

Minutes of 45th Annual Meeting of Indian Phytopathological Society held at College of Agriculture, PKV, Akola on Jan. 19-21, 1993.

The meeting was inaugurated by the Vice-Chancellor, PKV, Akola on 19.1.93. The inaugural function was followed by 45th Presidential Address by Dr. M.S. Chaturvedi, who spoke on "Quarter century of systemic fungicides - current status and challenges ahead". After lunch, the national symposium on 'Movements of Genes for Resistance and Susceptibility' was held. Only 3 papers were presented. The poor response was viewed with concern and it was felt that topic for national symposium should ^{have been} broader based. Secretary's suggestion that we may try to ~~organise~~ ^{organise} another symposium on this important topic, was accepted.

On 20.1.93, the session started with Mukherjee Memorial lecture by Dr. S.M. Paul Khurana. This was followed by 1992 ~~1992~~ M.S. Puri lecture by Dr. A.W. Mukherjee - Padhyay, who spoke on 'Biocontrol of Soil-borne Fungal Pathogens - Current status, future prospects and constraints'. Dr. M.P. Haware delivered 1993 Puri lecture on 'Fusarium Diseases of Crops in India' as last lecture of pre-lunch period. Post lunch period was devoted to poster papers of research results, presented by 36 members.

The sessions on 21.1.1993 started with Jeer Samidhi lecture by Dr. A.H. Ray, who talked on 'Sheath blight of rice in India'. This was followed by Narasimhan Academic Award contest in which 3 young scientist contested for the coveted medal. Dr. N. Sathyanarayana was adjudged the winner by the judges.

After tea, the Annual General Body meeting started with Dr. M.S. Chakraborty, 45th President of the Society in chair. After ~~2~~ ¹ minute's President's welcome, 2 minute silence was observed on the sad demise of Drs. S.K. Adhy, J.N. Chand, N.C. Joshi, B.S. Mehrotra, R. Prasad, K.M. Saifeulla, S.V. Siddharashtra and (Ms.) Uma Verma during 1992. Dr. Chakraborty was requested to draft condolence messages and send them to bereaved families. The Secretary then read the minutes of combined 43rd & 44th Annual meetings held at Bhowanagar on Dec. 30, 1991 - Jan. 2, 1992, which were approved without any modifications. Dr. D.V. Singh then presented Chief Editor's report, ^{which was} followed by Treasurer's report by Dr. D.K. Aggarwal. While presenting his report next, the Secretary also highlighted salient features of Chief Editor and Treasurer reports.

He informed the house that during 1992 125 new members joined the Society while 121 did not renew their membership. The total membership now stands at 1596. He further stated that the Society is thankful to the ICAR for providing financial assistance of Rs. 40,000/- for 1991-92 & 1992-93 each for the publication of Indian Phytopathology. However, INSA ^{has} stopped its annual grant of Rs. 5000/- from 1992 due to financial constraints. He recalled that, as informed by Treasurer, the Society had Rs. 2,10,039.42 in SB A/c's & cash in hand and Rs. 2,86,000/- in fixed deposits in Banks & NSC. Also, during 1992 three nos (2-4) of Vol. 44, 1991 and one of Vol. 45, 1992 of Indian Phytopathology were printed. No. 2 ^{vol} of 45 is also out and nos. 3 & 4 are in various

stages of publication. The printing of the journal ^{now} is being done by M/s Malhotra Publishing House, New Delhi. There was a general appreciation of the new format of the journal, from the house.

The Secretary then voiced members' concern regarding backlog for printing of abstracts of papers presented during 1991 & 1992 Zonal Meetings and 43rd & 44th Annual Meeting at Bharanagar and clarified that delay is mainly due to non-receipt of the edited and approved abstracts from some zones and that after due consideration the E.C. has decided that the Secretary should write to concerned Zonal Presidents to kindly send all the necessary documents within a month, otherwise it may lead to non-printing of proceedings of those zones. Members were requested to get in touch with their Zonal Presidents for immediate action.

