

**Proceedings of 66<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting held during National Symposium on “Plant Pathology in Genomic Era” at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur (Chhattisgarh) during May 26-28, 2014**

The Secretary IPS welcomed Dr. U.S. Singh, President (2013), Dr. M. Anandaraj, President (2014) and Dr. D.V. Singh, Past President (2003). The Secretary also welcomed all the members of the Society, who have shown their keen interest in the affairs of the Society to come over to attend the Annual meeting and national symposium at IGKV, Raipur.

I am happy to inform the house that the journal Indian Phytopathology is up-to-date. March issue, Vol. 67 (2) 2014 has already been printed and also available online and where the June issue is also available online and in press for printing. The NAAS rating of the journal has been increased to 4.59 from 3.8 and journal is being sent regularly to **Thomson Reuters** for international impact factor.

The first book of the series ‘**Diseases of Fruit Crops**’ (Eds. A.K. Misra, P. Chowdappa, Pratibha Sharma and R.K. Khetarpal) have already been published in 2012. The other books entitled ‘**Diseases of Plantation Crops**’ (Eds. P. Chowdappa, Pratibha Sharma, M. Anandaraj and R.K. Khetarpal) and ‘**Diseases of Vegetables**’ (Eds. Dinesh Singh, P. Chowdappa and Pratibha Sharma) have also published in 2014 and released in this symposium. The fourth book of the series ‘**Diseases of Field Crops**’ (Eds. S.C. Dubey, Rashmi Aggarwal, T.S.S.K. Patro and Pratibha Sharma) is in the process for publication and will be released in the next Annual Meeting and National Symposium of the Society.

**Revision of IPS Staff salary:** The revised salary of the IPS staff was approved by the GB as follows.

	<b>Existing Salary</b>	<b>Revised Salary</b>
	(Rs.)/month	Rs.) /month
Business Manager	: 19,500.00	25,000.00
Editorial Assistant	: 8,000.00	10,000.00
Office Assistant	: 5,500.00	7,000.00

**Awards**

On the basis of nominations received from EC, the Award Screening Committee has recommended the following names for different awards of the Society.

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| 1. Mundkur Memorial Award        | : | Dr. M. Krishna Reddy, IIHR, Bangalore |
| 2. M.S. Pavgi Award              | : | Dr. Akhtar Haseeb, AMU, Aligarh       |
| 3. Dastur Memorial Lecture Award | : | Dr. P. Chowdappa, IIHR, Bangalore     |

