

## **INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, NEW DELHI**

### **Proceedings of 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Body Meeting of the Society held at AAU, Jorhat, Assam, February 16, 2018**

It is indeed my proud privilege to welcome all the members of the Society, who have shown their keen interest in the affairs of the Society to come over to attend this 70<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at AAU, Jorhat, Assam.

Once again, I thank you all for supporting me to run the Society smoothly. I have taken over as Secretary, Indian Phytopathological Society on January 11, 2017. Since then, so many meetings have been conducted to discuss day to day functioning of the Society.

### **Meetings held during the year 2017-18:**

#### **I. Mid-term Executive Council Meeting: February 27, 2017**

The proceedings of the meeting has already been shared with all our Executive Council Members. However, I am going to brief about the action taken on the decisions made in the Mid-term EC Meeting held on February 27, 2017.

##### **(i) Springer Collaboration**

At the outset, I am glad to inform you that finally agreement has been signed with **Springer (India) Private Ltd., New Delhi** for co-publication of the Journal *Indian Phytopathology* from January 2018 (Vol. 71, Issue 01, 2018) onwards initially for five years (2018-2022). The proceeding regarding finalization of publishing agreement with **Springer (India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi (Publisher)** and **Indian Phytopathological Society, New Delhi (Society)** held on November 06, 2017 has already been shared with our Executive Council and Editorial Board members.

The formal **Exchange of Agreement** between IPS and Springer and the new **cover page of Journal *Indian Phytopathology*** has been released in the Inaugural Session of the IPS National Symposium held at AAU, Jorhat, Assam on February 15, 2018.

##### **(ii) CSR (Company Society Responsibility) Project by the Society**

Proposals from two service providing companies namely, (i) **FIINOVATION** and (ii) **Unique Welfare Foundation (UWF)**, which facilitates in generating funds under CSRs, PSUs and agencies according to the requirement and eligibility of the organization have been received. Agreement has been signed with **FIINOVATION** and the project of budget **Rs. 1.0 Crore** submitted to the donor agency. The agreement with UWF has also been signed.

**Present status:** All presentations regarding the project & Budget are over. In the presentations the team exposed about the project, implementation area & budget. In

accordance to which the donor agency particularly highlighted the relevance & importance of the proposed project in the implementation area. Although the donors were quite impressed about the project concept. On this regard the Donor team is considering the project and therefore asked revision time. Now we are looking forward for their positive responses & as per the Donor guidelines we will be getting the response within few weeks which is scheduled as per the standard time line of the funding agency. General Body agreed on all the developments in this regard.

**(iii) Enhancement of Salary of IPS Staff (last revision July 2015)**

The salary of the IPS staff was revised and has been implanted from April 2017 and the same has been approved by the General Body.

	<b>Revised salary (Rs.) /month</b>
Business Manager	32,000.00
Editorial Assistant	13,000.00
Office Assistant	10,000.00
<b>Total (monthly)</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>

**(iv) Raising the membership of IPS through young scientists, PG students, other sources:**

All the EC members have been requested to motivate students and plant pathologists to become the member of the Society and they all agreed for the same.

Presently total members of the Society is 1969 including 1777 Life and 192 Annual Members. This year (January 2017 to January 2018), total 99 Life members have been enrolled in the Society.

It is a new initiative to issue the Membership Certificate to **Life Members**, who have paid his/her full payment. Total 33 certificates have been issued to the life members, who have made full payment of membership.

**(v) Initiation of new journal and IPS Newsletter for better interaction among the members.**

It was discussed and agreed by the EC for **IPS Newsletter** to introduce with the help of all 8 Zonal Presidents and Zonal Councillors. However, a new journal may be initiated after agreement with Springer for publication of *Indian Phytopathology* and status of research papers being submitted by the authors.

A mail for the content of **IPS Newsletter** has been sent to all the members, but, we could not get the proper respond for the content of newsletter.

**(vi) Enhancing the impact factor of the journal Indian Phytopathology.**

Now Springer will take care for the impact factor of the journal Indian Phytopathology.

