
INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, NEW DELHI

Proceedings of 71st Annual General Body Meeting of the Society held at BHU, Varanasi, U.P. on February 27, 2019

I heartily welcome Dr. R.N. Pandey, President of the Society. 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 71st Annual meeting at BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. I thank you all for supporting me to run the Society smoothly.

Meetings held during the year 2018-19

1. Mid-term Executive Council Meeting: April 21, 2018

The proceedings of the meeting has already been shared with all our members and available on IPS website. However, I am **going to brief about the action taken on the decisions made in the Mid-term EC Meeting**

ACTION TAKEN REPORT of the Mid-term EC meeting

The Society invited agendas from Advisory Board members and Executive Council members for betterment and its smooth functioning. The following agenda were received and decisions were taken as follows:

1. To develop teams of young researchers that can offer webinars on selected topics, which will be very helpful to younger researchers to develop new skills that could be applied in their own research.

Action Taken: Not yet taken

2. To offer workshops on effective scientific writing. This could be spearheaded by the editorial board of the Indian Phytopathology and to develop criteria for effective communication of research. This will be done at zonal level as well as national level.

Action Taken: Not yet taken

3. There must be some proportion of applied field work in our prestigious journal *Indian Phytopathology* to duly recognize the joint contribution of extension plant pathologists/entomologists which may benefit the young budding plant pathologists/entomologists dedicated to work on farmers' field and making farmers aware of the latest plant protection technology.

Action Taken: EC did agree on the proposal

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4. A separate meeting of the Delhi based Editorial Board members was held to discuss the review process invited/contributed review articles, book review and maintaining timeliness of the journal.

Action Taken: Proceedings shared among the Editorial Board members and available on IPS website.

5. Two lectures in each zone can be arranged and for this the Society will provide Rs. 5,000.00 per lecture towards refreshment expenditures. The Zonal chapter will have to provide the report of the lecture and photographs with IPS banner and after that the money will be released.

Action Taken: Implemented by the Society, but till date no one has approached for the same.

6. EC agreed on the publication of an edited book on the conference theme and its release at the MEZ meeting.

Action Taken: Book published in two volumes - **Bio-intensive Approaches, Application and Effectiveness in Plant Protection**. The first volume was released during the Mid-Eastern Zone symposium held at AMU, Aligarh on 29 October 2018 and second volume was released in the International Conference at Bangkok, Thailand on 21 November 2018.

7. Regarding special discount of group membership, EC agreed on special discount of 25% on group membership for group of minimum 20 members and this offer will valid till **31st March 2019**.

Action Taken: The Society has received a huge response due to discounted membership rates and this year, January to till date total 560 members (Life 285+ Annual 275) have been enrolled in the Society this year.

8. **CSR (Company Society Responsibility) Project**

Action taken: Agreement has been signed with **FIINOVATION** and the project of budget **Rs. 1.0 Crore** was been submitted.

Present status: This is inform you that the donor agency is almost done with the MIS formats however, the donor wants to be sure on the following points:-

- a) Quarterly financial utilization report and its format.
- b) The utilization report should constitute of utilization done in the previous quarter, discrepancy found, if any
- c) Maximum of 5% reallocation across the line items without approval from the donor to be allowed.

The Society agreed on the above points.

(iv) Initiation of 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.

Action taken: The Society has initiated to publish quarterly online newsletter “**Indian Phytopath News**” from 2018 and I am glad to inform you that all the 4 issues of the Newsletter published timely and are available online on IPS website in pdf form.

2. Editorial Board Meeting held on April 21, 2018

Meeting of the Delhi based editorial board members with Chief Editor was held on April 21, 2018 in the IPS office, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi.

The following members were present:

Dr. M. Anandaraj, Chief Editor; Dr. V.K. Baranwal, Sr. Editor; Dr. R.N. Pandey, President-IPS; Dr. M.P. Thakur, President Elect -IPS; Dr. Dinesh Singh, Secretary; Dr. M.S. Saharan and Dr. T.K. Bag, Editors of the journal Indian Phytopathology. However, other members could not be present due to their preoccupied schedule.