4. K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award : Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, IARI, New Delhi
5. J.P. Verma Memorial Lecture Award : Dr. Ramesh Chand, BHU, Varanasi
6. Sharda Lele Memorial Award : Dr. Pratibha Sharma, IARI, New Delhi
7. M.K. Patel Young Scientist Award : Dr. TSSK Patro, Vizianagaram, A.P. and  
Dr. P. Srinivas, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
8. Fellow of Indian Phytopathological Society (FPSI): This year GB decided to increase the number of FPSI to 1% of total number of Life Members. Hence, this year a total 16 members have been awarded Fellowship of the Society. Their names are as follows:
  - i. Dr. Kalyan K. Mondal, Principal Scientist, IARI, New Delhi
  - ii. Dr. V.K. Barnwal, Principal Scientist & I/c ACPV, IARI, New Delhi
  - iii. Dr. Jagdish Kumar, Principal Scientist & Head, IARI, Regional Station, Wellington
  - iv. Dr. K.S. Hooda, Principal Scientist, Directorate Maize Research, New Delhi
  - v. Dr. M.S. Ahmad, Demonstrator, T.M. Bhagalpur University, Bihar
  - vi. Dr. P. Nallathambi, Principal Scientist, IARI, Regional Station, Wellington
  - vii. Dr. M.S. Patil, Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad
  - viii. Dr. Indu Sawant, Principal Scientist, NRC for Grapes, Solapur, MS
  - ix. Dr. T. Makesh Kumar, Principal Scientist, CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
  - x. Dr. K.S. Meena Kumari, Ex-Registrar, ANGRAU, Hyderabad
  - xi. Dr. K.K. Pandey, Head, Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla
  - xii. Dr. S.K. Jain, Principal Scientist & I/c Head, VPKAS, Almora
  - xiii. Dr. A.N. Sabalpara, NAU, Navsari, Guj.
  - xiv. Dr. V.I. Benagi, UAS, Dharwad
  - xv. Dr. V.B. Nargund, UAS, Dharwad
  - xvi. Dr. B. Bhadraiah, Satavahan University, Karimnagar, AP
9. **Prof. M.J. Narasimahan Academic Merit Award:** The judging committee recommended that name of Mr. Sandeep Kumar, IARI, New Delhi for Prof. M.J. Narasimahan Academic Merit Award Contest for the paper presentation on “Studies on virus(es) associated with grapevine leaf roll disease in India”
10. **K.P.V. Menon Best Poster Award:** The judging committee recommended the following name for K.P.V. Menon Best Poster Award.
  - i. **First prize:** Poster (**SSR-PO6**) “Efficiency of different *Trichoderma* isolates on plant on plant growth promoting activity in rice (*Oryza sativa* L.)” by Kale Sonam Suresh Rao, A.S. Kotasthane, Kadu Tanvi Pradeep Rao, Chavan Narendra Rameshsing
  - ii. **Second prize:** (**TS10-P04**) “SYBR green based duplex qRT-PCR detection of Tomato leaf curl New Delhi virus-potato with *Potato virus X* and *Potato leaf roll virus*” by A. Jeevalatha, Praiyanka Kaundal, Anupama Guleria, S. Sundaresha, R.P. Pant and B.P. Singh
  - iii. **Third prize:** (TS3-P03) Performance of Wheat Genotypes over the years against Leaf Rust caused by *Puccinia triticina* Eriks. by I. K. Kalappanavar, S. V. Kulkarni, G. S. Arunakumar and P. E. Pradeep

The following names were recommended for Commendation Certificate.

- (i) (TS9-P07) In-silico analysis for *xa13* gene and its introgression in poornima by marker assisted breeding by *Kadu Tanvi Pradeep Rao, A.S. Kotasthane, Kale Sonam Suresh Rao, Chavan Narendra Rameshsing*
- (ii) Identification of wheat genotypes resistance to yellow rust at seedling and adult plant stages by *Vaibhav K. Singh, U.D. Singh, R. Gogoi, R.C. Mathuria, M.M. Jindal, M.S. Saharan, S.C. Bhardwaj and Indu Sharma*

### **Treasurer's report (2013)**

The report was presented by the Secretary, IPS. A marked improvement in collection of fund has been achieved during this period and Society is in sound financial position. This financial year (2013-14) an additional amount of Rs. 11.00 Lakhs (Rs. Eleven Lakhs only) has been fixed as Term Deposit and overall the Society has additionally increased its financial position of Rs. 29.22 Lakhs in last three years and presently Society has Rs. 59.11 Lakhs in fixed deposit.

### **Chief Editor's Report (2013)**

The report was presented by the Secretary, IPS. During 2013, total 178 papers were received through on-line submissions. Out of these, 59 were rejected, 90 published, 4 are in review, 10 have been accepted for next issue and 15 have been sent back to authors for revision. This shows approximately 33% articles were declined for publication and at present we do not have any backlog.

### **Composition of Executive Council (2014)**

As per the election result declared the Executive Council for the year 2014 will be as follows:

President	Dr. M. Anandaraj, IISR, Calicut,
President-Elect	Dr. A.K. Misra, CISH, Lucknow
Secretary	Dr. Pratibha Sharma, IARI, New Delhi
Treasurer	Dr. Dinesh Singh, IARI, New Delhi
Jt. Secretary	Dr. R.K. Sharma, IARI, New Delhi
Zonal President (DZ)	Dr. K.S. Hooda, DMR, New Delhi
Zonal Councillor (DZ)	Dr. Vaibhav Kr. Singh, IARI, New Delhi
Zonal President (MEZ)	Dr. S.P. Pathak, NDUAT, Faizabad
Zonal Councillor (MEZ)	Dr. H.K. Singh, NDUAT, Faizabad
Zonal President (SZ)	Dr. I.K. Kalappanvar, UAS, Dharwad
Zonal Councillor (SZ)	Dr. S.I. Harlapur, UAS, Dharwad