- (vii) **Mechanisms for prompt publication of the articles in the journal.**  
The manuscripts are now being published within 6 months of its submission. No back log of the articles exist.
- (viii) **Publication of books and manuals for the UG & PG plant Pathology.**  
A separate committee will be constituted to take this responsibility.
- (ix) **Encourage young researchers to have global exposure**  
Information regarding APS Travel Grant and MJ Narasimhan Academic Merit Award Contest for was published in the first Circular of National Symposium to be held at AAU Jorhat, Assam for its wider circulation among the members and young researchers.
- (x) **Enhancement of number of applicants for “IPS Travel Sponsorship for young scientists/students” at least one from each zone (max. upto 8)**  
Information regarding “IPS Travel Sponsorship for students (Ph. D)” have been published in the first circular of National Symposium to be held at AAU Jorhat, Assam, was discussed and agreed with the conditions as given below.  
a) To and fro 3rd AC train fare with shortest route.  
b) Waving off the registration fee.  
c) Award of certificate for presenting their research findings.  
d) He/she should be below 30 years of age.  
e) He/she should be a member of IPS prior to the submission of application.  
However, the Society has not received any application on due date i.e. December 31, 2017.
- (xi) **Video sketch for all awards (2-3 min):**  
Documentary film maker was contacted for making the video sketch about the awards, and about the Society.  
The process has been started and 2 min. documentary on Prof. BB Mundkur has been prepared. Rest others are in process.
- (xii) **IPS Website**  
The website has been redesign with updated information and online membership registration system. The online voting system is also under process and will be configured soon and available for online voting from 2018-19.

## **2. PUBLICATIONS**

### **I. JOURNAL: INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGY**

All the issues of the journal Indian Phytoathology (2017) have been published timely and are available online.

As I informed you earlier that agreement has been signed with **Springer (India) Private Ltd., New Delhi** for co-publication of the Journal *Indian Phytopathology* from January 2018 (Vol. 71, Issue 01, 2018) onwards initially for five years (2018-2022) and new coverpage has been designed and approved for the journal Indian Phytopathology.

## **II. IPS BOOKS PUBLICATION – 2017-18**

During the year 2017-18, total 06 books were proposed to be published, out of which 04 have been published, viz.,

1. **Diseases of Ornamental crops** (Eds. by Dr. V. Devappa, Shamaro Jahagirdar and Dinesh Singh) - released in the Southern Zone symposium at UHS, Bangalore, Karnataka, on September 12, 2017.
2. **Biological Control of Crop Diseases: Recent Advances & Perspectives, (Edited by Dinesh Singh, B.N. Chakraborty, R.N. Pandey and Pratibha Sharma)** released during special symposium at AAU, Anand, Gujarat
3. **Microbial Antagonists: Role in Biological control of Plant Diseases** (Eds. R.N. Pandey, B.N. Chakraborty, Dinesh Singh and Pratibha Sharma) released during special symposium at AAU, Anand, Gujarat
4. **Recent Approaches for Management of Plant Diseases (Eds. Srikant Das, Subrata Dutta, B.N. Chakraborty & Dinesh Singh)** will be released in IPS National Symposium at Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam during February 15-17, 2018.

However, two books are in process of publication and the authors have been invited to contribute the book chapters.

5. **Diseases of Aromatic & Medicinal Plants** (Drs. Rakesh Pandey, Alok Kalra, H.B. Singh and Dinesh Singh)
6. **Wilt Diseases of Crops and their management** (Eds. Ashok Bhattacharyya, B.N. Chakraborty, R.N. Pandey and Dinesh Singh)

### **Other publications:**

7. **IPS Annual Report** for last three years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17) has been compiled and published during the year and has been circulated among the members of the Society through mail and also available on IPS website.
8. The Society has also published its brief profile "**IPS Profile**" and is available on IPS website.

## **III. EDITORIAL BOARD (2017-19)**

New Editorial Board for the period 2017-19 has been constituted and is functioning well and their details are also available on IPS website.

