

REPORT OF SECRETARY FOR 1986

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to the 39th Annual General Body meeting of the Indian Phytopathological Society. I hope you enjoyed the proceedings of the National Symposium on "Biological Control of Plant Pathogens" and contributory paper sessions. We are very happy that such a large number of distinguished plant pathologists of the country participated in the meeting.

Membership and Fellowships

Present membership of the Society is 1290 which includes 123 new members. Fifteen members did not renew membership in 1986. The following 10 members of the Society left for their heavenly abodes:

Dr. R. K. Agarwal, Dr. P. H. Gregory, Dr. E. Hellmer, Dr. S. R. Kotasthane, Dr. K. G. Nema, Dr. T. V. Pattabhiraman, Dr. Dhirender Prakash, Dr. D. R. Singh, Dr. G. P. Singh and Dr. R. S. Vasudeva. In their deaths we have lost highly valuable members.

It is a pleasure to inform you that the following 20 members have been admitted as Fellows of the Society: Dr. M. S. Bhale, Dr. D. P. Chaudhary, Dr. K. C. Gupta, Dr. S. C. Jain, Dr. Satish Lodha, Dr. R. P. Mahrishi, Dr. C. Manoharachary, Dr. A. K. Mohanty, Dr. Mahendra Pal, Dr. K. V. V. Prasad, Dr. M. S. Rane, Dr. P. P. Shastry, Dr. H. S. Shetty, Dr. D. S. Shukla, Dr. P. Shukla, Dr. Amar Singh, Dr. M. P. Sinha, Dr. N. Srinivasan, Dr. S. K. Srivastava and Dr. R. C. Tripathi.

Financial Position

Financial position of the society continues to be sound. The society maintains in savings bank account and fixed deposits in Bank of India, Syndicate Bank and Grindlays Bank. On 31.12.86, the society had a total of Rs. 2,97,092.68 in savings bank account and cash, and Rs. 1,92,000.00 as long term deposits (Rs. 1,22,000.00 in fixed deposits in banks and Rs. 70,000.00 in National Saving Certificate).

During the year, the ICAR provided financial assistance of Rs. 15,000/- for the publication of Indian Phytopathology and Rs. 7,500/- for the National Symposium on "The Concept and Parameters of Durable Resistance in Plants to Pathogenic Diseases" held at Bhagalpur on 10-13th February, 1986. The Dept. of Science & Technology, New Delhi granted financial assistance of Rs. 15,000/- to the Society, for the publication of proceedings of National Symposium and also for travel expenses of the participants. M/s. Periodica Indica, Faridabad have deposited Rs. 12,000/- as Royalty in advance with the Society for the sale of back volumes of Indian Phytopathology, Vol. 1-35, 1948-1982. Other sources of income were in the form of subscription from 380 subscribers, membership fee and advertisements in the journal.

The Journal

During 1986, only two issues (Nos. 3 and 4, Vol. 38, 1985) of Indian Phytopathology, were printed. Printing of the journal is in the hands of M/s Kapoor Art Press, New Delhi. The delay in printing of Vol. 39, necessitated for improving the quality of the journal, is regretted. It is expected that the publication will catch up in 1987.

Executive Council Meetings

The Executive Council of the Society had two (10.2.86 and 6.6.86) meetings during the year.

Zonal Activities

Special lectures were delivered by the following invited speakers in different zones:

Delhi: Dr. Mangalasseril G. Sarangadharan, (USA), Dr. Paul Williams, (USA), Dr. Eivind B. Lillehoj (USDA, USA) and Dr. David Robinson, Scottish Crop Research Institute, U. K.

Mid-Eastern: Dr. R. P. Singh (Fredicton, Canada).

Southern: Dr. M. Chandrashekar, Dr. Venkatasubbaiah, Dr. I. J. Kunwar, and Dr. S. S. Gnanamanickam.

The Central Zone: Organized a meeting and symposium on "Diseases of Oilseeds and Pulse Crops and their Control" on January 29-30, 1987 at Indore.

70th Birthday of Shri Girdhari Lall

A function was arranged on 25.2.1986 to felicitate Shri Girdhari Lall, in full appreciation of his sincere and devoted work for the efficient working of the society since 1955. Dr. R. Prasada, Dr. B. L. Chona, Dr. S. P. Raychaudhuri and many others spoke on the occasion. A large number of local IPS members were present.

Special Lectures

We are highly grateful to Dr. K. S. Bhargava, for kindly accepting our invitation to deliver the 24th Mundkur Memorial lecture entitled "Teaching of Plant Virology", and to Dr. Gopal Swarup, for kindly accepting to deliver 4th Jeersannidhi Lecture entitled "An outlook on Nematology in India".

Symposium and General Paper Reading Sessions

This year we organised a National Symposium on "Biological Control of Plant Pathogens" which was attended by a large number of eminent scientists of the country. The symposium was chaired by Dr. Gopal Swarup who was assisted by Dr. Mahendra Pal. We are thankful to them for conducting the Symposium.

This year 70 papers were presented in different General Paper Reading Sessions. We are grateful to all the members for their valuable contributions.