The following agenda were discussed:

i. Book reviews by IPS fellows- evolving guidelines/ modifying the present guidelines

As per the norms of the society, the author may send two copies of the book to be reviewed to IPS office. One copy would be sent to a reviewer and another retained in the library of IPS.

ii. Review process of Invited review articles and Review articles sent by contributors.

The review process of the invited review articles will be same as research article review process. The review article will be sent to two reviewers for their comments and on the basis of comments the decision will be taken for its publications.

However, the award lecture articles in the form of “Invited Review” will be published after thorough editing by the senior/chief editor.

iii. Maintaining timeliness of Journal

It was discussed that some of the editors, who even after many reminders does not respond for getting the MS review done. It was proposed to replace them with the new prominent editors. However, members suggested to withdraw the article after due date and write a letter in polite way to complete their assignment in future or to talk them in person to do the same.

iv. One special issue every year

It was discussed that one special issue will be published every year on a specific topic. This year it has been proposed to publish fourth issue (October – December, 2018) as

special issue on “**Advances in Fusarium Research**”. Total **54** manuscripts received for special issue out of which 8 accepted, 22 rejected and 24 are in process.

II. PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL: *INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGY*

- I am glad to inform you that **Journal *Indian Phytopathology*** has been started publication from **January 2018** (Vol. 71, Issue 01, 2018) in collaboration with Springer. All the four issues (**March, June, September and December 2018**) are already been published and **March issue 2019** is also available online.

IPS Newsletter - Indian Phytopath News

I am glad to inform you that all the 4 issues of the Newsletter published timely and are available online on IPS website in pdf form.

The Newsletter consists following news items, viz., Research Highlights, Activities: Seminar/symposia/brain storming sessions/conferences /Trainings attended/conducted; **Forth-coming events, Awards/Honours received and Miscellaneous:** Promotion/ transfer/ Necrology/ Foreign visit/ important news (world-wide) related to plant pathology, disease outbreak etc. etc.

IPS BOOKS PUBLICATION – 2018-19

This year, the following books are in process of publication:

1. **Bio-intensive Approaches, Application and Effectiveness in Plant Protection** (Eds. MR Khan et al) published in two volumes and released .
2. फसल रोग प्रबंधन (संपादक : डॉ. एम.पी. ठाकुर, डॉ. आर.एन. पाण्डेय, डॉ. दिनेश सिंह) - published and released in the Special symposium at IGKV, Raipur.
3. **Diseases of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Aromatic and their Management** (Eds. - Drs. Rakesh Pandey, A.K. Misra, Alok Kalra, H.B. Singh and Dinesh Singh) – published and released in this national symposium at BHU, Varanasi on 26th Feb. 2019.
4. **Wilt Diseases of Crops and their management** (Eds. - Drs. Ashok Bhattacharyya, B.N. Chakraborty, R.N. Pandey, Dinesh Singh and S.C. Dubey) - published released in this national symposium at BHU, Varanasi on 26th Feb. 2019.
5. **IPS Annual Report (2017-18)** has been compiled and published and is available on IPS website.

Initiation of New Journal

Proposal for Association of Today & Tomorrow Printers and Publishers with the IPS for the **Journal “International Journal of Tropical Plant Diseases”** - former Chief editor S.P. Raychaudhuri and Anupam Verma”. This journal was discontinued in the year 2001 and would like to revive the same. However, EC and General Body did not agree on the proposal.

iii. Symposia/Seminar/Brain storming session/ special symposium organized (2018-19)

This year, the Society has organized total 13 Symposia/Seminar/brain storming including eight zonal symposium.

