

INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Proceedings of 74th Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) and 8th International Conference on “Plant Pathology: Retrospect and Prospects” held at SKNAU, Jobner-Jaipur, Rajasthan, during March 23-26, 2022

Dr. Robin Gogoi, Secretary heartily welcomed Dr. Pratibha Sharma, President of the Society, and requested her to chair the meeting. He also expressed proud privilege to welcome all the members of the Society for showing their keen interest in the affairs of the Society by coming over to Jobner -Jaipur and attending the Annual Meeting of the Society on 26th March 2022. A warm welcome was given by the Secretary to all the members of IPS and delegates who joined the AGBM virtually. With the approval of the President, Dr. Robin Gogoi proceeded with the agenda items as follows.

1. Meetings held during the year 2021-22 and action taken report

In total 19 online meetings were held on different issues and the proceedings of the meetings were communicated to the EC members for information and also made available on IPS Website.

2. 8th International Conference on “Plant Pathology: Retrospect and Prospects”

Inaugural function of the 8th International Conference on “Plant Pathology: Retrospect and Prospects” organized by the Indian Phytopathological Society (IPS) at SKNAU, Jobner-Jaipur, Rajasthan on 23rd March 2022 at 4.00 PM. At the very outset, Dr. Pratibha Sharma, President, IPS, welcomed the dignitaries and the delegates attending the conference online as well as offline.

The inauguration session was inaugurated by Honorable Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Kalraj Mishra as Chief Guest; Prof. C.D. Mayee, Former Chairman, ASRB, Former Agriculture Commissioner as Guest of Honour; Dr. J.S. Sandhu, Vice-Chancellor, SKNAU, Jobner; Dr. Pratibha Sharma, President, Indian Phytopathological Society (IPS), New Delhi; and Dr. M.L. Jakhar, Organizing Secretary and Director of Research, SKNAU, Jobner. Dr. Pratibha Sharma, President, IPS briefed the august gathering on the history of the Society and the activities undertaken by this Society. Dr. M.L. Jakhar, Organizing Secretary and Director of Research, SKNAU, Jobner explained about the conference and its technical sessions of the conference. Dr. J.S. Sandhu, Vice-Chancellor, SKNAU, Jobner informed about the research, teaching, and extension activities of the university. Dr. C.D. Mayee, Former Chairman, ASRB, Former Agriculture Commissioner addressed the coincidence of three events namely, the completion of 75 years of Independence of India, the establishment of SKNAU, and the journey of the Indian Phytopathological Society. He also focused on the contributions of farmers to the Indian economy. Total seven publications viz., Abstracts and Souvenir, Indian Phytopathological Society - A journey of seventy-five years, Compendium of Wheat Diseases, Compendium of Vegetable Crops Diseases, Compendium of Plantation Crops Diseases, Compendium of Mushroom Diseases and *Faslo mein Keet Evam Vyadhiyon Ka Samanvit Prabandhan* were released by the Chief Guest Honourable Governor of Rajasthan. Thereafter, IPS conferred A. P. Mishra life Time Achievement Award to Dr. D.V. Singh, former Head, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi for his lifetime contributions in the field of Plant Pathology. Shri Kalraj Mishra, Honourable Governor of Rajasthan, addressed the role of plant pathology in food security. The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Robin Gogoi, Secretary, IPS. The inaugural session ended with the National Anthem.

In the next session, the S.P. Raychaudhari Award Lecture was delivered by Dr. T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE Director General, ICAR, New Delhi. The session was chaired by Dr. A.N. Mukhopadhyay, Former Vice-Chancellor, and co-chaired by Dr. Pratibha Sharma, President, IPS. It was followed by the Presidential Lecture by Dr. Pratibha Sharma on “Biological Control Strategies: Retrospect and Prospects”. The session was chaired by Dr. A.N. Mukhopadhyay, Former Vice-Chancellor, AAU, Jorhat, and Co-chaired by Dr. M.P. Thakur, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, IGKV, Raipur (C.G.) India.

