

Minutes of the combined 43rd and 44th Annual Meetings of Indian Phytopathological Society held at Department of Life Sciences, Bhavnagar University, Bhavnagar (Gujrat) from Dec. 30, 1991 to Jan. 2, 1992.

The meetings were inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor of Bhavnagar Univ on 30.12.92. This was followed by 43rd Presidential Address by ^{Dr.} R.S. Meherotia on 'Present status of Phytophthora researches in the country' and 44th Presidential Address by Dr. H.S. Sethi on 'Factors responsible for low production of cultivated edible mushrooms in India'. After lunch the national symposium on 'Innovative non-chemical methods for the management of plant diseases' was held, in which many invited speakers shared their experience with the participants. Many useful conclusions were drawn and it was felt that more emphasis should be laid on this this line of research ~~for~~ since this is an environment friendly technology.

In the pre-lunch period on 31.12.91 Dr. Anupam Varma delivered ¹⁹⁹⁰ Mundkar Memorial Lecture on 'Biology of whitefly transmitted geminiviruses in India', which was followed by Dr. R. Dayal's 1990 Jeev Samidhi lecture on 'Chytridiosis status, study prospects and constraints'. Afternoon session was devoted to Poster presentation of research results of many members.

Sessions on Jan. 1, 1992 started with 1991 Mundker Memorial Lecture by Dr. J.P. Verma who talked on 'Emerging problems in plant bacteriology'. After tea, Dr V.P. Agnihotri delivered 1991 Pagni lecture and Dr. Sudhir Chandra 1991 Jeev Samidhi lecture. In his lecture Dr. Chandra enlightened

the members on dimension of practical application of vesicular-arborescent mycorrhiza. Post lunch period was devoted to second poster session.

On Jan. 2, 1992, 1990 & 1991 Narasimhan Academic Award Contests were held. Out of 3 papers for 1990, ~~medal~~ the medal was awarded to Dr. R.K. Mukherjee of GBPUAT, Pantnagar. For 1991 medal, presentation of Dr. D.B. Parekh of NBPGR, New Delhi was ~~not~~ declared best from amongst 4 contestants. Heartiest congratulations to them.

The Annual General Body meeting started at noon on 2.1.92 with Dr. Sohi, 44th President in Chair and Dr. Mehrotra, 43rd President as Co-Chairman. ~~The~~ First two minutes silence was observed on the ^{Srikanth} sad demise of Prof. S.N. Das Gupta, Dr. F.C. Holmes, Dr. P.A. Shinde, Dr. B.S. / Prof. T. Fukushi, Dr. R.K. Hegde and Dr. K.S. Thind during the period between last & this meeting. Dr. Sohi was requested to draft condolences and send them to bereaved families. The Secretary then read the proceedings of 42nd Annual meeting held at Tirupathi from Jan. 3-5, 1990 and results of elections for 1991 Council, based on which 1991 Council operated without formal rectification by General Body due to inability to hold 43rd Annual Meeting because of Gulf war. These were confirmed without any modifications.

In the absence of Treasurer, Chief Editor and Editor, the Secretary presented a consolidated account of various activities of the Society during 1990 and 1991. He informed the house that apart from 1991 election results, formalities for selection

of best paper in Vol. 42 (1989) and of various lecture awards were completed and announced in 1990 by the H.G. in the absence of 43rd Annual Meeting on due dates in 1991. Regarding financial position, he stated that in addition to Rs 2,4,500.00 in F.D. throughout, the amount in S.B. and cash was Rs 3,08,171.52 as on 30.11.89, Rs 2,05,637.31 as on 31.12.90 and Rs 3,24,387.97 as on 30.11.91. During 1990 last two numbers of Vol 42 (1989) and three issues of Vol 43 (1990) of Indian Phytopathology were printed, while No. 4 of Vol 43 and Nos 1 & 2 of Vol 44 (1991) were issued in 1991. He acknowledged with thanks financial assistance of Rs 30,000/- each for 1990 & 1991 from ICAR and Rs 5,000/- from INSA for the publication of Indian Phytopathology. The Secretary further stated that while in 1990, 96 new members joined the Society and 77 did not renew their memberships, the figures for 1991 were 92 & 95. Thus there was a net increase of 9 in total membership during the two year period, raising the total from 1590 to 1599. The admission of new members was approved and resignation of others were formally accepted.

The Secretary then presented the recommendations of E.C. for consideration of G.S.B.