**Chief Editor (01)**

Dr. M. Anandaraj, Former Director (ICAR-IISR, Calicut), Bangalore, Karnataka, India

**Senior Editors (02)**

1. Dr. S.C. Dubey, National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi, India
2. Dr. V.K. Baranwal, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India

**Ex-officio**

Dr. Dinesh Singh, Secretary, IPS

**Editors**

**Fungal Pathology (14)**

1. Dr. David B. Olufolaji, The Federal University of Technology, NIGERIA
2. Dr. H.B. Singh, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India
3. Dr. Jing Lan, Inner Mongolia Agricultural University, China
4. Dr. Laetitia Willocquet, Castanet-Tolosan, Université Toulouse, France
5. Dr. Mousa Najafiniya, South Kerman Agricultural and Natural Resources Research and Education Center, Jiroft, Iran
6. Dr. M.S. Saharan, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India
7. Dr. Naresh Mehta, Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, Haryana, India
8. Dr. Radha Raman Pandey, Manipur University, Imphal, Manipur, India
9. Dr. Serge Savary, Castanet-Tolosan, Université Toulouse, France
10. Dr. Shrishail S. Navi, Iowa State University, Iowa, U.S.A.
11. Dr. Tusar Kanti Bag, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India
12. Dr. Urmil Bansal, The University of Sydney, Australia
13. Dr. Usha Chakraborty, University of North Bengal, Siliguri, West Bengal, India
14. Dr. V.B. Nargund, College of Agriculture, Bheemrayanagudi, Karnataka, India

**Bacteriology (07)**

1. Dr. Dhruva Kumar Jha, Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, India
2. Dr. Gomathinayagam Subramanian, University of Guyana, Guyana, South America
3. Dr. Kalyan K. Mondal, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India
4. Dr. Mehdi Azadvar, South Kerman Agricultural and Natural Resources Research and Education Center, Jiroft, Iran
5. Dr. Ramesh Chand, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India
6. Dr. Sanjay Swarup, National University of Singapore, Singapore
7. Dr. Yulmira Yanti, Andalas University, Padang, Indonesia

**Mycology (06)**

1. Dr. B.F. Rodrigues, Goa University, Goa, India
2. Dr. Hesham Ali Metwally Ali El-Enshasy, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Malaysia

3. Dr. M. Srinivas Prasad, ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad, Telangana
4. Dr. N.K.B. Adikaram, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
5. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Agharkar Research Institute, Pune, Maharashtra, India
6. Dr. Vijai Kumar Gupta, National University of Ireland Galway, Ireland

#### **Virology (04)**

1. Dr. P.N. Sharma, C.S.K.H.P. Agricultural University, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh, India
2. Dr. R. Selvarajan, National Research Centre for Banana, Tirchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, India
3. Dr. Savarni Tripathi, IARI, Regional Station, Pune, Maharashtra, India
4. Dr. V. Celia Chalam, National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi, India

#### **Nematology (04)**

1. Dr. Ali Anwar, SKUAST-Kashmir, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, India
2. Dr. D.J. Patel, Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat, India
3. Dr. M.R. Khan, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, India
4. Dr. N.G. Ravichandra, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, Karnataka, India

### **3. Awards**

#### **I. Presentation of the award**

This year following lecture awards were delivered during the national symposium at AAU, Jorhat:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of the award</b>	<b>Name of the</b>	<b>Title of the presentation</b>
1.	Presidential Address	Prof. BN Chakraborty NBU, Siliguri	Molecular recognition of Fungal pathogens and Activation of Plant Immune response
2.	S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Award	Dr. N.K. Krishnakumar Bioersity International New Delhi	Advances in Insect Vectors of Plant Pathogens
3.	Mundkur Memorial Lecture Award	Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty ADG (PP and B), ICAR, New Delhi	Strategic Management of Plant Diseases to Ensure Crop Biosecurity
4.	M.S. Pavgi Award Lecture	Dr. U.S. Singh IRRI, New Delhi	Managing abiotic stresses in rice in South Asia using climate resilient rice varieties and potential to combine microbes with host gene(s) for more effective management at farmers' fields

5.	J.F. Dastur Memorial Award Lecture	Dr. Shamarao Jahagirdar University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad, Karnataka	Present Status and Future Research dimensions of soybean diseases for sustainable productivity of soybean in India
6.	A.K. Sarbhoy Memorial Award Lecture	Dr. T. Prameela Devi, Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	Biodiversity, Taxonomy, Conservation and Documentation of fungi of India
7.	Sharda Lele Memorial Lecture Award	Dr. K.P. Singh GBPUAT, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand	Aerobiology, Epidemiology and management strategies in apple scab - Science and its applications
8.	M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award Lecture.	Dr. V. Prakasam ICAR-IIRR, Hyderabad, Telangana	Dynamics and sustainable approaches for the management sheath blight disease of rice in India

