

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1975

Mr. President, Members of the IPS, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am presenting herewith, the 29th Annual report of the Society for the year 1975. Fifty three (53) new members joined the Society, 24 as life-members and 29 as ordinary members (including 14 student members); whereas 32 discontinued their membership. At the year's end the total members were 959 and subscribers 450.

I regret to report the death of Prof. William Brown.

The financial position of the Society continues to be satisfactory. The amount to the credit of the Society in S.B. Accounts, M/s Grindlays Bank Ltd., New Delhi and Bank of India, New Delhi and cash in hand on 31-12-1975 was Rs. 50,394.59. In addition a sum of Rs. 10,000/- has been invested in 12 years National Defence Certificates and Rs. 40,000/- in the Fixed Deposit Accounts for 5 years. Thus, the total assets amount to Rs. 1,00,394.59. Several cheques are still in the process of collection. During the year, the receipts amount to Rs. 84,184.16 and expenditure to Rs. 74,162.09, thus, leaving a balance of Rs. 10,022.07. We have paid the cost of printing of issues Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 of vol. 27, 1974. We are highly thankful to the ICAR, for sanctioning a grant-in-aid of Rs. 10,000/- to the Society towards printing of the journal, which has been utilized during this year and we have again applied for the financial assistance to the ICAR for the year 1976 and we are happy to inform you that the Society has again got grant-in-aid of Rs. 10,000/- for the same purpose.

M/s Kapoor Art Press, New Delhi, continues to print the journal.

I am happy to inform you that 12 more members—Drs. A. S. Indulkar, R. P. Purkayastha, N. K. Chakrabarti, K. S. Waraitch, Mohd. Akram, N. Shanmugam, D. K. Agarwal, M. W. Khan, Ramchandra Rao, D. S. Singh, S. S. Rattan and Shri L. B. Goel have been accepted for fellowship (FPSI).

Mundkur Memorial Lecture

This year, the thirteenth M. M. Lecture is being delivered by Prof. S. Sinha, Retired Principal, Agra College, Agra. We are highly thankful to him for accepting the assignment.

Editorial Board (1974-76)

During the year under report, a vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Y. P. Rao (Bacteriology) was filled in by electing Dr. S. K. Mohan, but he has also resigned as he left for abroad. Dr. P. N. Patel, the Secretary, who was Ex-officio member of the Board, resigned in the month of August, 1975 to take up an assignment abroad. Dr. A. S. Summanwar, Jt. Secretary, was authorised to act as Ex-officio member of the Board.

Life-membership

As decided by the General body during the last annual meetings, Drs. R. Prasada and S. P. Raychaudhry were requested and approached to express their

views on continuation/freezing for sometime or discontinuation of the IPS Life-membership. On this, Dr. R. Prasada wanted the life-membership to be continued as it is a constant source of income to the Society. Whereas, Dr. Raychaudhri expressed that it should not be encouraged since in the long run it will not be economical.

Plant Disease Problems

During the year a few more copies worth Rs. 1,190.00 have been sold. This brings the total amount collected by way of sale proceeds of the volume to about Rs. 16,890.00, out of a total of Rs. 25,000/- invested by the Society. Although the selling price was reduced to half i.e., Rs. 15/- for members and Rs. 30/- for non-members. Still there is large number of books lying in the stock and we request you all to help the society, by purchasing it for you and your libraries and institutions. The book contains very useful information.

Prof. M. J. Narasimhan Academic Award Contest

During XXVIII Annual meeting of the Society held at Delhi University, Delhi, on 1st Jan. 1975, a contest for the award was held. Ten (10) young scientists from different parts of the country took part. Paper entitled "Mechanisms of resistance in tubers of Kufri Dewa" by R. K. Tripathi, M. N. Verma and R. P. Gupta, was considered the best by the judging committee, consisting of Profs. T. S. Sadasivan, H. K. Saksena and B. S. Mehrotra. We are happy to inform you that Dr. M. J. Thirumalachar has enhanced this year the prize of the contest to Rs. 1,000/- to encourage more and more young scientists to participate in the contest. This time, we have received only 7 (seven) papers for participation in the contest and we hope and wish that in future a greater number of young scientists will take part in the contest.

General Paper Reading Session

We are glad to inform you that the General Paper Reading Session, is being very popular; this time, we have received fifty per cent more papers i.e., around 60. Last year we got about 40 papers. These papers have been divided into three sessions. The abstracts of the papers presented shall be printed in the journal.

Teaching Aids through transparencies

This year the EC and Ed. Board, has decided to start issuing teaching aids like transparencies of important crop diseases related to national problems only. We are glad to inform you that the first set on wheat diseases is in the final stage. The cost would be Rs. 80/- for members and Rs. 150/- for non-members and institutions. Initially, we have made 10 sets only. Seeing the response, we would like to go ahead with more sets. The next set will be on 'maize diseases'. Interested members or institutions are requested to place their orders at the registration counter. In this endeavour, in addition to the members of the EC and EB, I acknowledge with thanks, on behalf of the Society, the help rendered by Dr. V. V. Chenulu, Dr. M. M. Payak, Dr. J. S. Grewal, Mr. Ram Nath and Miss R. Padma in making teaching aids a success.

I also request the members, that, if good disease slides are available with them on any important crop, they may please be made available to us for their inclusion in the next series. The help will be suitably acknowledged.

It has been decided to entertain advertisements in the journal w.e.f. No. 1 Vol. 28, 1975, to increase the income of the Society for meeting the rising cost of printing of

the journal. We are happy to inform you that we have got three advertisements this year, thereby, the Society has added Rs. 2,000/-. The rates are Rs. 500/- half page per volume (----) and Rs. 1,000/- full page per volume.

Council Meetings

During the year under report, five meetings of the Council were held, out of which three were held along with the Ed. Board members.

Annual Meeting

This year the EC has decided, as given under Article 9(1) of the revised constitution and byelaws of the IPS, to hold meeting at a place in the country where active research in plant pathology and mycology is in progress, so Panjab Agricultural University Campus, Ludhiana has been selected to host the meeting. We are happy and thankful to Drs. J. S. Chohan and J. S. Jhooty, along with their colleagues who have taken up the responsibility to make this meeting a big success.

We are also grateful to Dr. M. S. Randhawa, VC, PAU as also to Dr. Atwal, Dean, College of Agriculture, PAU who kindly accepted the invitations and spared their valuable time to inaugurate the meetings and for permitting to have the IPS meetings at PAU campus.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Executive Council at Delhi, Dr. L. M. Joshi (President), Dr. D. N. Srivastava (Chief Editor), Dr. A. K. Sarbhoy (Treasurer), Dr. C. L. Sethi, Editor, Dr. M. S. Chatrath and Dr. Krishna Mohan (members of the EB) and Dr. M. L. Sahni (Councillor, Delhi zone) for their help and suggestions in various matters. I also extend special thanks to Mr. Girdharilal who is serving the Society on a full time basis as Superintendent. As always, he has been very efficient and thorough in running the affairs of the Society. I am also grateful to the members of the E. Council outside the HQ for their cooperation and help.

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