

## **Report of the Secretary presented at the 40th Annual General Body Meeting, Jaipur, March 16, 1988**

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen :

Welcome to the 40th Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Phytopathological Society. I hope you enjoyed the proceedings of the National Symposium on "Integrated Disease Management" and Contributory Paper Sessions. We are very happy that such a large number of distinguished Plant Pathologists of the country participated in the meeting.

Present membership of the society is 1407 which includes 158 new members and excludes 41 members who did not renew their membership in 1987. In the sudden death of Dr. K. S. Gopal Krishnan, Dr. Paul Neergaard and Dr. Sheikh Ghulam-ud-Din during the year, the society lost three highly valuable members. We heartily congratulate the following 30 members who have been admitted as Fellows of the society: Dr. A. M. Bataria, Dr. Bihari Lal, Dr. R. K. Chaurasia, Dr. (Mrs.) R. Daradhiyar, Dr. Anupam Dixit, Dr. R. Dwivedi, Dr. G. K. Gupta, Dr. K. K. Janardhanan, Dr. K. S. Jauhari, Dr. V. T. John, Dr. Kamal, Dr. Ashok Mishra, Dr. U. S. Mishra, Dr. G. D. Munshi, Dr. A. G. Nema, Dr. M. V. B. Rao, Dr. S. P. Raut, Dr. M. N. Reddy, Dr. J. P. Sharma, Dr. Gurdip Singh, Dr. P. P. Singh, Dr. R. R. Singh, Dr. A. K. Sinha, Dr. R. K. Srivastava, Dr. S. S. L. Srivastava, Dr. P. N. Thapliyal, Dr. T. S. Thind, Dr. (Mrs.) Anamika Tiwari, Dr. H. S. Verma and Dr. R. K. Verma.

Financial position of the Society is sound. On 31-12-87, the Society had a total of Rs. 3,28,740.72 p. in Savings Bank Account and cash, Rs. 1,44,500.00 in fixed deposits in bank and Rs. 70,000.00 in National Savings Certificates. We are thankful to the I.C.A.R. for providing financial assistance of Rs. 18,000.00 for the publication of Indian Phytopathology. Other sources of income were in the form of subscription from 390 subscribers, membership fees, printed page charges, bank interest and advertisements in the journal.

During 1987, all the four issues of Vol. 39 (1986) and first two issues of Vol. 40 (1987) of Indian Phytopathology were printed. We hope to bring the publication upto-date by the end of 1988.

A National Symposium on "Integrated Diseases Management" organized by the society at Jaipur on March 16, 1988 was attended by a large number of eminent scientists from various parts of the country. The Central Zone of the society organised a Symposium on "Important Crop Diseases of Central India" under the joint auspices of Department of Plant Pathology, JNKVV and College of Agriculture, Gwalior on November 9 & 10, 1987 at Gwalior.

We are highly grateful to Dr. G. Rangaswami for kindly accepting to deliver the 25th Mundkur Memorial Lecture which was taken as read as he could not attend the meeting due to all-India strike on that day. We are highly thankful to Dr. H. S. Sohi for delivering the 5th Jeersannidhi Lecture on March 16, 1988.

For the General Paper Reading Session of the 40th Annual Meeting 283 papers were received, of which 135 were presented in 12 different sessions.

A meeting of the Executive Council and Editorial Board was held on 13-3-1988 which made the following recommendations :

- Dr. A. P. Mishra should be requested to deliver the 26th Mundkur Memorial Lecture and Dr. Hari Om Agarwal to deliver the 6th Jeersannidhi Lecture during the 41st Annual Meeting of the Society.
- Dr. Pritam Singh (Canada) was nominated to be the Foreign Councillor of the society. Mr. K. S. Mehta (M/s. Bharat Pulverising Co. Pvt. Ltd.) was recommended to be Hony. member of the Executive Council of the society as representative of the Patrons of the Society.
- The Indian Phytopathology should have the following scientists as members of the Advisory Board: Dr. K. S. Bhargava, Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, Prof. S. N. Das Gupta, Dr. A. J. Gibbs, Dr. F. Grossmann, Dr. J. G. Horsfall, Dr. Emil Muller, Dr. S. P. Raychaudhuri, Dr. T. S. Sadasivan, Dr. D. N. Srivastava, Dr. M. S. Swaminathan, Prof. R. N. Tandon, Dr. M. J. Thirumalachar and Dr. R. D. Wilcoxson.
- In case the Society does not succeed in its bid to hold the International Congress of Plant Pathology in 1993, the Society should make a bid for 1998 Congress. A Steering Committee for this purpose was constituted.
- In future the Society should institute awards only when a minimum deposit of Rs. 50,000/- is made to the Society.
- To encourage participation of young Plant Pathologists, Associate-membership of the society should be introduced. One can become an Associate Member by paying a nominal fee of Rs. 15/- per year. Associate Members will be entitled to participate in the meetings of the Society and publish papers in Indian Phytopathology, but they will not receive copies of the journal and will not have voting rights.
- Committees were formed for judging Prof. M. J. Narasimhan Award Contest, for counting of votes, for judging Best Paper in the area of Chemical Control of Plant Diseases, for Hexamar Award and for recommending nominations on behalf of the Society for National Awards.

Mr. M. R. Natarajan received M. J. Narasimhan Academic Award for presentation of his paper entitled "Biochemical and Genetic aspects of Plantomycin Resistance in *Xanthomonas campestris* pv. *oryzae*". Congratulations to Mr. Natarajan.

The following are the newly elected members of the Executive Council of the Society:

*President-elect:*

Dr. Gopal Swarup

*Zonal Presidents:*

*Councillors:*

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| Delhi Chapter:       | Dr. Dharam Vir   | Dr. V. C. Sinha         |
| Northern Chapter:    | Dr. P. S. Bedi   | Dr. S. S. Cheema        |
| Mid-Eastern Chapter: | Dr. R. A. Singh  | Dr. S. J. Kolte         |
| Eastern Chapter:     | Dr. C. Sen       | Dr. N. Mukherjee        |
| Central Chapter:     | Dr. S. K. Hasija | Dr. R. C. Rajak         |
| Western Chapter:     | Dr. V. R. Mali   | Dr. V. V. Datar         |
| Southern Chapter:    | Dr. S. S. Gowda  | Dr. K. G. Ranganathaiah |

We are highly grateful to the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture Shri Govind Singh Gujar for kindly inaugurating the 40th Annual Meeting of the Society. His presence on this occasion was a great source of encouragement to all the members. We are highly thankful to Dr. K. N. Nag, Vice-Chancellor of Rajasthan Agricultural University for kindly extending support and facilities for the organisation of the meeting. We would also like to express our thanks to Prof. B. S. Siradhana and his colleagues for their untiring efforts in making the meeting a grand success.

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.

'Jai Hind'

ANUPAM VARMA  
Secretary