

**REPORT OF THE INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY FOR THE
YEAR 1982 PRESENTED AT THE 35TH GENERAL BODY MEETING
HELD AT MYSORE ON DECEMBER 27, 1982**

Mr. President, Fellow Members of the Society, Ladies and Gentlemen :

It is indeed a great pleasure to welcome you all at the 35th Annual General Body Meeting of our Society at Mysore.

It is really heartening to note that the numerical strength of our Society has increased by 154 members. Thus the total number of members as on December 15, 1982 stands 1186, excluding three hundred eighty two subscribers. During this year 195 members have not paid their dues and it is my earnest request to them to kindly oblige us by clearing the dues as soon as possible.

You will be happy to note that the financial position of our Society continues to be fairly sound. The Society maintains saving bank accounts with Grindlay's Bank Ltd., Syndicate Bank and Bank of India and the credit in saving accounts with these banks and cash in hand is Rs. 90,112.96. In addition, a sum of Rs. 60,000/- is in fixed deposit with Grindlay's Bank Ltd, for five years due in 1982 and 1983. A sum of Rs. 11,000/- received for M. J. Narasimhan Academic Award contest fund has been put in fixed deposit in Syndicate Bank for 63 months due in 1984. Rs. 30,000/- have been deposited in Fixed Deposit due in 1987, out of Rs. 10,000/- is for the Jeersannidhi Lecture Award Fund, thus the total amount is Rs. 1,91,112.96. Some of the cheques are still in the process of collection. Regarding other assets as journals etc. the amount estimated is about Rs. 2,09905.90. We have paid the cost of printing of our journal, the Indian Phytopathology vol. 34 (4) of 1981 and vol. 35 (1-3) of 1982. We were not able to get Rs. 10,000/- for the year 1981-82 as financial assistance from ICAR which we usually get for printing of our journal due to our failure to submit the utilisation certificate against the grant of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) for the 3rd ISPP, 1981 through the Society. The 3rd International Symposium's account is finalised and being sent for auditing. We are grateful to Drs. M. R. Siddiqui, R. P. Singh and D. K. Agarwal for doing the internal auditing of the accounts for the year 1980 and 1981 and they are also requested to help us in 1982 as well. The printing of the journal is in the hands of Kapoor Art Press, New Delhi.

I am extremely happy to inform you that our journal which has been brought upto date last year is running in time. I sincerely congratulate Dr. H. K. Saksena, Chief Editor and Dr. J. P. Verma, Editor alongwith the Editorial Board members, referees and also the members of the Society for their excellent cooperation and request you all to help in future as well in keeping the journal upto date.

I am glad to inform that the following 12 members have been admitted as Fellows of the Society viz. Drs. J. L. Shreemali, C. Subba Reddi, N. N. Khune, V. N. Pathak, M. S. Chauhan, K. K. Khanna, R. K. Hegde, P. C. Hiremath, K. H. Anahosur, P. D. Wangikar, A. N. Sudersan Rao and J. G. Raut.

Lecture and other activities :

It is indeed heartening to note that several lectures by eminent scientists were organised at different zones.

Western Zone :

Dr. Erik Madsen, DANIDA, Denmark on "Seed Certification in Denmark" at Gujarat Agric. University, Gujarat (Anand campus).

Dr. A. N. Mukhopadhyay, Prof. of Plant Pathology, Gujarat Agricultural University (Anand Campus) gave a talk on "Biological control of *Sclerotium rolfsii* an exciting field in Plant Pathology Research". Dr. D. V. R. Reddy, Principal Virologist, Groundnut Improvement Programme, ICRISAT, Hyderabad spoke on "Detection and management of groundnut viruses".

Eastern Zone :

During a Pytopathological seminar held O.U.A.T Bhubaneswar and C.R.R.I., Cuttack the following Scientists spoke on various topics, Prof. A. P. Misra, Emeritus Scientist, R. A. U., Pusa gave a talk on "Scope and future in plant pathology" at the Department of Mycology and Plant Pathology, Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar on March 29, 1982 and on October 11, 1982 at C.R.R.I., Cuttack on the topic "My experiences as Plant Pathologist and research findings on Helminthosporiosis".

Dr. C. Sen, Department of Mycology and Plant Pathology, B. C. K. V. V. Kalyani spoke on "Integrated disease management" on March 29, 1982 and Prof. S. B. Chattopadhyay, Agriculture Adviser to Government of West Bengal and Senior Plant Pathologist gave a talk on "Rice Diseases" on December 7, 1982 at O.U.A.T., Bhubaneswar. Prof. N. N. Mohanty, Dean (Research) O.U.A.T., Bhubaneswar spoke on "Diseases of Orissa" on December 7, 1982. Prof. Awadesh Narain, O. U. A. T., Bhubaneswar gave a talk on "Past, present and future of Indian Phytopathological Society as I see it today" on December 10, 1982 and Prof. A. Mahadevan, School of Advance Studies, Department of Botany, University of Madras delivered a talk on "Host parasite relationship—Recognition" on December 17, 1982 at C. R. R. I., Cuttack, Orissa, respectively.

Dr. M. R. Siddiqui, Head Division of Seed Technology, IARI, gave a talk on "Role of Seed Pathology in Seed Industry" at Gujarat Agricultural University, Gujarat (Anand campus).