He further informed the house that this year all the seven chapters organised highly successful zonal meetings, as evident from Western Chapters meeting, seen by the members. Whereas Delhi Chapter held 3 meetings during the year, Mid-Eastern Chapter initiated a new trend by awarding medals for different papers. It was felt by some members that Zonal Chapters should select topics of regional importance for their symposia and should refrain from inviting speakers from outside the zone. XII International Conference on Citrus Virology, organised by IRI in collaboration with IOCV & ACPV, held at IARI from 23 to 27 Nov, 1992, was highlighted. Members received with appreciation the news that Swamy gained more than 1 lac rupees by his activity, apart from

appreciation for
 its organising capability from International gathering.
 Members congratulated Dr. S.G. Borkar for
 Prof. M.J. Narasimhan medal Award for best paper
 in Vol. 44, 281-290, 1991 of Indian Phytopathology. The
 paper was 'Dynamic of phenols and diphenoloxidase
 contents of cotton cvs during hypersensitive and
 susceptible reaction induced by Xanthomonas
compositus fr. malvacearum by S.G. Borkar and
 J.B. Verma.

The recommendations of E.C. were then presented
 for the approval of CGS. These were:

1. Nomination of Dr. M.R.S. Iyengar, Baroda as
 Hon. Fellow of the Society, in the vacancy created
 due to death of Dr. R. Prasada.
2. Admission of Drs. D. Bahukhandi, M.U. Charaya,
 A.K. Chaudhry, Vishwa Dhar, B.R. Dutta, V.P. Gupta,
 M. Islam, V.S. Rao, S.N. Sandhikar, P. Santha Kumari,
 R.S. Shukla, S.S. Sethi, K.P. Srivastava and B.N.
 Chakraborty as Fellows (FDSI) of the Society.
3. Revision ~~of~~ ^{of} membership of the Society; Rs 100/-/US\$
 20 for individuals from India and abroad respectively,
 Rs. with corresponding revision of life membership,
 Rs 500/- ^{annual} subscription from libraries etc with
 dollar subscription (US\$ 50) remaining unchanged.
4. Nomination of Dr. C.D. Mayal ^{next} for M. Mendkar
 Memorial lecture; that of Prof. S.S. Sethi for
 Teer-samudhi lecture and of Prof. M.N. Khare for
 Prof. M.S. Pagni lecture.
5. To accept the offer ^{of Rs. 50,000/-} to start Prof. M.S.N. Dasgupta
 memorial lecture and of Rs. 20,000/- from Mrs. Prasada

for a suitable activity in memory of late Dr. R. Prasad,
In latter case, a medal for best ^{Poster} paper may be instituted.

6. The Zonal Presidents / Councillors shall also nominate at least one reputed Plant Pathologist of the zone for the lecture awards.

These were approved by the house without any amendments. The three reports were also accepted without any comments.

In the end the Secretary announced the results of elections for 1993 Executive Council. He thanked Drs. V.P. Agnihotri, S. Kare, R.B. Samani, (Ms).

H.S. Khetri and P.N. Mukherjee for counting of votes and preparation of results. As per their report, 539 ballots were received, out of which 124 were found invalid. The following were declared elected:

President Elect: Dr J.P. Verma; Zonal Presidents and Councillors - Drs. M.S. Kang and S.S. Chahal, Ludhiana (North); Drs. Prakash Bahadur and R.K. Jain, IARI (Delhi), Drs. G.C. Srivastava and N.N. Tripathi, Gera, Kharpur (Mid-Eastern); Drs. A.K. Ray and K.K. Sinha, Bargarh, Bhubaneswar (Eastern); Drs. S.C. Vyas and S.L. Naik, Indore (Central); Drs. S.S. Kare and S.N. Sandikar, Parbhani (Western) and Drs. K.H. Anahosur and G.M. Padaganur, Dharwad (Southern).

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Confirmed

29/1/94

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Secy., I.P.S.