

INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, NEW DELHI

Proceedings of 72nd Annual General Body Meeting and 7th International Conference on “Phytopathology in Achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals” held at ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi on January 16-20, 2020

I heartily welcome Dr. M.P. Thakur, 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 72nd Annual meeting at ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. I thank you all for supporting me to run the Society smoothly.

Meetings held during the year 2019-20 and action taken report

The proceedings of all the meetings held during the year already been shared with all our Executive Council Members and available on IPS Website.

ACTION TAKEN REPORT

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

The chairman had contacted the members through email and evolved the following guidelines; circulated to the members. Based on the feedback from some of the members, the guidelines have been modified and final guidelines is given below.

GUIDELINES FOR the IPS award of “S. Nagarajan - IPS Travel Sponsorship for Young Researchers”

Sl. no.	Name of the Award	This award shall be known as “S. Nagarajan - IPS Travel Sponsorship for Young Researchers” as approved by EC and GB of IPS.
1	Purpose of the award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. This award shall be considered as human resource development for the future of plant pathology in the country. ii. The Society provides travel sponsorship to eight Ph.D. pursuing students, one each from eight zones of IPS, to promote their participation in Annual Meeting and National Symposium of the Society in India, as per terms and conditions given below.
2	Periodicity and Value of the Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Award is annual to attend the annual meeting of IPS from eight Zonal Chapters. ii. This consists of “To and fro 3rd AC train fare “by shortest route on production of proof of travel. iii. Waving off of the registration fee.
3	Conditions of the Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The candidate should be below 30 years of age. ii. The candidate should be a member of IPS prior to the selection by the Zonal chapter iii. In service candidates, and candidate getting fellowship from any sources, are not eligible iv. Certificate of major adviser countersigned by Head of the Department/Institute shall accompany the recommendation from the Zonal chapter.
4	Eligibility of the Award	A student member of the Society pursuing PhD degree in Plant pathology from eight zones.

5	Selection of candidates and conditions for the award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. It is to encourage young researchers to participate in the national events of IPS from all the eight zones of the country. ii. The selection shall be made by the Zonal president and Zonal Councilor in consultation with the department where the student is pursuing PhD based on the information/documents submitted with application to the Zonal President. iii. The contest shall be in the form of presentation for ten (8+2min) before a jury of three members appointed by the Zonal President and Secretary. The candidate shall present for eight minutes and answer questions for two minutes. The decision of the jury shall be final. iv. Normally, second- or third-year student is preferred as there should be substantial research data to present in the annual meeting. v. The recommendations from the Zonal Chapters may be sent to the Secretary IPS for including in the programme. vi. The applicant for travel grant for IPS Annual meeting shall not be economically sound or employed anywhere or receive travel grant from other sources. vii. The contestant for this travel sponsorship for IPS annual meeting shall not contest for any other contest that year conducted by IPS. This is to avoid students trying for multiple awards in the same year and to promote "one person one award" concept.
6	Administration of the Sponsorship	The concerned Zonal chapters of the society shall send nominations and shall be accepted by the Secretary IPS/ Executive committee of IPS.
7	Presentation by the students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Annual meeting Technical papers screening committee may accommodate the eight candidates receiving travel sponsorship either in oral/ poster session. ii. Each of the students nominated from the zones shall make a presentation (oral/poster) in the relevant technical sessions. iii. Presentation is compulsory to claim the travel sponsorship.

EC felt that fund should be generated from corporate sectors as well as also family members of late Dr. S. Nagarajan may be requested to contribute for the this award and GB agreed on the same.

(Action: Secretary, IPS)

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

Committee Members:

Chairman : Dr. M. Anandaraj

Members : Dr. Rakesh Mehra, Dr. Robin Gogoi, Dr. M.S. Yadav, Dr. Vaibhav K. Singh

Recommendation of the committee:

Guidelines for “Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay Oration Award for Innovation in Biointensive Management of Plant Diseases”

Sl. No.	Nature of the Award	Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay Oration Award for Innovation in Biointensive Management of Plant Diseases
1	Donor of the Award	Dr.A.N. Mukhopadhyay
2	Value of the Award	Shawl, memento, TA/DA (2 nd AC Train/economy class airfare) and Rs 20,000 in cash out of Interest of the endowment amount
3	Periodicity of the Award	The Award shall be made once in two years
4	Administration of the Award	The Society shall have the sole right of selection of the recipient of the award and of the formulation of rules governing such selection
5	Eligibility of the Award	This award to be Biennial in nature for scientists of 55 years or above holding permanent position and having at least ten (10) years of IPS Life Membership.
6	Objective of the Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. To provide recognition to outstanding plant pathologist for Innovation in Biointensive Management of Plant Diseases ii. To provide incentive for excellence in research iii. To promote quality of research
7	Nomination Procedure	<p>IPS will invite applications for awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Nomination from Fellows: The members of the Society who wish apply for the award given by the Society can file their application. The application for the award should be as per the format given by the Society which should be duly proposed and seconded by two Fellows of IPS. A fellow can propose/ recommend maximum of two candidates in a year. One member can apply for only one award in a year. ii. EC Nomination: The Executive Council (EC) may also nominate candidates for “Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay Oration Award for Innovation in Biointensive Management of Plant Diseases”. Such nominees need not to be proposed and seconded by the fellows of the Society.