Resolutions and recommendations

I have a great pleasure in placing the following resolutions and recommendations of the Executive Council for your approval:

1. The society should have a Foreign Councillor to be nominated by the Executive Council of the Society every year.
2. The existing zones of the society should be redesignated as Zonal Chapters with the following modifications:
 - i) Each Zonal Chapter will have one Zonal President and one Zonal Councillor. Both should be from one campus/city and should contest election as a team. They will be the members of the Executive Council but only one of the two persons from each Zonal Chapter will be provided travel expenses by the society for attending meetings of the Executive Council.
 - ii) Each Zonal Chapter will organise annual meeting for presentation of papers by the members of the Chapter. Abstracts of these meetings will be published in Indian Phytopathology.
 - iii) Each Zonal Chapter will be provided with Rs. 1500.00 per year for meeting minor incidental expenses. Other finances should be raised by the chapters themselves. Audited accounts of the chapters should be submitted to the society.
3. Mundkur Memorial Lecture should be at par with the Jeersannidhi Lecture and the speaker of Mundkur Memorial Lecture should be given lumpsum award of Rs. 2000/- and a plaque as done for the Jeersannidhi Lecture Award.
4. The Journal should have an Advisory Board consisting of eminent persons from India and abroad.
5. Dr. G. Rangaswami and Dr. H. S. Sohi should be requested for delivering the Mundkur Memorial and Jeersannidhi Lectures respectively during the next Annual Meeting of the Society.
6. Membership fee of the society should be uniform for Indian and foreign members. The foreign members should, however, pay postage charge in addition to the membership fee.
7. For improving interaction with pesticide industry the patrons should be requested to nominate one Honorary Member to the Executive Council of the Society.
8. Patrons should pay a one time fee of Rs. 10,000.
9. In view of the increase in the cost of living, a nominal increase in the emoluments of the staff at the headquarter has been recommended (total increase will be Rs. 345.00 per month).
10. A request from M/s Hexamer Agricultural Research and Development Foundation to initiate an award for best research paper in the field of chemical control should be accepted. The society should accept offers for such awards in principle.

11. Due to increase in the cost of reprints, the society will not be able to provide gratis reprints. However, possibility of cheaper method of reprinting should be explored for continuing the provision of gratis reprints.
12. The following persons should be elected Honorary fellows of the Society:
 1. Dr. Norman E. Borlaug
 2. Dr. K. S. Bhargava

Thank you very much for kindly approving these resolutions and recommendations.

Awards

Congratulations to Km. Suman Bala Sharma and Dr. S. S. Chahal for winning the M. J. Narasimhan Academic Award Contest for presentation of their paper "Development of new Pearl Millet Plants with improved Ergot resistance through *in vitro* procedures", and to Dr. P. Nayak and P. Ranga Reddy for winning the M. J. Narasimhan Medal for their paper which was adjudged as the best paper published in Indian Phytopathology Vol. 38. We are highly thankful to the Judging Committees of these Awards.

Acknowledgements

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I would also like to express my gratitude to Dr. K. C. Basu Chaudhary, Dr. A. N. Mukhopadhyay, Dr. C. D. Mayee, Dr. Godbole, Dr. M. S. Kang, Dr. L. V. Gangawane, Dr. V. P. Agnihotri, Dr. V. R. Mali, Dr. J. P. Verma, Dr. Ram Dayal, Dr. C. Manoharachary, and Dr. S. C. Vyas for kindly chairing various sessions and to Dr. R. V. Singh, Dr. D. K. Agarwal, Dr. S. S. Chahal, Dr. K. K. Zote, Dr. J. G. Patel, Dr. S. M. Pedgankar, Dr. V. V. Datar, Dr. Y. R. Sharma, Dr. Ram Kishun, Dr. M. L. Sahni, Dr. S. N. Srivastava and S. S. Kore, for kindly organizing various sessions as rapporteurs. We are also highly thankful to Dr. K. S. Bhargava (Chairman), Dr. A. N. Mukhopadhyay and Dr. Gopal Swarup for kindly helping us in judging the Narasimhan Academic Award Contest, to Dr. R. K. Grover, Dr. V. V. Chenulu, Dr. M. M. Payak and Dr. M. V. Nayudu for judging the Narasimhan Medal Award for the best paper and to Dr. S. S. Kore, Dr. R. P. Singh, Dr. Y. R. Sharma, Dr. S. N. Srivastava and Dr. P. N. Chowdhury for their help in counting the votes.

In the end I would like to express my gratitude to all the members of the Executive Committee and staff at the headquarters for their guidance and generous help in the functioning of the Society.

Results of the election of the Executive Council for the year 1987 have been just announced. We heartily welcome the new members of the E.C.

Councillors

: Dr. S. C. Chatterjee
: Dr. R. V. Kodmelwar
: Dr. K. Krishnappa
: Dr. S. Pandey, Dr. U. N. Saikia,
Dr. Satya Vir and Dr. B. L. Sharma

Jai Hind

ANUPAM VARMA
Secretary