

Report of the Secretary Presented at 46th Annual General Body Meeting of Indian Phytopathological Society, Coimbatore, 29.1.94

Welcome to the 46th Annual General Body meeting of the Society. This meeting has indeed been very satisfying as apart from 4 award lectures, 13 papers were presented in the National Symposium on 'Ultrastructure, Cytology, Sexuality and Variability in Plant Pathogens', 70 in poster session and 8 for Narasimhan Academic Award Contest. The Society is grateful to Prof. K.S. Bargava for delivering inaugural Prof. S.N. Dasgupta Memorial Lecture. Thanks also are to Dr. M.N. Khare and S.S. Sokhi for Pavi and Jeersannidhi lectures respectively. The topics for these lectures were well chosen and would be valuable reference source when printed in *Indian Phytopathology*. Dr. C.D. Mayee could not come and hence arrangements will be made for his Mundkur Memorial Lecture in next Annual Meeting.

During the year 1993, 173 new members joined the Society while 226 did not renew their membership. We also lost two valuable members due to sad demise of Dr. S. Subbarayudu and Dr. B.A. Ullasa. The total membership of the Society is now 1541. Also, Nos. 2 to 4 of vol. 45(1992) and Nos. 1 & 2 of vol. 46 (1993) of *Indian Phytopathology* were issued in this period. In addition, Nos. 3 & 4 of vol. 46 and Special Issue (containing abstracts of papers presented in National and Zonal meetings held in 1990 and 1991) have been given for printing. This means that our Journal has been brought upto date. Similarly, we are in a better financial position now than last year. With Rs. 3,55,905.02 in Saving Bank Account and cash in hand and Rs. 3,36,000.00

in long term fixed deposits in Bank and NSC at the end of 1993 we have Rs. 1,95,865.60. 60 more in our kitty as compared to period ending 31.12.1992. A computer with printer was purchased in September 1993. It has been made operational with installation of a database programme for Society's accounts and computerisation of Member Directory. However the Directory's computerisation in the format of World Directory of Plant Pathologists could not be taken up so far as only 639 members have returned the proforma sent to all the members. I solicit your cooperation in this endeavour by not only sending your data, if not done so far, but also to send an appeal to defaulters in your zone of early urgent action.

Reports of Zonal Chapter meetings have been received only from Delhi, Ludhiana and Dharwad. Others are awaited. This time the Zonal Presidents have been requested to send a technical report also, highlighting the new information/findings in papers presented in their meetings. This would make secretary's report more meaningful.

The Executive Council examined the 5 resolutions, already circulated to all, and recommended and following for your consideration :

1. President should be selected instead of elected. Majority felt that the status quo should be maintained. A lively discussion led to distinct difference of opinions. Drs. Jeyarajan and Anahosur felt that whereas members right to elect the President should not be withdrawn, nominations should be restricted to candidates from one zone at a time, on rotation, to ensure

regional balance. Dr. S.S. Sokhi and some others disagreed and supported continuance of present procedure. Drs. Vidhyasekaran, J.P. Verma and Dinesh Kumar observed that adaptation of the resolution would give a true national character and dignity to the position of President of the Society. A suggestion to decide the issue by voting was rejected. Noting that the resolution cannot be modified for the approval of the house, it was decided to maintain status quo as recommended by E.C.

2. Joint Secretary should be selected instead of elected. Status quo should be maintained (Accepted).
3. Full papers, instead of abstracts, should be printed. No abstract of papers presented in Annual/Zonal meetings should be printed in *Indian Phytopathology*. Instead, Secretary (for National Meeting)/Zonal Presidents should get these printed in the format to be prescribed by a committee consisting of Chief Editor, Editor and Secretary. Expenditure should be met by HQ/Zone for respective job (Accepted).
4. TA/DA should be paid for mid-term EC meeting. Recommended (Accepted).