The following names were proposed and approved by the GB for the Zonal President/Councillors

Zonal President (EZ)	Jyoti Kumar, Ranchi Univ., Ranchi
Zonal Councillor (EZ)	Manoj Kr. Barnwal, BAU, Ranchi
Zonal President (WZ)	B.M. Waghmare, Maharashtra, Latur
Zonal Councillor (WZ)	Sunit J. Magar, College of Agril., Latur
Zonal President (CZ)	Anil. S. Kotasthane, IGKV, Raipur
Zonal Councillor (CZ)	H.K. Singh, IGKV, Raipur

### **Zonal Chapter activities**

Six Zonal Chapters of the Society have actively organized symposia on different themes at their respective Zonal Meetings on important aspects of Plant Pathology. However, Northern Zone could not conduct the zonal symposium due to some unavoidable circumstances.

### **Annual Meeting and National Symposium (2014-15)**

The society has received two proposals for the next annual meeting (i) University of Mysore by Dr. S.R. Niranjana and (ii) IISR, Calicut by Dr. M. Anandaraj, Director, IISR and President, IPS. In view of the President's interest and responsibility to conduct the annual meeting & national symposium, the next venue will be IISR, Calicut which will be likely to be held in February/March 2015.

### **International Conference 2016**

It is a pleasure to announce that the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Society will be held in February 2016 at IARI, New Delhi on the topic "**Plant, Pathogens and People**" with the mission "**Challenges in Plant Pathology for the benefit of humankind**". First circular for the same will be issued to all the members very soon.

### **Brain storming Session on "Plant Disease Clinic: Importance and Scope"**

A brain storming Session on "**Plant Disease Clinic: Importance and Scope**" was held on May 28, 2014 during this national Symposium at IGKV, Raipur to develop the policy for Plant pathologists to be registered as plant doctor. The session was chaired by Dr. U.S. Singh, M. Anandaraj and Dr. D.V. Singh and coordinated by Secretary-IPS, Dr. Pratibha Sharma. Total 62 delegates participated out of which 20 have expressed their views in the session. The proceedings of the same will be compiled and submitted to DG, ICAR for further development.


### **The following decision were taken and approved by the General body.**

- i. It was decided to give an award to the best zone. Guidelines for nomination of IPS awards for best zone will be developed in due course.
- ii. GB agreed on proposal for paid copy editor for editing the manuscripts by professional language editors. The charges should be borne by the authors.
- iii. The number of FPSI every year will 1% of total number of Life members.

- iv. Creation of new zone i.e. North-East Zone: The GB agreed on the creation of new North-East Zone to boost up their active participation in the IPS activities in North East states. The following 8 states will be in the North-East Zone: Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizorum, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. However, the Eastern Zone will cover the following 5 states namely, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa and West Bengal.

The Secretary thanked and expressed sincere gratitude to Dr. U.S. Singh, President (2013) and Dr. M. Anandaraj (2014) for their guidance, advice, encouragement and support in day to day functioning of the Society. The secretary also thanked very profusely Prof. S.K. Patil, Vice Chancellor, IGKV, Raipur; Dr. Anil S. Kotasthane, Organizing Secretary; Dr. M.P. Thakur, Co-organising Secretary; Chairmen, Co-chairmen, Local Organizing Secretary, convenors and rapporteurs of various technical sessions and organizing sub committees for their wholehearted support in making the 66<sup>th</sup> National Symposium a grand success. She has thanked all the staff members and students for rendering their valuable help in various ways for making the symposium a success. All the members of Executive Council and Mr Raju, Business Manager were thanked for their cooperation, active support and suggestions in various activities of the Society and the entire staff of the Headquarter of IPS for their valuable support.

The meeting came to an end with the President thanking the efforts put in by the Secretary and the executive.

  
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7.6.14 (Secretary)



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