## II. Declaration of Results of award

General Body approved the following names recommended in the EC meeting for following awards:

- (i) **A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award** : Dr. M.N. Khare, Jabalpur
- (ii) **S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Award** : Dr. B.P. Singh, former Director, CPRI, Shimla
- (iii) **IPS Recognition Award**
  1. Dr. O.M. Bambawale (former Director, NCIPM, New Delhi), Nagpur
  2. Dr. Kamal, Gorakhpur
  3. Dr. N. Samajpati, Kolkata
  4. Dr. Udit Narain, Retd. Professor (Plant Pathology), CSAUAT, Kanpur, UP
  5. Dr. S.M. Reddy, Kakatiya University, Warangal, Andhra Pradesh

A meeting of the following Award Recommendation Committee members namely, (Drs.) A.K. Misra, Ramesh Chand, D.B. Parakh and M.N. Bhat was held on 08.12.2017 to recommend the names for IPS awards. The committee has recommended the following names for the following awards on the basis of marks given by Award Screening Committee.

1. **Jeersannidhi Award**: Dr. R. Selvarajan, ICAR-NRC for Banana, Tiruchirapali, Tamil Nadu
2. **S. Sinha Memorial Award\***: Dr. Atul Kumar, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
3. **K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award**: Dr. M.P. Thakur, IGKV, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
4. **Mundkur Memorial Award**: Dr. M.R. Khan, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh

5. **M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award:** Dr. P.L. Kashyap, ICAR-IIWBR, RS, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
6. **J.F. Dastur Memorial Award:** Dr. Usha Chakraborty, University of North Bengal, Siliguri, West Bengal
7. **J.P. Verma Memorial Award\*:** Dr. A.K. Gupta, Dr. YSPUH&F, Solan, Himachal Pradesh
8. **Sharda Lele Memorial Award:** Dr. Virendra Kumar Baranwal, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

\*In case of **S. Sinha Memorial Award**, none of the candidates has achieved 70% marks. However, keeping in view that this award has been instituted first time, hence, the committee has recommended the name of Dr. Atul Kumar, who has scored maximum marks, but it should not be quoted as precedence.

Also, in case of **J.P. Verma Memorial Award**, the committee has recommended the name of Dr. A.K. Gupta, to promote this award in the field of bacteriology, as a special case, as less number of scientists in the country are working in the field of bacteriology.

9. **The following names have been recommended for Fellow of Indian Phytopathological Society (FPSI)**

1. Dr. Pankaj Baiswar, ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya
2. Dr. T. Prameela Devi, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
3. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, JNKVV, Madhya Pradesh
4. Dr. Jayanta Tarafdar, BCKV, Kalyani, West Bengal
5. Dr. Srikanta Das, BCKV, Mohanpur, West Bengal
6. Dr. A.I. Bhat, ICAR-IISR, Calicut, Kerala
7. Dr. T.K. Bag, ICAR-IAR, New Delhi
8. Dr. Nasim Ahmad, ICAR-NCIPM, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
9. Dr. Subrata Dutta, BCKV, Kalyani, West Bengal
10. Dr. B.K.M. Laxmi, Vegetable Res. Station, Hyderabad, Telanganan
11. Dr. K.B. Pun, ICAR-National Rice Research Station, Hajo, Assam
12. Dr. Lakshman Prasad, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
13. Dr. R.N. Pandey, Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat
14. Dr. P. Srinivas, Central Horticultural Experiment Station (IIHR), Bhubaneswar, Odisha
15. Prof. Asha Sinha, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

10. **“MJ Narasimhan Medal Award” for best research paper published in Indian Phytopathology**

On the basis of marks given by Award Screening Committee the award recommendation committee has also recommended the following papers as **“MJ Narasimhan Medal Award” for best research paper published in Indian Phytopathology during the year 2012-16.**



