., Manila, 'Bacterial blight of paddy in the tropics and fungi and viruses affecting rice crop in the Philippines.
6. 1-10-1966 Dr. E. F. K. Mantel, FAO, Mushroom Expert 'Possibilities of mushroom cultivation in India'.
7. 8-11-1966 Dr. Oostenbrink, Nematologist, Wageningen, the Netherlands—'Plant parasitic nematodes and their control'.
8. 30-11-1966 Dr. G. C. Ainsworth, Director, C. M. I., Kew, U. K., 'Twenty years of plant pathology'.

We are grateful to Prof. R. K. Saksena for kindly accepting our invitation to deliver the Fourth Mundkur Memorial Lecture. I am also very grateful to Prof. R. N. Tandon, Prof. T. S. Sadasivan, Dr. M. J. Thirumalachar, Dr. R. Prasada, Dr. M. M. Payak and Dr. B. L. Renfro for helping in various ways to finalize the programme of International Symposium held in December, 1966 and in the regular routine work of the Society. I am thankful to the councillors and my colleagues Dr. V. V. Chenulu, Dr. L. M. Joshi as well as Mr. Giridhari Lal for help rendered to me whenever sought for. Prof. M. R. Saksena, Head of the Botany Department, Osmania University, Hyderabad and Dr. A. Appa Rao, Associate Professor of Plant Pathology, Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, have been good enough to make all arrangements in the current session at Hyderabad in an excellent way and we are thankful to them for the same. The Society is very grateful to Prof. T. R. Seshadri, FRS, General President Indian Science Congress Association for kindly taking interest in our activities and presiding over the evening session when Prof. R. K. Saksena delivered the Fourth Mundkur Memorial Lecture and to the Indian, Science Congress and Osmania University authorities for giving facilities to hold our meetings at Hyderabad.

#### List of elected fellows at Hyderabad meeting

Gopala Raju, D.  
Koteswara Rao, D.  
Prasad, N.  
Sharma, M. R.  
Venkata Rao, A.

The following resolutions were considered by the General Body and passed.

1. Resolved that since the money transactions have increased many-fold and since it is difficult for one person to look after the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, these two offices should be separated so that the Secretary, who is incharge of the organization at the office at Delhi may not have to look after the financial aspects. The Treasurer, who will also be located at Delhi in Headquarters will deal with the financial subject separately. Hence the total number of members in the Council will increase from 12 to 13.

2. Resolved that the President, the Chief Editor and the Treasurer should be specially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, which is held every year along with the Indian Science Congress and in case they do not get their TA or DA from any other source, it is proposed that first class railway fare both ways as well as DA and incidental expenses of Rs. 50/- may be paid to them as is done in the case of Secretary-Treasurer. This is necessary since the Treasurer will go every year to report regarding the financial position and the Chief Editor's presence is essential in the General Body Meeting, Council meeting as well as the Annual meeting of the Editorial Board where the Chief-Editor will present a brief account of the activities of the Editorial Board.

3. Resolved that since the office work has become very heavy at the Headquarters, the allowances for the part-time Superintendent-cum-accountant, stenography and typing work as well as despatcher be increased from Rs. 50/- to Rs. 70/-, Rs. 35/- to Rs. 70/- and Rs. 15/- to Rs. 20/-, respectively, and thus the total expenditure for maintenance of the office including editorial work comes to Rs. 160/- per month.

4. Resolved that the various firms and other agencies who have contributed either in cash or in some other form at least Rs. 2,500/- in connection with the First International Symposium on Plant Pathology held at Delhi during December 27, 1966 to January 1, 1967 should be registered as patrons of the Society and will receive free of cost the publications of the Society.

5. Resolved that the Silver Jubilee of the Indian Phytopathological Society on completion of its 25th year will be celebrated in January, 1971 when suitable seminars or symposia will be arranged.