

CONSTITUTION AND BYELAWS

INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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Article 1

Name

The Society shall be known as the "Indian Phytopathological Society".

Article 2

Aims and Objects

The aims and objects of the Society shall be :

- I. To advance the cause of Mycology and Plant Pathology in India.
- II. To encourage and promote mycological and plant pathological study and research in the country.
- III. To disseminate the knowledge of Mycology and Plant Pathology.
- IV. To facilitate closer association among members and other scientific workers in India and abroad.

Article 3

Any person interested in the science of Plant Pathology and Mycology shall be eligible for membership. The Society shall have regular members, student members, life-members, patrons, fellows and honorary fellows. Regular, student and life members and Patrons shall be admitted to the Society after being proposed and nominated by two members and approved by the Executive Council.

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| (i) member | : | A person who pays annual dues regularly. |
| (ii) Student member | : | Full-time students registered for a degree at a recognised college, university or institute in India. |
| (iii) Life members | : | Any person who pays 15 years regular membership or a sum of Rs. 2,500/- either in a lump sum or in instalments within one year. A regular subscribing member (as distinct from life member) with a standing of over 30 years should be made life member of the Society with attendant rights and privileges. |

- (iv) Patron : Any institution or concern paying Rs. 5,000/- or more in one instalment. The patron will be entitled to all the privileges of a regular member except the voting right.
- (v) Fellow of IPS : Members of the Society continuously for a period of 5 years or more and published at least 5 research papers in recognised journals and pay a sum of Rs. 300.00 at the time of application for fellowship would be eligible for consideration as a Fellow of the Society.
- (vi) Honorary Fellow : Terms and conditions as given in Article 5.

Article 4

The dues for a regular member shall be Rs. 150.00 (US \$ 80.00 for foreign members) per calendar year. For student member, it shall be Rs. 100/- subject to production of a certificate from the Head of the Department that he/she is registered as a full time student. Honorary Fellows shall be exempted from such dues. Regular members and Life members pay Rs. 10/- as admission fee, patrons and foreigners being exempted.

Annual dues shall include subscription to the journal of the Society and be payable on or before 31st July. Bills for dues shall be sent to all the members before 31st May. Members sending subscriptions up to 31st July and with at least two years standing will have voting rights. The supply of the journal to those members whose dues have not been paid by 31st July, will be discontinued.

Members from abroad will pay their dues according to rates specified for foreign members.

The amount of annual dues may be modified by the Executive Council provided the change is accepted by the General Body.

Article 5

Honorary Fellow : Any living person from India or abroad who has made outstanding contributions to the science of Plant Pathology and Mycology would be eligible for consideration of the Society as a Honorary Fellow.

Names(s) shall be proposed and considered by members of the Executive Council. Name(s) accepted by a majority of the council members present in the meeting will be circulated by a secret ballot to all the members of the Society for approval. Only the name(s) approved by two-third majority

will be declared elected as Honorary Fellows. The number of Honorary Fellows shall not exceed 12 at a given time and not more than 2 may be elected in one calendar year.

Article 6

Executive Council

- (i) The Executive Council shall consist of the following, their tenure and election shall be as indicated against each.

President : President Elect will succeed	1 year
President-Elect : Elected by the General Body	1 year
Secretary : Elected by the General Body	3 years
Joint Secretary : Elected by the General Body	3 years
Treasurer : Elected by the General Body	3 years
Councillors one from each zone : Elected by the respective members of the zone	1 year
Chief Editor : Elected by the Executive Council	3 years
Editor : Nominated by the Chief Editor	3 years

- (ii) None of the elected office-bearers will be eligible for more than two successive terms for the same office, or three successive terms for any office.

- (iii) Zones:

Delhi Zone	: Delhi
Northern zone	: Haryana, Punjab, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.
Mid-Western zone	: Uttar Pradesh.
Eastern zone	: Bihar, West Bengal (Including Andaman and Nicobar Island), Assam, Orissa, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland.
Central Zone	: Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh.
Western zone	: Maharashtra and Gujarat.
Southern zone	: Tamil nadu, Mysore, Kerala, Goa and Pondicherry.

It has been resolved that Zones will be reorganised into Zonal Chapters starting from 1987. Each Zonal Chapter will have a Chairman and a Councillor who will organize Annual Meetings of their Chapters.

