

## XXII Annual Report of the Indian Phytopathological Society for the Year 1968

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

I am presenting herewith the 22nd Annual Report of the Society for the year 1968. Seventy two (72) new members joined the Society, 19 as life-members and 53 as ordinary members, while six members discontinued their membership. The total number of the members at the end of the year was 782 and that of subscribers 329.

During the year Volume XX, Nos. 3-4, 1967 and XXI Nos. 1-3, 1968 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. (Lloyds Branch) New Delhi and cash in hand taken together on 30.11.1968, was Rs. 61,037.07. Thus the assets of the Society amount to Rs. 61,037.07. In addition, several cheques are in the process of collection.

During the year the receipts amounted to Rs. 40,873.78 and expenditure to Rs. 37,490.59 thus showing a balance of Rs. 3,383.19. It may be mentioned that financial assistance of Rs. 19,000 had been received from USAID, towards meeting the cost of publication which had been paid directly to the Thomson Press (India) Ltd., Faridabad. We have paid the cost of printing of Volume XX, Nos. 2-4, 1967 and also vol. XXI (1-3) 1968. The printing of the Journal has been in the hands of M/s Kapoor Art Press, New Delhi. The I. P. S. Bull No. 4, 1968, containing papers of 3 symposia, held at Varanasi, is also in press.

Five Council meetings were held during the year.

I am glad to inform you that 7 more members in India have expressed their desire to become Fellows of the Society. They will be introduced during the meetings.

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

1. 12-3-68 Dr. A. J. Gibbs, John Curtis School of Medical Research, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia "On ways of classifying and naming plant viruses".
2. 2-8-68 Dr. C. D. McKeen, Research Station, C. D. A., Harrow, Canada, "Root rots of *Cucumis melo*."
3. 27-11-68 Prof. J. B. Sinclair, University of Illinois, Urbana, U.S.A. "Systemic Fungicides and reciprocal pathogenicity of plant and animal isolates of *Geotrichum candidum*."

4. 13-12-68 Dr. W. A. Hayes, Glass House Crops Research Institute, Littlehampton, England, "Mushroom cultivation."

The sad demise of Dr. Philip R. White, a distinguished member of I. P. S. and who delivered the Vth Mundkur Memorial lecture last year overshadowed many events. At the initiative of Dr. S. P. Raychaudhuri, our energetic ex-President and Secretary-Treasurer, action was taken jointly with Dr. (Mrs.) Kamal J. Ranadive, Director of Cancer Research Institute, Bombay to perpetuate the memory of this great man in a suitable way. Accordingly, a committee was formed which decided to organise a Philip R. White Memorial lecture for which funds are being collected. A donation of Rs. 500/- by M/s Alembic Chemicals Ltd., Baroda through the personal efforts of Dr. M. R. S. Iyengar is thankfully acknowledged.

We are grateful to Brigadier S. K. Bose, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Powai for accepting our invitation to chair the special session honouring Prof. J. F. Dastur, the distinguished Plant Pathologist and the first President of our Society and also to Prof. M. J. Narasimhan for giving the lecture and Dr. M. R. S. Iyengar for convening this session.

This year was a notable one when the 1st International Congress on Plant Pathology was held in London during July. A considerable number of phytopathologists from India participated. The members would like me to convey our congratulations to Dr. S. P. Raychaudhuri for his being elected as the Treasurer of the International Society for Plant Pathology, established in London during the July Congress.

The Society is grateful to Dr. S. N. Das Gupta, Vice-Chancellor, Kalyani University, for acceding to our request to deliver the VIth Mundkur Memorial lecture this year. Our President Dr. R. K. Saxena in spite of his age and other preoccupations has helped us in many ways and especially in providing us with his wise counsel in the affairs of the society. My gratefulness to Dr. S. P. Raychaudhuri is immense who this year has not only borne the burden of editing the journal but also of carrying out other duties particularly during the 4 month tour abroad of your Secretary and Joint Secretary. Mr. V. C. Lele, our able Treasurer has likewise attended to many day to day problems of our Society and deserves our gratitude.

The editing of the Symposium volume has reached an advanced stage and correction of galley proofs of all papers has been completed. The page-proofs will shortly be available for despatch to the authors. In this onerous task of editing and correction we had the assistance of several young people in the Division—Asha Ram, Dr. (Miss) Asha Khanna, Dr. A. S. Summanwar, Dr. L. M. Joshi, G. C. Rath, K. G. Nema, L. K. Joshi, Miss S. P. Lal, Dr. H. C. Phatak. These corrections were done under the joint supervision of the Secretary and the Joint Secretary. To all of them the Society is grateful. Dr. Gopal Swarup and Dr. C. L. Sethi have also helped considerably in this work.

We also wish to thank Dr. Russel Olson of the USAID office in Delhi who generously provided a grant of Rs. 19,000 towards meeting the cost of publication of the Symposium volume.

The Secretary has been helped considerably in the Society's work by Dr. V. V. Chenulu, Joint Secretary, both in editing of journal and other secretarial duties.

I thank very much Shri Girdhari Lal for his bearing the burden of attending to the correspondence of the Society and to numerous other time-consuming duties.

We are indebted greatly to Dr. Atma Ram for kindly agreeing to preside over the 1st Philip R. White Memorial lecture Session. Our gratefulness is also due to Dr. B. Mukerjee for delivering this first lecture on a topic which cuts across many biological sciences. Dr. A. C. Joshi, General President of the Indian Science Congress and distinguished Vice-Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University has been kind enough to agree to preside over the session when the VIth Mundkur Memorial lecture will be delivered and we convey our gratefulness to him.

The Chairmen and Conveners of the three symposia are distinguished persons. Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, Director, I. A. R. I. has been very kind to find time to preside over a symposium, the subject matter of which is of vital importance in the present context of changing pattern of agriculture in our country. Dr. Paul Neergaard has specially taken pains (at the cost of his cancellation of his visit to New Zealand) to preside over the 1st Symposium which will commence immediately after the present meeting. The Society expresses its deep gratitude to him. Dr. H. K. Saksena, our Vice-President is a distinguished Plant Pathologist and it is specially heartening that he would chair the symposium on 'Chemical control of plant diseases'. All the three conveners have worked hard in arranging these symposia and the Society is grateful to them.

Prof. R. P. Mhatre, the local secretary of the Indian Science Congress, Dr. C. G. Dharne of Sandoz (India) Ltd., Mr. A. D. Souza of Hoechst Pharmaceuticals and Dr. C. S. Ramamurthi of Tata Fison Ltd., who helped us in many ways, deserve our special thanks.

I express my deep sense of indebtedness to all those who are attending these Society meetings and who will be contributing to their success. Finally I am grateful to the General Secretary of the Indian Science Congress for helping in many ways and to I. I. T. (Powai campus) for permitting us to hold our Annual meetings here this year.

M. M. PAYAK

*Secretary*

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1. Grover, Rajendra K.
2. Anand, G. P. S.
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