Activity	Title, Date & Venue	Organizer(s)	No. of participants
Brain Storming Session	Blast Proofing in Agriculture Aug 8, 2018 ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat & Barley Research, Karnal (Haryana)	Dr. D.P. Singh Dr. Vaibhav K. Singh Dr. Sindhu Sareen Dr. Narinder Singh Dr. P.L. Kashyap	86
Special Symposium	Extension Plant Pathology: Technological Backstopping to the Farmers/State Officials Sept 25-26, 2018 IGKV, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	Dr. M.P. Thakur Dr. R. K. Dantre Dr. C. P. Khare Dr. A.S. Kotasthane	250
National Workshop	Diseases of Makhana: Challenges Towards Diagnosis and Management Jan 11-12, 2019 Department Plant Pathology, Mandan Bharti Agriculture College, Agwanpur, Saharsa (BAU, Sabour) Bihar	Dr. Santosh Kumar Md. Nadeem Akhtar Mr. Tribhuwan Kumar Dr. Ashutosh Singh Mr. Deepak Kr. Patel Dr. Amit Kr. Pandey Mr. Santosh Kumar	100
National Symposium	Recent Challenges and Opportunities in Sustainable Plant Health Management Feb 26-28, 2019 Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	Dr. S.S. Vaish	377
International Conference	Role of Soil and Plant Health in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals Nov 21-25, 2018 Bangkok, Thailand	Dr. R.K. Khetarpal Dr. Dinesh Singh	172

Zonal Chapters Activities:

All the eight Zones have organized zonal chapter national symposium in their respective zone. I request all the zonal presidents to brief about their symposium and share the receipt and payment accounts in brief, one by one.

Zone	Topic, Date & Venue	Organizers	No. of participants
Western	Current and Emerging Trends in Plant Health Management Aug 23-24, 2018 Goa	Dr. K.D. Thakur Dr. S.B. Bramhankar	125
Mid-Eastern	Biointensive Approaches in Plant Protection Strategies and their Socio-economic Impacts Oct 29-30, 2018 Department of Plant Protection, AMU, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh	Prof. M.R. Khan Prof. M.A. Siddiqui	300
Northern	Alternative approaches in plant health Management for enhancing farmers income Nov 2-3, 2018 YSPUHF, Solan, HP	Dr. S.K. Sharma Dr. Meenu Gupta	260
Eastern	New Paradigms of Plant Health Management: Sustaining Food Security under climate change scenario Nov 17-19, 2018 BAU, Sabour, Bhagalpur, Bihar	Dr. Gireesh Chand Dr. Chanda Kushwaha	100
Central	Recent Trends in Plant Disease-Management Dec 28, 2018 Department of Microbiology, Kakatiya University, Warangal (Telangana)	Dr. S. Girisham Dr. D. Nagaraju	120
North Eastern	Emerging diseases of Agricultural Crops and their Novel Management Practices Jan 19-20, 2019 College of Agriculture, Tripura	Dr. Amar Bahadur Dr. D.P. Awasthi	125
Delhi	Bio-prospects of microbes for plant and human health Dec 15, 2018 ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	Dr. D. Bahukhandi Dr. Lakshman Prasad	98
Southern	Cutting edge approaches for the sustainable plant disease management and ensuring farmers profit Dec 21-23, 2018 ICAR-NRC for Banana, Tiruchirapalli, TN	Dr. R. Selvarajan Dr. R. Thangavelu	288
Total			2401

National Symposium 2018-19

IPS 71st Annual Meeting of the Society and National Symposium on “**Recent Challenges and Opportunities in Sustainable Plant Health Management**” is being organized in collaboration with Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh during February 26-28, 2019. In this symposium, Keynote Lectures, Award Lectures, Invited and Oral presentations have been delivered. Besides, these, an IPS-APS joint Satellite Workshop on “**Decision Support System in Crop Disease Management**”, was also organized on February 27, 2019.