*Offices and their Functions**President*

- (i) He shall be the constitutional head of the Society.
- (ii) He shall preside over Executive Committee and General Body Meetings.
- (iii) He shall represent the Society on all ceremonial occasions.
- (iv) He shall have the privilege of exercising the casting vote in case of equal division at Executive Council and General Body meetings.
- (v) He shall have the privilege of representing the Society at the International Phytopathological Congress or meetings of the agencies sponsoring such gatherings. But in case of specialised symposia the representative will be decided by the Executive Council.
- (vi) He can summon meetings of the Executive Council at any time.
- (vii) He may delegate his powers to the President-Elect for a limited period.
- (viii) The President with the approval of the Executive Council may appoint any number of temporary committees to make recommendations on specific activities to promote Plant Pathology.

President-Elect

- (ix) The President-Elect shall carry out all the functions of the President when the latter desires him to do so.
- (x) He shall be eligible to transact the business of the Society on behalf of the President under special circumstances for a limited period.

Secretary

- (xi) He shall be elected from the headquarters of the Society and in the event of his transfer to another town, the Executive Council nominate another person in his place until another Secretary is elected.
- (xii) He shall be responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the Society and for proper maintenance of the establishment. For this purpose he shall be given part or full time administrative staff paid from the funds of the Society.
- (xiii) He shall operate upon the Bank accounts of the Society jointly with the treasurer.
- (xiv) He shall prepare the agenda for the meetings of the Executive Council and General Body whenever required as per regulations herein laid down.
- (xv) He shall record proceedings of the Executive Council and General Body meetings and circulate them within a fortnight thereof to all the members of the Executive Council or General Body.
- (xvi) He shall take appropriate steps to implement the recommendations and resolutions of the Executive Council or General Body.

(xvii) He may delegate his rights and duties to the Joint Secretary, if he so desires under special circumstances for a limited period.

(xviii) He shall be on Ex-Officio member of the Editorial Board.

Joint Secretary

(xix) He shall carry out all the duties and functions of the Secretary under special circumstances, for a limited period.

(xx) He shall be elected from the Headquarter.

Treasurer

(xxi) He shall be elected from among the members of the Society's Headquarters and in the event of his transfer to another town, the Executive Council shall nominate another person in his place until another Treasurer is elected.

(xxii) He shall maintain the accounts of the Society in the required form, submit them for annual auditing by a chartered accountant and place them before the Executive Council and the General Body for approval. The financial year for the purpose of accounts shall be January 1 to December 31.

Article 7

Editorial Board

The Editorial Board will be elected by the Executive Council. It shall consist of the Chief Editor from anywhere in the country, Editor (to be located at the headquarters) and 18 other members, three each from the major disciplines of Mycology, Bacteriology, Virology, Nematology and six from Fungal Pathology. The members shall also be the referees for papers in their respective fields of specialization. They may send papers to other referees when necessary. For efficient working of the Editorial Board, 50% of the members of the Editorial Board alongwith the Editor will be nominated by Chief Editor in concurrence with the President and Secretary and other 50% may be elected by the Executive Council. To maintain a continuity in the policy of the Editorial Board 1/3rd of the members will be replaced each year. Secretary of the society shall serve as a Ex-officio member in the Editorial Board. Whereas the Editorial Board shall be responsible for the publication of the Journal and maintenance of its standard, any policy matters regarding the Journal will be considered and decided by the Executive Council.

Article 8

Election of Officers

The Secretary shall send to each member of the Society on October 1, a ballot for the nomination of the officers. If any nomination is lacking, the Council shall have the power to nominate. Three candidates for each office receiving the highest number of nominating votes shall be placed upon a final ballot to be sent to each member by December 1.

Should the nominating votes received by a candidate place him among the highest there for more than one office, his name shall appear on the final ballot paper after obtaining his/her consent for the office he/she wants to contest: Votes shall be mailed to the Secretary with outer cover sealed. Unsealed covers will invalidate the vote.

The President is authorised to have the final ballot papers opened and counted, before the Annual Meeting, by two persons nominated by him, so that the results can be announced at the General Body Meeting without delay.