Thereafter, felicitation for the Past Presidents of Society was held, where Drs. A.N. Mukhopadhyay, C.D. Mayee, C. Manoharachary, Dharam Vir Singh, S.S. Chahal, U.S. Singh, P. Chowdappa, B.N. Chakraborty, R.N. Pandey, M.P. Thakur and P.K. Chakraborty were felicitated, however, Drs. R.S. Mehtrota, Anupam Varma, B.L. Jalali, T.S. Thind, S.M. Paul Khurana, Y.S. Ahlawat, R.K. Jain, R.K. Khetarpal, M. Anandaraj and A.K. Misra could not attend the felicitation programme. After this, Dr. K.D. Srivastava, Retd. Professor and Head (Plant Pathology), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi; Dr. S. Gangopadhyay, Former Dean PGS & Professor, Bikaner Rajasthan, and Dr. A.S. Indulkar, Executive Director, FMC-Cheminova India Ltd., Mumbai, Maharashtra were felicitated with IPS Recognition Award. At the end of the session, Special Recognition awards were given to Dr. S.C. Chatterjee, Former Secretary, IPS, Dr. U.D. Singh, Former Joint Secretary, IPS, Dr. Dinesh Singh, Former Secretary, IPS, Dr. K.T. Apet, VNMAU, Parbhani, M.S., Dr. S.C. Bhardwaj, IARI Regional Station, Shimla, H.P. and Dr. D.J. Patel, AAU, Anand, Gujarat.

Technical Programme

Altogether 642 (Online 257 and offline 385) delegates from 20 countries participated in this mega-event, of which, 41 foreign delegates joined virtually. During the 4 days long (from March 23-26, 2022) conference, 17 technical sessions on different themes were conducted. There were 4 plenary speakers, 9 award lectures, 15 Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award Contestants, 4 APS Travel Sponsorship Award Contestants, 36 Keynote Lectures, 53 Invited Lectures, 142 Oral Presentations, and 321 posters presented in the conference. In addition, 43 presentations in the Satellite workshop on *Trichoderma* and *Gliocladium*, and 41 presentations in the Central Zone Symposium were completed.

Dr. Robin Gogoi, Secretary, IPS presented the technical report of the Conference in presence of the delegates. The technical report comprised of recommendations that emerged out of discussions held in different technical sessions. The recommendations endorsed upon the need (i) for the establishment of the National Plant Pests Diagnostics Network to ensure bio-security in Indian agriculture, (ii) for strict regulations on manufacturing, distribution and licensing of pesticides to avoid spurious products, (iii) to study major and desirable dominant genes for disease resistance and their incorporation in crop breeding programme, (iv) to identify novel bio-control agents and to validate the technologies developed against seed and soil-borne diseases, and (v) to analyze and quantify abrupt climate variables with respect to emerging diseases.

Valedictory Programme

The valedictory function of the International Conference was held at Extension Theatre, SKNAU, Jobner, Rajasthan on 26th March 2022. Dr. M.L. Jakhar, Organizing Secretary, welcomed the dignitaries on the dais and off the dais attending the 8th International Conference. Dr. Jakhar welcomed all the delegates present in the hall and also those who joined through online mode. In the valedictory function, Prof. B.L. Jalali was Chief Guest and Dr. J.S. Sandhu was the Guest of Honour in the function.

The Society felicitated the organizing committee in the valedictory session. At the end, the vote of thanks was given by Dr. Mahabeer Singh, Head, Plant Pathology, SKNAU, Jobner-Jaipur, Rajasthan.

3. PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL: *INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGY*

- Secretary informed the GB members that all the four issues (March, June, September, and December 2021) were published and made available online.
- It was suggested to invite contributory articles for publication in the journal *Indian Phytopathology* from the foreign speakers who delivered their talks in the IPS Platinum jubilee lecture series and International Conference.

IPS Newsletter - Indian Phytopath News

Two issues of the Newsletter are published timely and available online on the IPS website in pdf form.

The 3rd and 4th issues are at the final stage of publication.

Publication of New Reports in *Indian Phytopathology* will be discontinued but the same may be published in the **Indian Phytopath News** after peer review.

Other publications:

The following publications of the Society were released in the inaugural functions of the International Conference.

1. ***Abstracts and Souvenir*** of IPS International Conference (ISBN: 978-81-953723-8-6)
2. ***A journey of seventy-five years*** - Indian Phytopathological Society (ISBN: 978-81-953723-7-9)
3. ***Compendium of Wheat Diseases*** edited by Dr. A.N. Mishra *et.al* (ISBN: 978-81-953723-9-3)
4. ***Compendium Vegetable Crops Diseases*** authored by Dr. Pratibha Sharma *et.al*. (ISBN: 978-81-953723-2-4)
5. ***Compendium of Plantation Crops Diseases*** edited by Dr. Vinayaka Hegde *et.al*. (ISBN: 978-81-953723-1-7)
6. ***Compendium of Mushroom Diseases*** edited by Dr. M.P. Thakur *et.al*. (ISBN: 978-81-953723-0-0)

However, some compendia are in press and some are with authors/editors for editing and which are likely to be published in the next financial year.