Year	Title of the paper	Authors	Vol./Page No.
2012	In planta distribution, accumulation, movement and persistence of Citrus tristeza virus in citrus host	A. Tarafdar, P.D. Ghosh and K.K. Biswas	65(2): 184-188
2012	Utilization of plant growth promoting bacillus strains isolates for the management of bacterial wilt incidence in tomato caused by <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> race 1 biovar	Dinesh Singh, D.K. Yadav, Shewta Singh and B.K. Upadhyay	65(1): 18-24
2013	Molecular detection of begomoviruses associated with a new yellow leaf crumple disease of cucumber in Maharashtra, India	L.M. Suresh, V.G. Malathi and M.B. Shivanna	66(3): 294-301
2014	Epidemiological analysis of the damage potential of Pgt-Ug99 in Central East, North East Africa, Iran and Punjab (India)	S. Nagarajan, K.H. Kogel and J.C. Zadoks	67(1): 26-32
2015	Characterization of phytoplasmas associated with sesame ( <i>Sesamum indicum</i> ) phyllody disease in North India utilizing multilocus genes and RFLP analysis	Sajah Un Nabi, Madhupriya, Durgesth Dubey, G.P. Rao, V.K. Baranwal and P. Sharma	68(1): 112-119
2016	Characterization and genetic diversity of <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>Campestris</i> causing black rot disease in crucifers in North India	Priyanka Singh Rathour, Dinesh Singh and Richa Raghuwanshi	69(2): 114-118

11. **Prof. M.J. Narasimahan Academic Merit Award**

This year total **12** contestant participated in this contest from different zones. The judging committee recommended the name of **Mr. V. Kavi Sidharthan**, Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi as winner for Prof. M.J. Narasimahan Academic Merit Award for presentation of the paper entitled “**Selection of a compatible biocontrol consortium for the management of Fusarium wilt of tomato**”

However, the following names were recommended for Commendation award:

Name	Title of Paper
<b>Mr. Nandan, M.</b> College of Agriculture University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru	Isolation, characterization and evaluation of fungal endophytes as potential bio control agents on <i>Sclerotium rolfsii</i> Sacc. Infecting <i>Capsicum annuum</i> L.
<b>Mr. Prabu Gnanasekaran</b> Molecular Virology Laboratory, School of Life Sciences, JNU, New Delhi	A geminivirus betasatellite encoded $\beta$ C1 protein interacts with PsbP and subverts PsbP-mediated antiviral defense in plants

12. **APS Travel Sponsorship Award**

The following 5 names have been recommended for this travel grant sponsorship. The abstract and biodata of the selected candidates will be sent to APS for recommendation.

Rank	Name and Address	Title of Paper
1.	<b>Miss. Ranima Mishra</b> Department of Plant Pathology Assam Agricultural University Jorhat 785013, Assam, India	Purification, electron microscopy, antisera production, serodiagnostics and molecular characterization of Potato virus Y (PVY) causing severe mosaic of potato
2.	<b>Ms. Savita V Patil</b> Department of Biotechnology, School of Sciences, Jain University, Bengaluru	Antioxidant-mediated survival strategy in primed ragi plants against blast disease
3.	<b>Mr. Devanshu Dev</b> Department of Plant Pathology, College of Agriculture, G B Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand	Pathogenic Characterization of <i>Albugo candida</i> isolates the cause of White Rust Disease in Rapeseed-Mustard
4.	<b>Mr. Suraj Goldar</b> Department of Plant Pathology, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya Mohanpur-741252	Effect of soil abiotic factors and cropping system on <i>Sclerotium rolfsii</i> disease conducive/suppressiveness
5.	<b>Ms. Sarbani Das</b> Department of Plant pathology Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya Mohanpur 741252, West Bengal	Characterization and expression of Fungicides induced novel Pathogenesis Related Protein 1 (PR1) gene in tomato ( <i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> ) cv. Pathar Kuchi

13. **K.P.V. Menon Best Poster Award**

The judging committee recommended the following names for Prof. KPV Menon Best Poster Award:

Rank	Name & Address	Title of Poster
<b>Winner</b>	Dr. Kuldeep Talukdar and L.C. Bora	Arsenic bioremediation using Arsenic resistant bacteria from agricultural soil of Assam
<b>Commen dation award</b>	Vinod Upadhyay, K.P.S. Kushwaha and Puja Pandey	Management of <i>Uromyces viciae-fabae</i> (Pers.) J. Schrot. in <i>Pisum sativum</i> L. through alteration in sowing time
<b>Commen dation award</b>	P. Akash, Shinde Nikhil D., Toshya Agrawal, Anil S. Kotasthane, Najam Waris Zaidi and U.S. Singh	Identification of potential Fluorescent <i>Pseudomonas</i> isolates inducing drought tolerance in rice and wheat