Treasurer’s Report (2018-19)

The financial report was presented by Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh, Treasurer, IPS and he informed the Society is in healthy financial condition. It was also agreed by the EC and GB that as per Bye Laws of the Society, the Treasurer will look after all the Receipts & Payments incurred in the Society and maintain the accounts of the Society.

The Secretary will be empowered to spend an amount of Rs. 25,000/- (Rs. Twenty Five Thousand only) for contingent expenses at a time.

Chief Editor’s Report: (2018-19)

Dr. M. Anandaraj, Chief Editor, *Indian Phytopathology* presented the editorial report and informed that in 2018, all the four issues have been published and the March issue Vol 72, No. 1 (2019) is also available online. He informed that for proposed Special issue on “Advances in Fusarium Research”, total 54 manuscripts received for special issue out of which, 8 accepted, 22 rejected and 24 are in process.

He also informed that after the Journal has become online, published papers in *Indian Phytopathology* are accessible to a very large group of scientists and academicians across the world and appreciated the efforts rendered by Editors, especially helped in refereeing and evaluation of the manuscripts.

Composition of Executive Council 2019

The election for the President-Elect (2019) was held among Dr. D.P. Singh, IIWBR, Karnal, Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty, ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. Rakesh Pandey, CIMAP, Lucknow as per schedule. The election result was declared during the General Body Meeting on 27th Feb 2017 and Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty won the election as President Elect. On the basis of election result, the composition of new EC will be as follows.

President	Dr. M.P. Thakur IGKV, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	-
President Elect	Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty ICAR, New Delhi	Elected

Secretary	Dr. Dinesh Singh Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi	-
Joint Secretary	Dr. Robin Gogoi Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi	
Treasurer	Dr. Vaibhav Kr. Singh Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi	-
Chief Editor	Dr. M. Anandaraj IISR, Calicut/IIHR, Bangalore	-
Senior Editor	Dr. S.C. Dubey NBPGR, New Delhi	-
Senior Editor	Dr. V.K. Baranwal Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi	-
Ex-officio	Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi	-
Zonal President (DZ)	Dr. M.S. Yadav NCIPM, New Delhi	Unanimously elected
Zonal Councillor (DZ)	Dr. Nasim Ahamad NCIPM, New Delhi	Unanimously elected
Zonal President (WZ)	Dr. C.D. Deokar M.P.K.V., Rahuri, MS	Unanimously elected
Zonal Councillor (WZ)	Dr. V.K. Bhale Rao M.P.K.V., Rahuri, MS	Unanimously elected
Zonal President (NEZ)	Dr. Pankaj Baiswar ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region Umiam , Meghalaya	Unanimously elected
Zonal Councillor (NEZ)	Dr. Tasvina R. Borah ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region Umiam , Meghalaya	Unanimously elected
Zonal President (CZ)	Dr. TSSK Patro Agricultural Research Station, Vizianagaram, A.P.	Unanimously elected
Zonal Councillor (CZ)	Dr. PK Varma Agricultural Research Station, Visakhapatnam Anakapalli, AP	Unanimously elected
Zonal President (NZ)	Dr. Rakesh Mehra HAU, Regional Research Station Uchani Karnal, Haryana	Unanimously elected
Zonal Councillor (NZ)	Dr. P.L. Kashyap ICAR-IIWBR, Karnal, Haryana	Unanimously elected

Zonal President (MEZ)	Dr. Ved Ratan CSAUAT, Kanpur, UP	Unanimously elected
Zonal Councillor (MEZ)	Dr. U.K. Tripathi CSAUAT, Kanpur, UP	Unanimously elected
Zonal President (EZ)	Dr. P.M. Bhattacharya UBKV, Cooch Behar, WB	Unanimously elected
Zonal Councillor (EZ)	Dr. Ayon Roy UBKV, Cooch Behar, WB	Unanimously elected
Zonal President (SZ)	Dr. M.B. Patil Agricultural Extension Education Center, Koppal, Karnataka	Nominated by EC
Zonal Councillor (SZ)	Dr. Y.S. Amaresh College of Agriculture, Raichur, Karnataka	Nominated by EC