1. ***Rice Disease Compendium*** edited by Dr. Kalyan K. Mondal *et.al* (ISBN: 978-81-953723-5-5)
2. ***Spices Disease Compendium*** edited by Dr. C.N. Biju *et.al* (ISBN:978-81-953723-6-2)
3. ***Sugarcane Disease Compendium*** authored by Dr. R. Viswanathan *et.al* (ISBN: 978-81-953723-4-8)
4. ***Maize Disease Compendium*** edited by Dr. Robin Gogoi *et.al*
5. ***Pulses Disease Compendium*** edited by Dr. A.P. Suryawanshi *et.al*

6. ***Medicinal & Aromatic Plants Compendium*** edited by Dr. Rakesh Pandey *et.al*
7. ***Oilseed Crops Compendium*** edited by Dr. Pankaj Sharma *et.al*
8. ***Ornamental Plants Compendium*** edited by Dr. V. Devappa *et.al*
9. ***Fruit Crops Compendium*** edited by Dr. A.K. Misra *et.al*
10. ***Fiber Crops Disease Compendium*** edited by Dr. Chinmay Biswas *et.al*
11. **IPS members in services to Plant Pathology** by Dr. Pratibha Sharma *et.al*.

4. Seminar/Brain-storming session/ special symposium organized

All the eight zones of the Society have organized their zonal chapter's symposia in their respective zone.

Zonal Chapter's symposia organized during 2021-22

Zone	Date	Topic	Venue
Western Zone	November 17-18, 2021	Achieving Suitability in Crop Production Through Alimentation and Plant Protection	College of Agriculture, Latur, Maharashtra
Southern Zone	December 1-3, 2021	Sustainable Plant Health Management Amidst Covid Pandemic: Challenges and Strategies	ICAR-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasaragod, Kerala (Virtual mode)
Delhi Zone	December 15-16, 2021	Plant diseases: impact on the potential for food security	Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi (Virtual mode)
Mid-Eastern Zone	February 20-21, 2022	Recent trends in plant pathology research to address emerging challenges for achieving food security	ICAR-Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan, Almora, Uttarakhand
Eastern Zone	March 6-7, 2022	Role of Plant Pathology in Global Environment and Food Security	Farmers Academy & Convention Centre (FACC), BCKV, Kalyani (Hybrid)
North-Eastern Zone	March 10-11, 2022	Current Trends in Plant Disease Management for Sustainable Crop Production and Livelihood Security	North-Eastern Police Academy (NEPA), Umiam, Meghalaya
Northern Zone	March 10, 2022	Crop Protection through bio-rational approaches - current trends and future perspective	CCS HAU, Hisar, Haryana
Central Zone	March 24, 2022	Ameliorate Resilience of Arid crops	SKNAU, Jobner, Rajasthan

5. **IPS Platinum Jubilee Lecture Series (13th October 2021 - 23rd March 2022)**

A total of 27 lectures were delivered by eminent scientists from the country as well as from abroad. The Secretary thanked all the committee members of this lecture series for their untiring efforts to conduct IPS Platinum Jubilee Lecture Series.

6. **Treasurer's Report (2021-22)**

The financial report was presented by Dr. Malkhan Singh Gurjar, Treasurer, IPS. He appraised about a marked improvement of the fund during this period. At present, the Society is in a sound financial position.

7. **Chief Editor's Report: (2021-22)**

The report was presented by Dr. K.B. Pun, Sr. Editor on behalf of Prof. B.N. Chakraborty, Chief Editor, *Indian Phytopathology*. He informed that *Indian Phytopathology* Volume 75 number 1, March issue 2022 was published before time and this issue is available online. The total number of research articles included in the first issue is 35, which includes 21 research articles, 11 short communication, and 3 new reports. The number of research articles was increased from 25 to 30 in each issue since Volume 73 (4) December 2020 and afterward, it will be increased up to 35- 36 articles in one issue. During 2021, the total number of articles published in Volume 74 (four issues, 1-4) was 126, which includes 29 review articles, 60 research articles, 28 short communication, and 9 new reports. This year (2021), authors from 14 countries, like the USA, China, Australia, Hungary, Nigeria, Iran, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Turkey, Oman, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Sri Lanka as well as India contributed their research findings.

