

Minutes of the ^{25th} Annual General meeting of IPS held on 1st and 2nd January 1973 at Chandigarh.

The 25th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on 1st & 2nd January 1973 at Chandigarh, the venue for the jubilee session of the Indian Science Congress. The business meeting was presided ~~by~~ over by Prof. K.S. Thind, President of IPS and attended by 130 members.

The minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting held at IARI, New-Delhi on 29th April 1972 were read and confirmed. The Secretary, Dr. V.V. Chenuku, presented the 26th Annual Report for the year 1972 and Dr. M.S. Chatrath, Treasurer presented the audited accounts of IPS and second International symposium on Plant Pathology for the year 1971 and were accepted.

The General Body approved the recommendations of the Executive Council for requesting Drs R. Prasad and Prof. T.S. Sadasivam to ~~the~~ deliver the Munster Memorial lectures for the years 1974 and 1975 respectively. The Council also approved the recommendation of the Executive Council to elect Prof. R.N. Tandon, an eminent Mycologist and Plant Pathologist of the country as Honorary Fellow of the Society.

The question of starting a monthly "Indian Plant Disease Reporter" under the auspices of the Society was again discussed. The General Body recommended the formation of a sub-committee consisting of Dr. Y.L. Nene, Dr. K.S. Bhargava, Dr. S.P. Raychandhuri, Dr. J.S. Chohan, Dr. R. Prasad, Dr. M.S. Chatrath and Dr. V.V. Chenuku, to study closely the financial implications before actually undertaking the new venture. The

General Body approved the recommendation of the E.C. that the IPS should join the ISPP as Associate member and not merely as an affiliated society.

The revised draft constitution along with the various amendments was presented by Dr. P. N. Patel on 1st, 2nd & 3rd January 1973 and passed. The general body suggested that the constitution endorsed by the members may be reexamined for accuracy of language and contents before printing.

On the recommendation of the Editorial Board, the general body decided to make the 'Indian Phytopathology' a bi-monthly from 1973, if possible, and also increase the annual subscription to Rs 30/- for members and proportionately to others from 1974 since many members would have sent their subscriptions for the year 1973.

In all 437 ballot papers were received. They were opened by the I.P.S. members nominated by the president. Three ballots were invalidated. The following were declared elected as office bearers of the Society for the year 1973.

President: Dr. S. Y. Padmanabhan

Vice-President: Dr. M. M. Pagar

Councillors:

Northern zone: Dr. P. S. Bedi

Mid Eastern zone: Dr. R. K. S. Chauhan

Eastern zone: Dr. S. S. Jain

Central zone: Dr. S. R. S. Dange

Western zone: Dr. S. P. Kapoor

Southern zone: Dr. H. S. Sohi.

On the evening of 1st January, Prof. K. S. Thind

delivered the Presidential address "The Aphyllophorales in India" under the chairmanship of Prof. R.N. Tandon.

On the afternoon of 2nd January 1973 the Second Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Award Contest was held under the chairmanship of Dr. R. Praxada. Thirteen participants took part in the Contest. The judges consisting of Drs R. Praxada, S. Sinha and Prof. K.S. Thind adjudged best the following two papers presented by Dr. P.N. Patel and Dr. A.N. Mukhopadhyay.

1. Genetics and breeding for bacterial blight resistance in Cowpea (Dharam Singh & P.N. Patel)
2. Control of Cercospora leaf spot of sugar beet (A.N. Mukhopadhyay & P.H. Naidu)

The cash award of Rs 500/- was equally shared by all the four contestants.

Dr. S.P. Raychaudhuri next delivered the 10th Munsken Memorial Lecture "seed Pathology in relation to Plant Quarantine and Seed Industry in India" under the chairmanship of Dr. M.J. Thirumalachar.

The society is highly indebted to Prof. P.N. Mehra, Head, Department of Botany for providing all the facilities to hold these meetings in the Botany Department.

Thanks are also due to Prof. K.S. Thind and Dr. G.S. Rawla for their ungrudging help in various ways. The society is equally grateful to the Science Congress authorities for providing accomodation to the IPS members.

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S.Y. Acharya
President

V.V. Chatterjee
Secretary