5. Future Activities 2019-20

(i) **International Conference 2019-20:**

The Society is planning to organize an international Conference on “Phytopathology in Achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals” during January 16-20, 2020 at IARI, New Delhi

(ii) Proposal for brain storming session/ Special Symposium on “Post-Harvest Diseases and Technology for Horticultural and other Crops”

Proposal from Dr. A.P. Suryawanshi, Head, Department Of Plant Pathology, Dr.B.S. Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli, Dist-Ratnagiri (M.S.) has been received to organize either Brain Storming session (One day) on Special Symposium (Two Days) at Head Quarter or any nearby suitable place, probably during the month of September - October, 2019. The proposal was agreed by EC and approved by General Body.

(iii) **Scientist-Industry-Farmers interface:** The proposal was agreed by EC and approved by General Body.

(iv) Collaboration for organization of International Conference with Sri Lanka Association for Mycology and Plant Pathology

GB agreed to organize International Conference with Sri Lanka Association for Mycology and Plant Pathology subjected to detail international terms and conditions should be find out.

6. Awards:

I. Presentation of the award

This year following lecture awards were delivered during the national symposium at BHU, Varanasi, UP:

S.NO.	Name of the Award	Name of the awardee	Title of the lecture
1.	Presidential Lecture	Prof. (Dr.) R. N. Pandey Former Professor & Head, Department of Plant Pathology, BA College of Agriculture, AAU, Anand	Bio-agents in Plant Health Management for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Prosperity: The task ahead for Societies and Institutions
2.	Mundhkur Memorial Lecture Award	Prof. Mujeebur Rahman Khan, Professor, Chairperson, Department of Plant Protection, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh- 202 002, India	Nematode infestation, a potential threat Indian forests
3.	S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Award Lecture	Dr. B.P. Singh Former Director, CPRI, Shimla	Managing Potato Late blight through forecasting and disease resistance
4.	J.P. Verma Memorial Award	Dr. A.K. Gupta Dr. YSPUH&F, Solan, Himachal Pradesh	Biological Control of crown gall in stone fruits by using <i>Agrobacterium radiobacter</i> strain UHFBA-218- an ideal antagonist suitable for commercial exploitation
5.	Jeersannidhi Award	Dr. R. Selvarajan ICAR-NRC for Banana, Tiruchirapali, Tamil Nadu	Recent advances in plant pathogen diagnostics and certification of disease free planting materials
6.	Sharda Lele Memorial Award	Dr. Virendra Kumar Baranwal ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	Viruses in horticulture crops and their

			management through virus diagnostics
7.	S. Sinha Memorial Award	Dr. Atul Kumar ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	Sheath rot in Paddy (<i>Sarocladium oryzae</i>) - An emerging disease complex in India
8.	J.F. Dastur Memorial Award	Dr. Usha Chakraborty University of North Bengal, Siliguri, West Bengal	Insights into plant responses towards abiotic and biotic stresses and enhancing stress tolerance by the use of rhizospheric bacteria with multiple beneficial traits

II. Declaration of results of award (2019-20)

A meeting of the following Award Recommendation Committee members namely, (Drs.) T.S. Thind, Chairman, D.B. Parakh, D.P. Singh and Dinesh Singh was held on February 25, 2019 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. Mundkur Memorial Award	Dr. M.K. Naik, UAHS, Shimoga
2. S.N. Dasgupta Memorial Award	Dr. Govind Pratap Rao, IARI, New Delhi
3. J.F. Dastur Memorial Award	Dr. Dilip Kumar Ghosh, ICAR-CCRI, Nagpur
4. Sharda Lele Memorial Award	Dr. Satish Kumar Gupta, Dr. YSPUHF, Solan
5. K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award	Dr. M.S. Saharan, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
6. D.P. Misra and R.N. Pandey IPS Best Women Scientist Award	Dr. Om Gupta, JNKVV, Jabalpur
7. B.N. Chakraborty and Usha Chakraborty IPS Best Teacher Award	Dr. S.J. Kolte, Pune
8. A.K. Sarbhoy Memorial Award	Dr. R.N. Kharwar, BHU, Varanasi

9. M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award	Dr. Malkhan Singh Gurjar, IARI, New Delhi
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Fellow of Indian Phytopathological Society (FPSI)

The following 16 names were recommended for FPSI-2018.