Article 9

Meetings

- (i) The place for the Annual Meeting shall be selected so as to ensure attendance of as many members as possible. It shall be held in rotation at different institutions in the country where active research in Plant Pathology and Mycology is in progress. The final decision for selecting the location will rest with the Executive Council.
- (ii) At the Annual Meeting, besides the Executive Council and General Body meeting to transact the Society's business affairs, there shall be one general session for presentation of original unpublished research papers. Maximum of two papers from an author, singly or jointly, will be permitted for presentation. The final decision of acceptance of such papers shall rest with the President. Only the abstract not exceeding 300 words, shall be published in the Journal.
- (iii) The Executive Council may decide to hold special symposia or discussions in addition to the general session for presentation of papers.

Meetings of the Executive Council

- (i) Executive Council meetings shall be arranged as and when required and at least once a year prior to the Annual General Body meeting or at the discretion of the President or at the request of one-third of the members of the Executive Council.
- (ii) The date and time of each meeting of the Executive Council shall be notified together with the agenda by the Secretary to each member of the Council at least two weeks in advance or at short notice when several members of the Executive Council from outside happen to be present at the Headquarters. The members not likely to be present at the meeting shall communicate their views in writing on the items of the agenda before the meeting.
- (iii) On any emergent issue the President in consultation with the Secretary shall be empowered to take decisions subject to subsequent approval by other members of the Executive Council.

- (iv) Draft proceedings of every meeting shall be circulated to the Council members for comments. The same shall be confirmed in the next meeting.

General Body Meeting

The general body meetings shall be held at least once a year, preferably along with the annual meeting. One month prior notice for holding the General Body meeting shall be given to the members by the Secretary. At the Annual General Body meeting the Secretary and Chief Editor shall present their reports. The Treasurer will present a statement of the financial position of the Society and also duly audited accounts for the previous year and budget for the following year. All the meetings of the Society shall be presided over by the President or in his absence by the President Elect. In the absence of either, a member elected by the General Body shall preside. Fifty members attending shall form the Quorum for the Annual General Body meeting.

Article 10

Division

Branch organisations or units within the society known as Divisions may be established on a geographical basis provided formal application, setting forth the reasons for the establishment of the Division, is made to the parent body and approved by it.

Article 11

Journal

The Society shall establish a Journal which shall serve as its official organ primarily for the publication of mycological and plant pathological papers by its members (or communicated by members) review of books and literature and for the publication of the report of the auditing Committee or of other reports, announcements and business of the Society.

Article 12

These articles may be amended by two-third vote of the members voting at any regular General Body meeting of the Society, provided that the suggested amendments have been brought to the notice of the council in time to be circulated to all the members at least one month prior to such meeting.

Interpretation of Rules and Regulations

Any difference of opinion regarding the rules and regulations shall be referred to a committee of seniormost five past-presidents of the Society chosen for the purpose. Their decision will be final.

BYELAWS

- I. The Division of Mycology and Plant Pathology, IARI, shall be the permanent Headquarters of the Society in the interest of smooth and efficient management of its affairs. The office bearers viz. Secretary, Joint Secretary and Treasure be elected from the organisations located within the IARI Campus.
- II. All the members of the Executive Council of the Society be paid second class railway fare both ways as well as DA and incidental expenses of Rs. 100/- for attending the Annual General meetings. TA and DA will be paid only in case they do not get it from any other source.
- III. *Budget and Expenditure*
 - A. At the Annual Meetings of the General Body, the Treasurer shall present the audited accounts for the year under report and budget estimates for the ensuing year for approval of the General Body. Expenditure on items in excess of the budget provision shall be first approved by the Executive Council and later presented to the General Body for approval.
 - B. The Secretary will be empowered to spend an amount of Rs. 1000/- (one hundred) for contingent expenses at a time.
 - C. For accepting donations offered by individuals or organizations for prizes, etc. to promote the aims and objectives of the Society, the following guidelines shall be followed :
 - (i) The decision to accept the donation shall be first considered by the Executive Council and later placed before the General Body for final acceptance.
 - (ii) As far as possible, the award shall be for promotion of Plant Pathology and Mycology in general rather than for a narrow field of study.
 - (iii) While the donor may like to define the value of the prize, the manner and mode of selecting the winner shall rest with the Council.

IV. Constitution

Each member, patron or Honorary Fellow will be eligible to receive a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Society. The Rules and Regulations of the Society shall be reprinted once every five years incorporating all the amendments.

V. Resignations

Resignations of any of the members of the Executive Council or other category will be considered and decided by the Executive Council. Before acceptance of the resignation the member will be required to clear all the outstanding dues towards of the Society.