### **III. Nomination of Honorary Fellow and Advisory Board**

General Body approved the names recommended for Honorary Fellows and Advisory Board members of the Society

**Honorary Fellow** (new addition): **Dr. B.L Jalali**, *India*, **Dr. U.P. Singh**, *BHU, Varanasi, UP, India*

**Advisory Board members** (new addition): **Dr. D.V. Singh**, *New Delhi, India*; **Dr. Casiana M. Vera Cruz**, *IRRI, Philippines*/**Dr. G.S. Dubey**, *Ranchi*

### **IV. Institution of New Awards**

#### **i. For institution of new award in the name of Late Dr. S. Nagarajan**

A meeting of the following committee members namely, Drs. B.N. Chakraborty (Chairman), Pratibha Sharma, R.N. Pandey, Robin Gogoi and Dinesh Singh (Member Secretary) was held in the Library, Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi on 29.07.17 at 11.00 AM to discuss and develop the guidelines for institution of new award in the name of Late Dr. S. Nagarajan, Former Chairman, PPVFRA, Govt. of India; and former Director, IARI, New Delhi. However, Drs. R.K. Jain, K.D. Srivastava and V. Prakasam could not attend the meeting.

After thorough discussion, the committee members suggested that the award can be instituted only after raising/generating the endowment fund by voluntary contribution from the IPS members/industries or from other sources.

EC has requested that Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, Head & Ex-Officio, IPS to take lead to generate endowment fund for new award in the honour of Dr. S. Nagarajan with the help of Dr. M.S. Saharan, Principal Scientist, IARI, New Delhi

#### **ii. For institution of new award in the name of “IPS Women Scientist Award”**

EC has recommended and General Body approved the name of the Award as “**D.P. Mishra & R.N. Pandey IPS Best Women Scientist Award**”. The eligibility criteria will be as follows:

- i. Candidate should have at least 10 years of Life Membership of the Society
- ii. Holding permanent position
- iii. There will be no age limit for the candidate
- iv. TA/DA, certificate and memento will be offered to awardee
- v. Biodata will be called through EC as well as by open nomination
- vi. The award will be annual and presentation will be made at the Annual Meeting /National Symposium of the Society.

The award will be executed subjected to receiving endowment fund of Rs. 5 Lakh from donor Dr. R.N. Pandey, Head (Plant Pathology), AAU, Anand before April 2018.

#### **iii B.N. Chakraborty and Usha Chakraborty Plant Pathology Best Teacher’s Award**

General Body also approved the institution of new award for best teacher as “**B.N. Chakraborty and Usha Chakraborty Plant Pathology Best Teacher’s Award**”

The endowment fund of Rs. 5 Lakh for this award will be donated by Prof. B.N. Chakraborty and Prof. Usha Chakraborty in 2 installment before April 2018.

The award will be executed subjected to receiving endowment fund of Rs. 5 Lakh from donor Prof. B.N. Chakraborty and Prof. Usha Chakraborty, (Retd. Professor, NBU, Siliguri), Upohar Condoville, Flat - 1001, Tower - 05 2052, Chak Garia, Kolkata, West Bengal.

**iv. Withdrawal of cash award in A.P. Misra Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award**

The General Body agreed that the cash prize amount of Rs. 15,000.00 under A.P. Misra Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award may be withdrawn from 2018 due to enhancement of expenditures in airfare, local hospitality, registration etc. The awardee will get citation, memento and shawl.

## **Activities**

### **Activities: Symposia/Seminar/Lectures (2017-18)**

**1. Seven Decades Journey of IPS**

To commemorate seven decades of its relentless services to plant pathology, the Society celebrated "**Seven Decades Journey of IPS**" on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2017 in the Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, Pusa Campus, New Delhi. The function was graced by the presence of chief guests Dr. B.B. Nagaich and Prof. Anupam Varma, former Presidents of the Society and also by Prof. B.L. Jalali, Guest of Honour. The function was attended by 124 delegates including students, faculties and IPS members.

**2. Guest Lecture on "Opportunities through Plant Protection":**

A Guest Lecture on "**Opportunities through Plant Protection**" was organized by the Society on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 3.00 PM in the Auditorium, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, Pusa Campus, New Delhi. The lecture was delivered by Dr. R.K. Khetarpal, Regional Advisor (Strategic Science Partnerships) CABI, India under the Chairmanship of Prof. Anupam Varma, Adjunct Professor & INSA Emeritus Scientist and former President, IPS. The lecture was attended by 85 delegates including students, faculties and IPS members. This guest lecture was sponsored by *Sungro Seeds Ltd., New Delhi* and *Life Technology India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi*.

