

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR 1976.**

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

I am presenting, herewith, the 30th Annual report of the Society for the year 1976. Fiftyfive (55) new members joined the Society, 17 as life-members and 38 as ordinary members (including 16 student members), whereas 50 discontinued their membership. At the year's end the total members were 911 and subscribers 448.

I regret to report the death of three (3) members—Dr. T. Mizukami, Shri K. L. Khanna and Malik B. R. Katyal.

The financial position of the Society continues to be satisfactory. The amount to the credit of the Society in S. B. Accts M/S Grindlays Bank Ltd., New Delhi and Bank of India, and cash in hand on 31-12-1976 was Rs. 53,462.47. In addition a sum of Rs. 10,000.00 has been invested in 12-years National Defence Certificates and Rs. 49,000.00 in the Fixed Deposit Accounts for 5 years. Thus, the total assets amount to Rs. 1,03,462.47. Several cheques are still in the process of collection. During the year the receipts amount to Rs. 87,273.38 and expenditure to Rs. 78,159.29, thus leaving a balance of Rs. 9,114.09. We have paid the cost of printing of the four issues of vol. 28, 1975, *Indian Phytopathology*. We are highly thankful to the ICAR, for sanctioning a grant-in-aid of Rs. 10,000.00 to the Society towards printing of the journal, which has been utilized during this year. We are happy to inform that the Society has received a sanction of grant-in-aid of Rs. 10,000.00 from ICAR for the same purpose for the year 1977.

M/S Kapoor Art Press, New Delhi, continue to print the journal.

I am happy to inform you that 16 more members—Drs. J. S. Gupta, R. Raghunathan, I. D. Khan, D. C. Sharma, S. K. Sharma, S. Gangopadhyay, D. Mishra, M. N. Khare, J. K. Jindal, H. C. Phatak, M. M. Alam, D. P. Thakur, J. N. Chand, B. L. Jalali, J. P. Jain and R. P. Nath have been accepted fellows of the society (F.P.S.I.).

Mundkur Memorial Lecture

This year the fourteenth M. M. Lecture, is being delivered by D. K. Saksena, Prof. and Head, Deptt. of Plant Pathology, C.S.A.U.A.T., Kanpur (U. P.). We are highly thankful to him for accepting the assignment.

Editorial Board (1974—76)

The E. C. elected Dr. Jeevan Prakash Verma, as a member of the Ed. Board for Bacteriology, vacancy being caused by the resignation of Dr. S. K. Mohan, who has left the country and taken an assignment in Brazil. Dr. Arvind S. Summanwar, was elected as Secretary, so he became an Ex-officio member of the Board.

Plant Disease Problems

During the year under report a few more copies worth Rs. 464.40 have been sold. This brings the total amount collected by way of sale proceeds of the volume to about Rs. 17,354.40 out of Rs. 25,000.00 invested by the Society. We again request all members of the Society to help by purchasing it for themselves and for their libraries and institutions. The book contains very useful information.

Prof. M. J. Narasimhan Academic Award Contest—1977

During Annual meeting of the Society held at the Punjab Agril. University campus, Ludhiana on 31-1-1976 a contest for the award was held. Only four (4) young scientists took part. The award was not given, as the judging committee did not recommend any name. This time we have received only seven (7) papers for participation in the contest.

General Paper Reading Session—1977

We are very glad to inform you that the General Paper Reading Session, is becoming popular. This time, we have received 49 papers, for presentation. The abstracts of the paper presented, shall be printed in the journal as usual.

Teaching Aids through Transparencies

We received Rs. 1,070.00 as sale proceeds of sets of coloured slides of Wheat Diseases and we have some more orders pending. The idea was well appreciated by various concerned scientists. We hope to bring out another set of coloured transparencies of Maize Diseases in the near future.

Advertisement in Indian Phytopathology

As you know we have started printing advertisements in our journal in order to increase the income of the Society. We got three advertisements for volume 28, 1975, one of a full page and 2 for half a page. This year we received only one 1/2 page advertisement for volume 29, 1976. We request all the members to help the Society by procuring more advertisements related to the field of agricultural science.

Council Meetings

During the year under report four (4) combined meetings of the E. C. and Ed. Board were held. The E. C. elected Dr. R. H. Singh as Jt. Secretary in place of Dr. Arvind S. Summanwar, who has been elected as Secretary by the general vote.

Lectures

The following lectures were organised under the auspices of the Society during the year.

1. Dr. G. S. Roosje, Director, I. P. R., Wageningen, The Netherlands, gave a talk on "Strategy of crop protection research in the Netherlands" on 21-2-1976, in the Division of Mycology & Plant Pathology, I.A.R.I., New Delhi.
2. Mr. Anthony Johnston, Director, C.M.I., Kew, England gave a talk on "The work of the Commonwealth Mycological Institute" on 24-2-1976, in the Division of Mycology & Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi.

3. Prof. S. Nishimura, University of Tottori, Japan, gave a lecture entitled "Biochemical determinants of pathogenicity in *Alternaria kikuchiana* and *A. mali*" on 14-5-1976 in the Division of Mycology & Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi.

4. Prof. R. K. S. Wood, Botany Deptt., Imperial College, London gave a lecture entitled "Specificity in plant diseases" on 16-9-1976 in the Division of Mycology and Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi.

Preparation of subject and author index of Indian Pytopathology (1958—77)

As decided in the annual meeting of the I.P.S. held at P.A.U., Ludhiana, to print a comprehensive subject and author index of Indian Phytopathology, for the period 1958-1977. We requested Drs. H. L. Khatri, P. D. Tyagi, A. N. Mukhopadhyay and S. N. Bhargava to help the Society and we are glad to inform you that Drs. H. L. Khatri, S. N. Bhargava and A. N. Mukhopadhyay have started to compile the information whereas Dr. P. D. Tyagi did not reply. We learn that he is out of India. As such, we will request the next man from the panel to do the needful.

Registration Number from the Registrar of Newspapers for India

We are happy to inform you that we have succeeded in getting a Registration Number from the Registrar of Newspapers for India, on the basis of which the postal authorities have agreed to give concession for mailing the journal (Indian Phytopathology) at reduced rates in India. The mailing charges in India will come down to half of what we have been spending so far. Dr. C. L. Sethi, Editor, took special interest and he put a lot of efforts in achieving this concession from the postal authorities. We place on records his services done in this direction. As decided earlier, the Society has been sending the IP's issues UCP inspite of that this year we have received number of complaints regarding the non-receipt of the issues. The Society cannot afford to mail the issues by registered post to all the members, however, if any member is willing to pay registration charges, the issues would be mailed by registered post.

Annual Meeting

This year the E. C. 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 researches in plant pathology and mycology are in progress. In view of this UAS, Hebbal campus has been selected to host the meeting. We are happy and thankful to Drs. K. Ramakrishnan, H. C. Govindu, H. R. Reddy and their colleagues who have taken up the responsibility to make this meeting a success.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. S. B. Saksena (President) and other EC members at Delhi, Dr. D. N. Srivastava (Chief Editor), Dr. A. K. Sarbhoy (Treasurer), Dr. C. L. Sethi (Editor), Dr. R. H. Singh, (Jt. Secretary), Dr. D. D. Kulshrestha (member of the EC), Dr. M. S. Chatrath. and Dr. J. P. Verma (members of the EB) for their help and suggestions in various matters. I also extend my special thanks to Shri Giridhari Lal 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 Hd. Quarter for their cooperation and help.