- i. Dr. Meena Shekhar, ICAR-IIMR, New Delhi
- ii. Dr. R.R. Pandey, Manipur University, Imphal
- iii. Dr. Anuja Gupta, ICAR-IARI, Karnal
- iv. Dr. Ashwani Kumar, CSKHPKV, Palampur
- v. Dr. Abrar Ahmad Khan, AMU, Aligarh
- vi. Dr. D.K. Jha, Gauhati University, Gauhati
- vii. Dr. Archana U. Singh, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
- viii. Dr. V. Ambethgar TANU, Tamil Nadu
- ix. Dr. Yogendra Singh, GBPUAT, Pantnagar
- x. Dr. M. Srinivas Prasad, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad
- xi. Dr. V. Celia Chalam, ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi
- xii. Dr. Srikanta Lenka ICAR- NRRI , Cuttack, Odisha
- xiii. Dr. M. Santha Lakshmi Prasad, ICAR-IIOR, Hyderabad
- xiv. Dr. Kamal Khilari, S.V.B.P.U.A.T., Meerut
- xv. Dr. M.K. Biswas, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Sriniketan
- xvi. Dr. S.K. Singh, Agharkar Research Institute, Pune

MJ Narasimhan Medal for Best research paper published in Indian Phytopathology 2017

The following two research papers have been recommended for MJ Narasimhan Medal for Best research paper 2017.

Detection of new Yr1-virulences in <i>Puccinia striiformis f.sp. tritici</i> population and its sources of resistance in advance wheat lines and released cultivars	O.P. Gangwar, Subodh Kumar, S.C. Bhardwaj, Pramod Prasad, Hanif Khan, Siddanna Savadi and S.K. Sharma	Vol. 70, No. 3 (2017): 307-314	84 marks
Postharvest application of fungicides, antagonists and plant products for controlling storage scab and rots of apple fruits	K.P. Singh, Amitabh Singh, R.K. Prasad, and J. Kumar	Vol. 70, No. 3 (2017): 315-321	84 marks

iii. Award nomination 2019-20

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

I. A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr. C. Manoharachary, Hyderabad

II. S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture

- (i) Dr. S.N. Puri, Former Vice chancellor, CAU, Imphal
- (ii) Dr. Dr. RK Jain, IARI, New Delhi (waiting)

III. IPS Recognition Award

- 1. Dr. RK Khetarpal, Executive Secretary APAARI, Bangkok
- 2. DR. U. N. SAIKIA, Rtd. Head & Professor, CA, AAU, Jorhat, Assam
- 3. Dr. B.L. Puttoo, Jammu
- 4. Dr. G.S. Dubey, Ranchi
- 5. Dr. R.B. Somani, Maharashtra

iv. 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. M.S. Reddy**, Auburn University and **Prof. Akhtar Hussain**, Lucknow, UP

Advisory Board members (new addition): **Dr. C.L. Jandaik**, Shimla, H.P. and **Dr. Robert Park**, Australia

v. Institution of New Awards

a. For institution of new award in the name of Late Dr. S. Nagarajan

After thorough discussion, it was suggested that the already existing award "IPS Travel Sponsorship for Young Scientists" be named as "S. Nagarajan - IPS Travel Sponsorship for Young Scientists" and the General Body approved the same.