1. Election of Fellows of the Society; Election of Drs. M.A. Khan, H.S. Khara, R.K.S. Kushwaha, (Ms) V.L. Majumdar, Sudha Mall, K.S. Rajan, G.P. Rao, S.C. Sati, U.N. Saikia, Amerika Singh, A.K. Sinha, A.N. Srivastava and B.P. Suteri as Fellows during 1990 and that of Drs. U. Dhruv, A.M. Ghemkar, Pramila Gupta, (Ms) H.K. Kheri, M.Y. Palarpawar, H.S. Rawal, M. Saifulla,

Shivendra Kumar, (Mrs.) K. Shukla, B. P. Singh, Ram Singh, A. K. Srivastava and C. S. Reddy for 1991. These were approved and new Fellows congratulated.

2. Hon. Fellows: Nominations of Dr. D. N. Srivastava in place of late Prof. S. N. DasGupta and of Dr. R. D. Wilcoxon in place of late Dr. T. Fukushima was unanimously approved.

3. Lecture Awards: Recommendations of E.C. for award of Mendkew Memorial Lecture to Dr. S. M. Paul Khurana, Prof. M. S. Paggi Lecture to Dr. M. P. Haware and Teersanidhi Lecture to Dr. A. K. Roy were accepted.

4. 1997 International Plant Pathology Congress:

It was agreed that Dr. Anupam Vatana, Convener of Steering Committee constituted for bidding for 1997 IPPC should continue his efforts for bidding to hold 1997 IPPC under the auspices of IPIS in India.

5. Resolutions: Recommendations of E.C. to drop both the resolutions - one for increasing membership fee and other for reduction of zones from 7 to 5 - were accepted unanimously. It was also approved that TA/DA for E.C. members should be restricted to II/3T Rail Fare and Rs 50/- per day DA (subject to total DA of 300/-) as recommended by E.C.

6. Other issues: E.C. recommendations for reimbursement of expenditure on postage etc incurred by ^{those} Zonal Chapters where meetings could not be held, holding of National Annual meeting along with one of Zonal Annual meetings and

no TA/DA to E.C. members for mid-term review meeting were approved by voice vote.

The Secretary then announced the results of best paper awards (Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Medal Award) and Academic Award contests. The President presented 1989 (Vol. 42) best paper award to Dr. Shankar Bhat for the paper by Bhat, Gowda, Bonde and Ramfro^{and} (1990 (Vol 43) award to Dr. S.K. Bhattacharya for paper by B.P. Singh and Bhattacharya. The Secretary congratulated Dr. P.K. Mukherjee for winning 1990 Narasimhan Academic Award contest out of 3 papers presented in this contest and Dr. D.B. Parvath for 1991 award out of 4 contestants for this contest medal. The President presented the medals to two winners amidst congratulatory applause from members.

Dr. V.H. Pathak then presented his views on possibilities for making the Society more viable. He felt that Society should try to develop uniformity in various undergraduate & postgraduate courses through course material, notes and slides, and holding Teaching-Aid Shop at the time of Annual Meeting. He felt that by 2000 Rs. I.P.S. should provide one video-course. In his opinion, a mock session for planning R-D Projects would go a long way in helping members to ensure approval of their projects by various financing institutions. He ~~also~~ also wondered whether I.P.S. could help less privileged students in getting timely information about various vacancies in the

held:

There was a general consensus that Dr. Palnati's viewpoints deserve serious consideration. However, since ~~finance~~^{Dr} funds will be required for all these activities, it would be better to explore the possibilities of donations/aid from different sources before taking up in-depth planning.

In the end, the Secretary announced the results of election for 1992 Executive Council. He thanked Drs. S.M. Paul Khurana, B.G. Thund, V.P. Agrinikoti and L.V. Gangram for counting of votes and preparation of results. As per report, 498 ballots were received out of which 16 were found invalid. The ^{following} results were declared elected:

President elect (1992) - Dr. A.K. Sanyal

Secretary (1992-94) - Dr. Dinesh Kumar

Jt. Secretary (I) - Dr. S.M. Vishwanath

Treasurer (I) - Dr. D.K. Agarwal

Zonal Chapter	Zonal President	Zonal Councilor
Delhi	Dr. Anilava Majumdar	Dr. (Ms) Usha Devi
Northern	Dr. V.K. Gupta	Dr. R.C. Sharma
Mid-Eastern	Dr. Sudhir Chandra	Dr. (Ms) H.K. Khanna
Eastern	Dr. K.B. Mishra	Dr. B.K. Prasad
Central	Dr. H.P. Srivastava	Dr. D.K. Purkayastha
Western	Dr. C.D. Mayee	Dr. J.G. Raut
Southern	Dr. H.B. Reddy	Dr. A.K. Saxena

In the end the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

NSC Officer

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Signature

10.1.1992