The award winners of IPS were requested to submit their manuscript in the form of a REVIEW ARTICLE for this Journal at the earliest possible since the updated review articles always add more citation index which is required while assessing the impact factor of this journal.

He also informed that to date, 28 additional articles are also available online, which will be published in the next issue (June 2022) of *Indian Phytopathology*. He further mentioned about the NAAS rating of the journal for the year 2021-23 is 5.95 and also informed the house about the submission of filled-in documents related to the Emerging Science Citation Index (ESCI) to Springer for assessing the journal *Indian Phytopathology* and to evaluate its impact factor. Springer has already applied for that during this month (March 2022). He further expressed thankfulness to each of the reviewers and editors for giving critical comments on the improvement of each article, and also to the Business Manager, who put constant efforts into bringing out timely publications of five issues of Volume 74(1-4) 2021 and Volume 75(1) March 2022.

8. **Election Result 2022**

The preliminary elections (nomination) were conducted online for the positions of President-Elect and Zonal Presidents & Councillors for the year 2022. Based on the nominations received, the following candidates were elected unopposed.

Position	Candidate Name & Address	
President-Elect 2022	Dr. S.C. Dubey Assistant Director General (Plant Protection & Biosafety), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001	Unopposed elected
Central Zone		
Zonal President	Dr. Sesa Kiran Kollipara Senior Scientist, Horticulture Research Station, Madanapalli Bayyappagaripalle, B. Kothakota, Chittoor – 517325, Andhra Pradesh	Unopposed elected
Zonal Councillor	Dr. Jyothsna M.K. Associate Professor (Plant Pathology), Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kalikiri, Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, Kalikiri, Chittoor – 517234, Andhra Pradesh	Unopposed elected
Delhi Zone		
Zonal President	Dr. Bikash Mandal Principal Scientist, Advanced Centre for Plant Virology, Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi - 110012	Unopposed elected
Zonal Councillor	Dr. Anirban Roy Principal Scientist, Advanced Centre for Plant Virology, Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi - 110012	Unopposed elected
Eastern Zone		
Zonal President	Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh Professor cum Chief Scientist, Department of Plant Pathology, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur – 848125, Bihar	Unopposed elected
Zonal Councillor	Dr. Dinesh Rai Assistant Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa, Samastipur – 848125, Bihar	Unopposed elected
Mid-Eastern Zone		
Zonal President	Dr. Kamal Khilari Professor & Head, Department of Plant Pathology, S.V.B.P. University of Agricultural & Technology, Modipuram, Meerut – 250110, Uttar Pradesh	Unopposed elected

Zonal Councillor	Dr. Jitender Singh Associate Professor Immunology, Department of Immunology & Defense Mechanism, College of Biotechnology, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology, Modipuram, Meerut – 250110, Uttar Pradesh	Unopposed elected
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However, based on the proposal received from the remaining four zones, the following names for Zonal Presidents/Councillors were approved by the GB.

North-Eastern Zone Zonal President Zonal Councillor	Dr. Palash Deb Nath , Professor & Head, AAU, Jorhat, Assam Dr. Poppy Bora , Assistant Professor, AAU, Jorhat, Assam	Approved by GB
Northern Zone Zonal President Zonal Councillor	Dr. Mehraj-Ul-Din Shah , Associate Professor/ Senior Scientist, SKUAST, Srinagar, J&K Dr. Sajad Un Nabi , Scientist, ICAR -CITH, Srinagar, J&K	Approved by GB
Southern Zone Zonal President Zonal Councillor	Dr. S. Chandra Nayak , Professor, University of Mysore, Mysore, Karnataka Dr. Niranjana Raj S. , Karnataka State Open University, Mysore, Karnataka	Approved by GB
Western Zone Zonal President Zonal Councillor	Dr. K.B. Rakholiya , Head (Plant Pathology), NAU, Navasari, Gujarat Dr. Priya John , Associate Professor, NAU, Navasari, Gujarat	Approved by GB

9. Awards

A. Declaration of Results of the Awards (2022)

The Secretary placed the award recommendation before the General Body (GB). The GB approved the names of all the awardees except the Mundkur Memorial Award. The GB suggested that the selection of the Mundkur Memorial Award should not be on score card basis but it should be decided by the Executive Council. Further, the name of Dr. Dr. G.S. Saharan, CCHAU, Hisar, Haryana was not approved by the GB for IPS Recognition Award as he is not the member of the Society.