**3. Special Symposium on "Microbial Antagonists and their Role in Biological control of Plant Diseases":**

A Special Symposium on "**Microbial Antagonists and their Role in Biological control of Plant Diseases**" and western zone symposium was held at Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat during October 5-7, 2017.

#### 4. Zonal Chapters Activities:

I am happy to inform you that all the 8 Zones have organized zonal chapter national symposium in their respective zone. All the zonal presidents presented brief about their symposium.

Zone	Date	Topic	Venue	Organizers
North Eastern	Oct. 10-11, 2017	Emerging and Re-emerging Plant Diseases in North East India: Challenges and Strategies	ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Manipur Centre, Imphal	Dr. N. Prakash Dr. Susheel Sharma
Southern	Sept. 12-13, 2017	Emerging trends in plant health management in relation to climate change	College of Horticulture, UHS Campus, Bengaluru	Dr. V. Devappa Dr. Anjaneya Reddy
Northern	Nov. 13-14, 2017	Ecologically Sustainable Plant Diseases Management under Diversified Farming Situation	SKUAUS-J, Jammu	Dr. Shahid Ahmad Dr. S.K. Singh
Mid-Eastern	Dec. 21-23, 2017	Sustainable disease management: Approaches and applications	GB PUAT, Pantanagr	Dr. K.P. Singh Dr. A.K. Tewari
Eastern	Nov. 23-24, 2017	Challenges and perspective in plant health management under climate change scenario	BCKV, Mohanpur	Dr. Srikanta Das Dr. Subrata Dutta
Delhi	Dec. 19, 2017	Innovative strategies for the management of plant disease under climate change scenario	Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi	Dr. Atul Kumar Dr. Bishnu M. Bashyal
Central	Dec. 14-15, 2017	Challenges and opportunity: Management of plant disease under weather change	JNKVV, Jabalpur	Dr. Om Gupta Dr. Pramod Kr. Gupta
Western	Oct. 06, 2017	Zonal symposium held with special symposium	AAU, Anand, Gujarat	Dr. S.S. Mane Dr. M.V. Totawar

#### National Symposium 2017-18

IPS 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and National Symposium on “Plant Health Management: Embracing Eco-Sustainable Paradigm” was organized in collaboration with Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Assam during February 15-17, 2018. In this symposium, Keynote Lectures, Award Lectures, Invited and Oral presentation was delivered. Besides, there were 3 special sessions viz., (i) **Wilt diseases of crops**, (ii) Panel Discussion session on “**Strengthening HRD in Plant Pathology**”, and (iii) special session on “**A tribute to Dr. Y L Nene**” were also organized.

## Future Activities 2018-19

### 1. National Symposium 2018-19:

Proposal for IPS next Annual Meeting and National Symposium 2018-19 submitted by Dr. Rakesh Pandey, CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow was discussed in the General Body. Moreover, Dr. R.N. Pandey, President-Elect also proposed the Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagardh as venue for next Annual Meeting and National Symposium of the Society. However, GB decided that IPS next Annual Meeting and National Symposium 2018-19 will be held at CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow and Dr. Rakesh Pandey, CSIR-CIMAP, Lucknow will be the organizing secretary of the symposium.

### 2. Special Symposium on Extension Plant Pathology

Proposal from Vice Chancellor, IGKV, Raipur for holding Special Symposium on “**Extension Plant Pathology: Technological Backstopping to the Farmers/State Officials**” at IGKV, Raipur in September 2018 was approved by the General Body. However, the date of the symposium will be finalized in the Mid-term EC meeting.

### 3. General Body agreed to organize **International Conference on “Role of Soil and Plant Health in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals”** in Bangkok, Thailand (2018) in collaboration with APAARI, Bangkok, Thailand in the third week of November 2018.

### 4. International Symposium on Plant Pathology by the Society:

General Body also agreed to organize 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Society in February 2020 at Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi

### 5. Brain Storming Session on wheat blast

Proposal for conducting Brain Storming Session on “Transboundary wheat diseases threats in Asia and our preparedness” by Dr. D.P. Singh, IIWBR, Karnal was approved by the General Body.