b. Proposal for instituting an Award naming "Prof. A N Mukhopadhyay Oration Award" for Innovation in Biointensive Management of Plant Diseases

EC has recommended and General Body approved the proposal for institution of new award in the name of "Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay Oration Award" for Innovation in Biointensive Management of Plant Diseases. The award will be executed subjected to receiving endowment fund of Rs. 5.00 Lakh from donor Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay and mutual consensus on the terms and conditions between IPS and donor.

i. APS-IPS Travel Grant:

Generation of corporate fund for student travel grant for attending APS Annual Meeting

2018 International Congress of Plant Pathology, Boston, MA, 31.07.2018

- Meeting called to order by Krishna Subbarao, Ashok Chanda facilitated the second half of the meeting and also took notes
- APS (American Phytopathological Society) members are encouraged to become IPS (Indian Phytopathological Society) members (IPS life membership is USD 480) and the provision for paying for IPS membership is already on the APS membership renewal form
- APS members are encouraged to attend IPS meetings whenever possible, typical IPS meeting is a 3-day program and registration is about USD 300-400. IPS is willing to move the dates of their meeting to facilitate greater participation from the US (several IPS members offered this as an incentive)
- Set up an email list for APS-IPS working group so that everyone is on the same page
- Set up an ad-hoc committee for APS-IPS working group- need volunteers
- APS members to serve as science ambassadors to help navigate future APS meetings for IPS members, need volunteers for the next APS meeting depending on how many IPS members will be attending 2019 APS meeting in Cleveland, OH
- Explore bilateral funding sources to foster collaborations between APS and IPS members, research centers and also universities
- Funding Agencies: Dept. of Biotechnology (DBT), Dept. of Science & Technology (DST), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), Fulbright scholars (8 fellowships for agriculture), USDA- Borlaug fellowships and other fellowships offered by Govt. of India for international experience
- APS-IPS travel award costs \$3000 per year per student – need to pursue fundraising efforts on both APS and IPS sides
- APS-IPS travel award winners are encouraged to make a 1 minute video about their APS meeting experience and this testimonial should be posted on to the IPS website. In addition, they should give a 15-minute talk discussing their overall experience, connections established, etc. at the annual IPS meetings to encourage greater competition in future years.
- Distribute IPS newsletter to interested APS members
- APS members to serve on editorial board or reviewer for IPS journals
- Host webinars on diseases and topics common to APS and IPS members such as Sclerotium rots and Blast diseases, need to identify more topics
- Offer online courses to IPS members – e.g., Research Ethics, possibly involve APS - Office of Education

- Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions – online course offered previously by Dr. Rao Uppalapati, explore future offerings on a range of topics.
- National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN) webinars – accessibility to IPS members
- Host workshops at IPS meetings - ideas on selected topics - Focus on a host-pathogen system or Key disease or multiple diseases of one crop - e.g., wheat rust, stem rots, Pest-risk analysis

Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award 2018-19

I am happy to inform the house that total seven candidates from different zones are participating in the **Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award 2018-19**

The evaluation committee has recommended the name of Ms **Sahana N Banakar, Ph.D Scholar, Dept. of Plant Pathology, UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru** for Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award and rest 06 candidates will be awarded with commendation certificate.

S.No.	Zone	Name of the contestant	Topic of presentation
1.	Delhi Zone	Mr. Prashantha ST, Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	Understanding the interactions of anastomosis groups (AG) of <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> with rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.)
2.	Delhi Zone	Mr. Jagmohan Singh Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi.	Identification and expression analysis of pathogenicity-related genes in <i>Tilletia indica</i> inciting Karnal bunt of Wheat
3.	Mid-Eastern Zone	Dr. Ziaul Haque Department of Plant Protection, Faculty of Agricultural sciences, AMU, Aligarh	Host resistance and biocontrol as alternative approaches for pesticides against rice root-knot nematode, <i>Meloidiogyne graminicola</i>
4.	Mid-Eastern Zone	Dr. Ruchi Tripathi Department of Plant Pathology, College of Agriculture, GBPUAT, Pantnagar	Exploration of different methods for detection of <i>Clavibacter michiganensis</i> subsp. <i>michiganensis</i> (Smith) Davis, the cause of bacterial wilt and canker of tomato (<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> M.) and its management
5.	Western	A. V. Shitole	Detection of antifungal potency of