S.No.	Awards	Recommended Name(s)
1.	A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award	Prof. S.S. Chahal, Former VC, MPUAT, Udaipur
2.	S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture	Dr. U.S. Singh, IRRI, New Delhi
3.	IPS Recognition Award	i. Dr. N. Iboton Singh, Former Dean, CoA-CAU, Imphal, Manipur

		ii. Dr. B.N. Chakraborty, former Professor, NBU, Siliguri, West Bengal iii. Dr. R. Sridhar, Former Principal Scientist, ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack, Odisha iv. Dr. A.P. Suryawanshi, VNMAU, Parbhani, Maharashtra
4.	S.N. Dasgupta Memorial Award	Dr. T. Makesh Kumar
5.	K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award	Dr. Ashwani Kumar Basandrai
6.	J.P. Verma Memorial Award	Dr. T.S.S.K. Patro
7.	J.F. Dastur Memorial Award	Dr. Prabhu Dayal Meena
8.	Sharda Lele Memorial Award	Dr. Rajendra M. Gade
9.	S. Sinha Memorial Award	Dr. B. Parameswari
10.	M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award	Dr. Amalendu Ghosh
11.	Fellow of Indian Phytopathological Society (FPSI)	(i). Dr. Bholanath Mondal (ii). Dr. Jitender Singh (iii). Dr. Malkhan Singh Gurjar (iv). Dr. Palash Deb Nath (v). Dr. Pankaj Sharma (vi). Dr. R. Z. Sayyed (vii). Dr. Raj K. Mishra (viii). Dr. S.S. Veena (ix). Dr. Sachin Gupta (x). Dr. Satish Kumar Sain (xi). Dr. Tasvina Rahman Borah (xii). Dr. Zaki A. Siddiqui
12.	B.N. Chakraborty and Usha Chakraborty IPS Best Teacher Award	Applications are not received, hence, this award will be re-announced.

Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award 2021-22

A total of 15 nominations were received from 8 zones. Of these, 12 candidates contested for Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award 2022. The judging committee has recommended the following names for this award.

Ms. Lipa Deb , School of Crop Protection, College of Post Graduate Studies in Agricultural Sciences, Central Agricultural University (Imphal), Umiam, Meghalaya, India	Exploring plant disease antagonistic behavior of fungal entomopathogen <i>Beauveria bassiana</i> (Balsamo) Vuillemin against <i>Rhizoctonia solani</i> Kuhn causing sheath blight disease of rice	Winner
Mr. Firoz Mondal , Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India	Evaluation of Resistance Behaviour of Ty-Gene(s) Containing Donor Lines of Tomato and Indexing of Naturally	Commendation award

	Occurring Begomoviruses Infecting Them	
Mr. Kuleshwar Prasad Sahu, <i>Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India</i>	Structural and functional analysis of rice phyllospheric bacteria for their antimicrobial properties and defense elicitation against blast disease	Commendation award

APS-IPS TRAVEL SPONSORSHIP AWARD 2021-22

Total 6 nominations were received from 4 zones. Of these, 4 candidates presented their research achievements in the APS-IPS Travel Sponsorship Award 2021-22. The committee has recommended the following names for this award.

S.No.	Zone	Title	Name of Presenters
1.	North	Variability and management of maydis leaf blight of maize incited by <i>Bipolaris maydis</i> (Nisikado and Miyake) Shoemaker	Mr. Ankush Kumar, <i>Department of Plant Pathology, CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, Haryana, India</i>
2.	North-Eastern	Synthesis of green engineered copper nano-formulation and its use as a component of IDM for management of leaf blight of turmeric (<i>Curcuma longa</i> L.)	Ms. Arti Kumari, <i>School of Crop Protection, CPGS-AS, Central Agricultural University (Imphal), Umiam, Meghalaya, India</i>
3.	Central	Management of Sesame (<i>Sesamum indicum</i> L.) Phyllody through Date of Sowing and Inter cropping	Ms. Pinki Devi Yadav, <i>Department of Plant Pathology, RARI, Durgapura, SKN Agriculture University, Jobner-Jaipur, Rajasthan, India</i>
4.	Central	Integrated Disease Management Approaches for Alternaria Leaf Blight of Carrot Caused by <i>Alternaria alternata</i>	Ms. Pooja Yadav, <i>Department of Plant Pathology, RARI, Durgapura, SKN Agriculture University, Jobner-Jaipur, Rajasthan, India</i>

B. Institution of New Awards

- (i) **Dr. Manas Dev Maji,** Scientist (Retd.) and IPS member proposed an award under the Society in the memory of his son Late Joymallya Maji, M.E. (I.T.), Gold Medalist died on 13th May, 2021 due to COVID at the age of 27 years. In the present day, Information Technology plays a big role in disease Forewarning and Forecasting and therefore, he would like to sponsor a Memorial Award in the area of the Role of Information Technology for Plant Disease Management. Dr. Maji is ready to pay the endowment amount for the award as per the Terms and Conditions of the Society if approved by the EC & GB.