First or IIAC train fare for EC meetings. Only one office bearer from each zone and Secretary or Jt. Secretary and Chief Editor or Editor to get TA/DA. Not recommended (EC's recommendation accepted).

5. The number of Zonal Chapters should be reduced from 7 to 5. Status quo (Accepted).

Other recommendations of EC are :

1. Admission of Drs. Kailash Agarwal, Usha Chakrovorty, V.K. Gaur, V.B. Hosagaukar, Rashid M. Khan, S.M. Paul Khurana, Dilip Monga and N.N. Tripathi as Fellows of the Society.
2. Award of an IPS medal for best poster paper in National Annual Meetings.

3. Increase in Secretary's financial powers from Rs. 100 to Rs. 2000. Also, a committee consisting of President, Secretary, Chief Editor and Treasurer may approve proposals for urgent expenditure of more than Rs. 2000.
4. Zonal Presidents/Councillors shall propose names from their Zone for lecture awards. President, Chief Editor and Secretary may also send proposals. Individual members may also propose but the application should be routed through concerned Zonal President. Executive Council shall make the selection from nominations so received.
5. Nomination of Dr. M.M. Payak for Mundkur Memorial Lecture, Dr. S. Nagarajan for Jeersannidhi Lecture, Dr. V. Agnihothrudu for Pagvi Lecture and Dr. P.L. Patil for S.N. Dasgupta Memorial Lecture.

(All the five recommendations were approved by G.B.).

I am glad to announce that Shri M. Muthamilan is the winner of Narasimhan Academic Award Contest. Amongst poster papers, the presentation of B.P. Singh, S. Roy, S.K. Bhattacharya and G.S. Shekhawat, CPRI, Shimla has been declared winner of IPS medal for best poster paper. In addition, papers by A. Gulati and D.N. Chakroborty of CSIR Complex, Palampur; V.P. Rao, K.G. Shetty and R.P. Thakur of ICRISAT, Hyderabad; B.N. Chakroborty, U. Chakroborty, A. Saha, P. Busu and R. Das of North Bengal University, Darjeelling and Jayashree Jayaraman and Dinesh Kumar of IARI, New Delhi have been recommended for award of Commendation Certificates. The video-film 'Development of epidemic of Xcv on tomato in 1992', developed by Dr. S.G. Borker and shown to delegates in this meeting, has also been awarded Commendation Certificate under Society's scheme to suitability honour members developing teaching aid/s and demonstrating them in Annual Meetings. Heartiest congratulations to all.

The result of best paper in Vol. 45(1992) will be announced next year at the time of 47th

Annual Meeting as the process of selection is not yet complete.

Elections for 1994 Executive Council were a quiet affair with some getting declared elected unopposed and others had to be nominated by EC. The new members of 1994 EC are : President Elect-V.P. Agnihotri; Zonal Presidents and Councillors-Mahendra Pal and J.L. Varshney (Delhi), Satya Vir and C.D. Kaushik (Northern), R.V. Singh and H.L. Jaishwal (Mid East), S.M. Reddy and S. Ram Reddy (Central), S.N. Das and S.R. Das (Eastern), J.G. Patel and A.K. Mishra (Western) and P. Vidyasekaran and P. Bala-subramanian (Southern). Heartiest Congratulations to them.

I take this opportunity to thank Drs. M.N. Khare, B.S. Thind, Prakash Bahadur, S.N. Sandikar and A.K. Roy for their valuable time in valuation of poster papers and Drs. K.H. Anahosur, H.N. Verma, Satya Vir, B.P. Singh and Ram Kishun for judging various presentations of Narasimhan Academic Award Contest. Thanks are also due to Drs. P. Vidhyasekaran and K.K. Sinha for conducting National Symposium and to Drs. J.P. Verma, P. Narayanasami and for chairing different lecture awards.

In the end, I wish to thank all EC members, IPS staff and members of the Society for their help and cooperation in functioning of the Society.

Dinesh Kumar
Secretary