## Declaration of Results of President-Elect 2018 and Composition of Executive Council 2018

The election for the President-Elect (2018) was held between Dr. M.P. Thakur, IGKV, Raipur and Dr. J. Kumar, GBPUAT, Pantnagar as per schedule. The election result was declared during the General Body Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 and Dr. M.P. Thakur won the election as President Elect. On the basis of election result, the composition of new EC will be as follows.

President	<b>Dr. R.N. Pandey</b> AAU, Anand, Gujarat	-
President Elect	<b>Dr. M.P. Thakur</b> IGKV, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	Elected
Secretary	<b>Dr. Dinesh Singh</b> Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi	-
Joint Secretary	<b>Dr. Robin Gogoi</b> Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi	

Treasurer	<b>Dr. Vaibhav Kr. Singh</b> Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi	-
Chief Editor	<b>Dr. M. Anandaraj</b> IISR, Calicut/IIHR, Bangalore	-
Senior Editor	<b>Dr. S.C. Dubey</b> NBPGR, New Delhi	-
Senior Editor	<b>Dr. V.K. Baranwal</b> Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi	-
Ex-officio	<b>Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal</b> Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi	-
Zonal President (DZ)	<b>Dr. D. Bahukhandi</b> Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi	Elected
Zonal Councillor (DZ)	<b>Dr. Lakshman Prasad</b> Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi	Elected
Zonal President (WZ)	<b>Dr. K.D. Thakur</b> College of Agriculture, Nagpur, MS	Elected
Zonal Councillor (WZ)	<b>Dr. S.B. Brahmankar</b> College of Agriculture, Nagpur, MS	Elected
Zonal President (CZ)	<b>Dr. S. Girisham</b> Govt. Degree College, Warangal, Telangana	Nominated
Zonal Councillor (CZ)	<b>Dr. D. Nagaraju</b> Kakatiya University, Warangal, Telangana	Nominated
Zonal President (NZ)	<b>Dr S.K. Sharma</b> YSPUHF, Solan, HP	Nominated
Zonal Councillor (NZ)	<b>Dr Meenu Gupta</b> YSPUHF, Solan, HP	Nominated
Zonal President (EZ)	<b>Dr. Girish Chand</b> BAU, Sabour, Bhagalpur, Bihar	Nominated
Zonal Councillor (EZ)	<b>Dr. Chanda Kushwaha</b> BAU, Sabour, Bhagalpur, Bihar	Nominated
Zonal President (SZ)	<b>Dr. R. Selvarajan</b> ICAR-NRC for Banana, Tiruchirapalli, TN	Nominated
Zonal Councillor (SZ)	<b>Dr. R. Thangavelu</b> ICAR-NRC for Banana, Tiruchirapalli, TN	Nominated
Zonal President (MEZ)	<b>Prof. M.R. Khan</b> AMU, Aligarh, U.P.	Nominated
Zonal Councillor (MEZ)	<b>Prof. Mansoor A. Siddiqui</b> AMU, Aligarh, U.P.	Nominated

Zonal President (NEZ)	<b>Dr. Amar Bahadur Singh</b> College of Agriculture, Lembucherra, Tripura,	Nominated
Zonal Councillor (NEZ)	<b>Dr. Durga Prasad Awasthi</b> College of Agriculture, Lembucherra, Tripura,	Nominated

### Fixation of the salary of IPS staff

EC has recommended that the salary of IPS Staff will be enhanced by 8% annually and to be fixed based on existing salary w.e.f. from April 2018 and it will be for the 3 years

	Existing salary (Rs.) /month
Business Manager	32,000.00
Editorial Assistant	13,000.00
Office Assistant	10,000.00
<b>Total (monthly)</b>	<b>55,000.00</b>

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### Condolence

Condolence meeting for plant pathologists was held who passed away to their heavenly abode during 2017-18 namely Drs. BL Renfro, Mahendra Pal, Jamaluddin, V. Gunasekar, A.K. Roy, Sangam Lal, Y.L. Nene and A.K. Verma. The members of the Society express their sincere



condolences and profound grief to the bereaved families and pray to almighty that their souls may rest in peace.

The general body meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Robin Gogoi, Joint Secretary of the Society.

March 5, 2018



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