(ii) **Dr. Amar Nath Singh** proposed to institute an award in the name of his mentor/Guide/Teacher Prof. (Dr.) A.K. Roy, former Vice-Chancellor, B.N.M. University, Madhepura & TMBU, Bhagalpur (Bihar).

EC and GB suggested to decide both proposals (i and ii) in the next Executive Council meeting of the Society.

(iii) **Shri R.G. Aggarwal, Chairman, Dhanuka Agritech. Ltd.** also announced to institute an award in the Society for its members. It's guidelines will be developed by the Society in consultation with the Dhanuka Agritech Ltd.

- **Status of Dr. Indu Jalali Memorial Award for the best Ph.D. thesis in Plant Pathology:**

To be discussed further with Prof. B.L. Jalali on the guidelines provided to him.

10. Revision of Byelaws of the Society

A High-Level Committee was constituted during the Annual General Body Meeting of the Society held on January 19, 2020, to review and revise the Byelaws of the Society which were earlier revised in February 1996. To date, a series of meetings was organized online as well as offline to discuss the composition of the draft for the revision of the Constitution and Byelaws of the Society. The last meeting of the committee was held in the IARI campus, New Delhi on 4th October 2021, and based on suggestions on the draft, the revision was made Article wise. The final draft of the Constitution and Byelaws of the Society were sent to all the members of the Society by email/by post on 2nd December 2021 and invited their suggestions by December 31, 2021. Some of the members were of the opinion that the modified bye-laws should be uploaded on the IPS website in advance so that the members become versed with the incorporations/deletions well ahead of the time of discussion. Whereas, the modified bye-laws was already uploaded on the website on 9th December 2021. It was decided that the same byelaws revision committee will continue for the revision of the constitution and byelaws of the Society.

11. Emergent decision on the matter pertaining to Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh

The matter of EC's decision to revoke IPS membership of Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh was discussed. The General Body observed that when the matter was still sub judice, it was prohibited from public discussion elsewhere. Thus, neither EC is competent enough to revoke the membership of Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh, nor the GB can ratify it. For an amicable solution (as the matter is sub-judice) out of the court, both the parties with their respective lawyers/legal advisors may sit together, discuss and settle the cases.

The General Body did not agree to ratify the EC's decision taken on December 04, 2021 to revoke the IPS membership of Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh. It was also decided that in any legal cases against the existing EC members of the Society, the Society will bear the legal expenses.

Acknowledgments

The secretary expressed sincere and deepest gratitude to Dr. J.S. Sandhu, VC, SKNAU for sparing valuable time, and motivation and gracing the function. Dr. M.L. Jakhar, Director of Research, SKNAU. He conveyed sincere thanks to Dr. Pratibha Sharma, President IPS, and Chairperson, International Conference, Dr. A.K. Gupta, Dean & Faculty Chairman of our College for the kind support, cooperation, and sharing valuable knowledge with us. He also expressed heartiest thanks to all distinguished participants for their kind cooperation and for being with such a long time in the

successful completion of this International Conference. He extended thanks to ICAR and NABARD for providing financial support, Dhanuka Agritech Ltd., UPL, BAYER, Indofil, Syngenta, and many more for their valuable support in organizing the conference a grand success. He also conveyed thanks to Dean, SKNAU for providing the halls and audio-video system, smart classrooms for conducting different technical sessions and also expressed sincere thanks to media and all the students and staff of this university who directly and indirectly associated and helped in the conference.

He also thanked profusely to Local Organizing Committee of the Conference, Chairman, Co-chairman, rapporteurs of various technical sessions, and members of organizing sub-committees for their wholehearted support in making the 74th Annual Meeting and 8th International Conference a grand success. He thanked to all the staff members and students for rendering their valuable help in various ways for making the symposium successful. Last but not least, he expressed thanks to the staff of the Headquarters of IPS for their valuable support.



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