Central Zone :

Dr. K. G. Nema, Assoc. Director (Res.), J. N. K. V. V., Jabalpur, delivered a lecture on "Inoculum and Epidemiology" on May 7, 1982 at Rajasthan College of Agriculture, A. M. B. College, Udaipur (Rajasthan). Dr. H. C. Arya, Prof. and Head, Dept. of Botany, Jodhpur University delivered a lecture on "Importance of tissue culture techniques in researches on plant diseases" on June 14, 1982 at Rajasthan College of Agriculture, Udaipur (Rajasthan). Shri J. P. Jain, Assoc. Prof., A. R. S. S., Navgaon delivered a talk on "Epidemiology and Pathogenesis of Bacterial blight of guar" at Udaipur on 26th Nov. 1982 at Rajasthan College of Agriculture, Udaipur (Rajasthan).

Eastern Zone :

You will be happy to note that some National awards have been conferred on our members :

Dr. K. S. M. Sastry, Asstt. Director, Regional Res. Lab., Jammu and his co-workers for getting award from All India Exhibition Society, Hyderabad for developing the technology for the manufacture of gibberellic acid and its import substitution.

Dr. D. K. Chakravarti, Dept. of Pharmaceuticals, Institute of Technology, B. H. U. Varanasi for receiving the young scientists award from Indian Science Congress Commemoration Committee in the 68th Science Congress on his meritorious research work in Plant Pathology.

We all join together and convey our heartiest congratulations to them for their achievements and hope that in future also the work of many other Plant Pathologists will be recognised in a similar fashion.

Mundkur Memorial Lecture :

We are really grateful to Dr. D. N. Srivastava, A. D. G. (Plant Protection), ICAR, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi for accepting our invitation to deliver the 20th Mundkur Memorial Lecture on "Fifty Years of Plant Pathology in India—Current Research Priorities".

M. J. Narasimhan Academic Award Contest :

This contest, carrying an award of Rs. 1000/- and a citation, has been held since 1972 to encourage young scientists. This year we have received 18 papers for the competition.

General Paper Reading Session :

It is really encouraging that sessions for the presentation of research findings are becoming more and more popular. This year we have received 160 papers for presentation in five different sessions. The abstracts of the approved papers presented shall be printed in the journal.

A symposium on "Diseases of Plantation Crops" is being organised to assess the present situation in our understanding on the management of these important diseases with the main objective of identifying the gaps in our knowledge and future lines of work.

Jeersannidhi Lecture Award :

As you are aware the Society received an offer from Dr. M. J. Thirumalachar for the institution of science lecture award to be given to one of the distinguished member of the Society. The name of Prof. B. S. Mehrotra, Head, Dept. of Plant Pathology, Kumaon Univ., Nainital, has been unanimously approved by the committee to deliver the 2nd Jeersannidhi Award lecture in 1983.

Plant Disease Problem :

A few more copies worth Rs. 1,106.75 were sold. This brings the total amount collected by way of the sale proceeds of the volume to Rs. 22,453.00 out of Rs. 25,000/- invested by the Society.

Committees :

The two committees which were formed in 1980 for suggesting the "Research priorities in Mycology and Plant Pathology" and "Revision of Syallabi and Curricula of Agricultural Universities" their reports are still awaited. I am told by the conveners that they will submit the reports as soon as possible. The committee regarding the inclusion of amendments passed during the last ten years (1973-83)—its report is not yet submitted by the convener. I will request the convener to submit the report at an early date so that it will be printed soon as most of the copies of the earlier constitution published in 1973 have been exhausted.

During the year under report, two meetings of the Council were held. However, in important matters, the views of the members of the Council were obtained through correspondence.

Election :

The annual election of the Society could not be held as scheduled due to some controversy in the interpretation of Byelaw No. 1 of the Constitution and suitable amendment will be made regarding headquarters in this general body meeting.

Annual Meeting :

We are extremely grateful to Prof. K. S. Hedge, Vice Chancellor, Mysore University, Dr. B. L. Amla, Director, CFTRI and Dr. K. M. Safeeulla, Chairman and Head, Department of P. G. Studies & Research in Botany, Mysore Univ., and their colleagues who have taken the task of organising the meeting.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Dr. B. B. Nagaich, our worthy President for his guidance and sincere advice in day to day functioning of the Society. It is my prime duty to thank all the members of Executive Council, for their cooperation, active support and valuable suggestions in various important matters during the tenure of my office. I extend my special thanks to Secretariat staff at the Headquarters without whose active cooperation it would have been impossible to run the vast affairs of the Society in an efficient manner.

I am sorry to inform you that 7 of our renowned Mycologists and Plant Pathologists Dr. P. R. Mehta (Honorary Fellow), R. S. Mathur, H. M. Shah, Hardev Singh, R. K. Tripathi, N. M. Ganacharya, and C. S. Venkata Ram left for their heavenly abode. We express our sincere condolences to the bereaved families and pray to Almighty that their souls may rest in peace. On behalf of our Society I request you all to kindly stand for two minutes in silence to pay our homage to the departed souls.

Ladies and Gentlemen, finally my sincere thanks and humble request to each and every member of the Society to keep the prestige of the Society at the top as it has come to this stature due to the sincere & selfless efforts of very many scientists of the country. I also take this opportunity to offer my sincere apologies, if at any time, I have hurt your feelings. With these words, I thank you all once again profusely and am grateful to every member of IPS who have continued to repose their confidence in me.

Thank you,

(A. K. SARBHOY)
Secretary