	Zone	Dept. of Plant Pathology, Dr. PDKV, Akola Email: amolsht@gmail.com	weed extract against phytopathogenic fungi
6.	North-Eastern Zone	Rupsikha Goswami <i>Department of Plant Pathology, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat-785013</i>	Efficacy of silver nanoparticles against <i>Colletotrichum musae</i> and its effect on Crown rot and Anthracnose diseases of banana

APS Travel Sponsorship 2018-19

This year only two candidates have participated in **APS Travel Sponsorship competition**. The evaluation committee has recommended both the names for APS Travel Grant Sponsorship:

S.No.	Zone	Name of the contestant	Topic of presentation
1.	Delhi Zone	Shweta Meshram <i>Division of plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi-110012</i>	Mechanism behind disease resistance in maize inbred lines against maydis leaf bight disease
2.	Delhi Zone	Mr. Abhijeet S. Kashyap <i>Division of plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Pusa, New Delhi-110012</i>	Indigenous Rhizobacterial isolates ability to promote growth and induction of defense against bacterial wilt of Chilli

It was also suggested in the EC and approved in the GB that in-service candidate/permanent employee doing Ph.D. will not be considered for this competition.

KPV Menon Best Poster Award

The judging committee recommended the following posters for Prof. KPV Menon Best Poster Award presented during the symposium:

Rank	Name & Address	Title of Poster
Winner	Udai B. Singh , Shailendra Singh, Mala Trivedi, Deepti Malviya, Manoj Kumar, Pramod K. Sahu, Manish Roy, H.V. Singh, Anil K. Saxena	Microbe-Mediated Modulation of Physio-Biochemical Properties and Induced Systemic Resistance against <i>Rhizoctonia Solani</i> in Maize (<i>Zea Mays</i> L.)

Commendation award	Raja M., R.K. Sharma., P. Jambhulkar and Pratibha Sharma	Characterization of <i>Trichoderma</i> spp. Isolated from Rhizosphere of Different Crops
Commendation award	Ratul Moni Ram and H.B. Singh	Biological Management of Dry Root Rot of Chickpea by Employing Bacteria Isolated from Drought Stressed Sites of Bundelkhand Region of Uttar Pradesh
Commendation award	Vandana Sahu, Raina Bajpai and V. S. Thrimurthy	Studies on conditions favouring sclerotial propagules infection and effect of botanical extracts on its production and growth in <i>Sclerotium oryzae</i>

7. Any other agenda with permission of Chair

1. Regarding fund assistance and co-operation for collection to Organized Zonal meeting - Not agreed by the EC and hence GB not approved
2. Miscellaneous (publication of abstracts in *Specific format of all Zonal meeting*) – Agreed by the EC and approved by GB
3. Uniform format for Certificates for the national/zonal/international conferences organized under the banner of IPS
EC agreed on the proposal to have uniform format for certificate and abstracts for each symposia/seminar to be organized under the banner of IPS and GB approved the same
4. Issue related to refund of registration in case of non-attending the conference - EC did not agree to refund the registration amount in this case and GB also did not agree on this.

5. Revision of the IPS staff salary

The revision in salary of IPS Secretariat was discussed and EC & GB agreed for the revision in salary as given below w.e.f. April 1, 2019. Further 10% annual increment will be effective from April 2020.

	Existing salary (Rs.) /month	Revised salary (Rs.) /month
Business Manager	34,560.00	40,000.00
Editorial Assistant	14,000.00	16,000.00
Office Assistant	9000.00	12,000.00

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



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