8	Procedure for selection of Recipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Nominations received will be scrutinized by a preliminary Screening Committee, which will select 5 names for further recommendation by the Judging Committee. ii. Judging Committee will recommend one name to the Secretary in a sealed envelope. iii. Any member of the Society, who has filed his/her nomination for any award should not be the member of either Screening or Judging Committee during the year. iv. Secretary, IPS will place the result before the EC for approval and subsequently in GB for declaration. v. While evaluating the NAAS score for publication, the rating for the year of application may be considered.
9	Presentation of the Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. After the acceptance of the names (by the Award Recommendation Committee) by the Executive Council, it will be reported to the General Body. The Society will inform the recipient of his/her selection and request him/her to deliver a lecture in the next annual meeting of the Society. The lecture be printed in the Journal (Indian Phytopathology) and it should be not exceed 10 printed pages. ii. If a person selected for the lecture award is unable to deliver the lecture due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances during that year, he may deliver the lecture in the following year. However, the award will lapse, if the person is unable to deliver the lecture in the following year also.

EC recommended the guidelines as mentioned above and GB approved the same.

IPS 7th International Conference: “Phytopathology in Achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals”

Inaugural function of the 7th International Conference on “Phytopathology in Achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals” organized by the Indian Phytopathological Society (IPS) was held at Dr. B. P. Pal Memorial Auditorium of ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi. At the very outset, Dr. M. P. Thakur, President, IPS, welcomed the dignitaries and the delegates from 24 countries attending the conference and talked of plant health, soil health and animal health to take care of human health. Dr. Dinesh Singh, Secretary, IPS, briefed the august gathering with history and the activities undertaken by the society. Dr. P. K. Chakrabarty, President (Elect), IPS & Member, Agricultural Scientist Recruitment Board in his deliberation stated that among the factors that contributed for low yields in leading crop plants are biotic and abiotic stresses and plant protection is of paramount importance to bio-security. Among the biotic stresses, diseases caused by plant pathogens are existential threat to agriculture. Dr. Chakrabarty reiterated a recent report that highly-productive countries such as Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and the Philippines are likely to be harbouring hundreds more crop pests and diseases than currently known. With advancement in science and technology especially the Omics tools, the world is experiencing new era in the field of plant pathology. Dr. Serge Savary, Editor-in-Chief, Food Security & Ex-Vice-President, International Society for Plant Pathology, France graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. In his address, he stated that ecosystem strategy need to be adopted to produce nutrition-rich food which, in turn, will help achieving food security. He further added that India had a massive challenge to feed 1.3 billion people with nutritious food. Dr. A. K. Singh, DDG (Agril. Extension) & Director, ICAR-IARI presiding over the function, deliberated that to feed ever growing 1.3 billion population of India, plant protection is of prime importance as, on an average, the crop losses due to diseases, insect pests and weeds are estimated to range from 15 to 25% of crop production.

Though, importance of pesticides and chemicals in achieving food goals cannot be denied, it was also equally important to consider soil health, animal health and human health while devising plant protection strategies. Of the diverse components of disease management, bio-control is important. But, notwithstanding their efficacy, bio-control formulations have only an inadequate share in the national pesticide scenario. How to make bio-control more effective, feasible and popular, strategies need to be reviewed thoroughly? Dr. A. K. Singh, DDG (Horticulture & Crop Science), ICAR and the **Chief Guest** of the occasion told that the manifold increase in food grain production from 50.82 million tonnes in 1950-51 to 281.37 million tonnes in 2018-19 have been possible due to strong policy decisions of the Government of India & generation of the tools and technologies by the researchers and the development and deployment of varieties with genes for higher yield and resistance. Government of India has set goals to double the farmer's income by 2022 and also to increase our agri-export earnings. To achieve this daunting task, newer tools and technologies, viz., ICP, digital agriculture IoT etc., being developed have to get adopted in the field for which our farmers have to be educated and trained in the use of these new tools and technologies. For increasing the agri-export, our produce has to be cost and quality competitive and should be nutrition-rich and free of pesticidal contaminants. Thereafter, IPS conferred awards to eminent past and present researchers in the field of Plant Pathology in nine different categories, namely, A. P. Mishra Life Time Achievement Award, Indian Phytopathological Society Recognition Award, Mundkur Memorial Award, S. N. Dasgupta Memorial Award, M. K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award, J. F. Dastur Memorial Award, Sharda Lele Memorial Award, K. C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award and D.P. Misra and R. N. Pandey IPS Best Women Scientist Award. The session ended with vote of thanks from Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, Dean and Joint Director (Edn), IARI, New Delhi.

Altogether 708 delegates from 24 countries participated in this mega-event of which 40 delegates were from outside India. There were 60 farmer delegates from different states of India also participated in Scientist – Industry - Farmers Interface on 19th January, 2020. During the 4 days' long (from Jan 16 to 19, 2020) conference, 21 technical sessions on 21 different themes were conducted. There were 8 plenary speakers, 49 keynote speakers, 76 invited speakers, 130 oral speakers and 423 poster presentations presented in the conference.

Valedictory function of the conference was held at Dr. B.P. Pal Memorial Auditorium, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi on 19th Jan., 2020. Dr. M. P. Thakur, President, IPS, welcomed the dignitaries on the dais and off the dais from 24 countries of the world attending the 7th International Conference. In the valedictory function, Dr. C. D. Mayee was Chief Guest and Dr. A. N. Mukhopdhyay and Dr. Anupam Varma were Guest of Honours in the function. Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi was presided over the function, who in his address emphasized on the need of institutional reform for human resource development by exposing the young scientists to the best of the laboratories and research environment outside the country. He also urged the scientists to make endeavours to meet the challenge of increasing country's agri-export earnings from the present 39 billion US \$ to 80 billion US \$. To achieve this daunting task, our produce for agri-exports must be either free of pesticidal contaminants or below maximum residue limit set by international standards. He further added about the scope of using gene editing tools for making variants of genes of resistance.

The Chief Guest, Dr. C. D. Mayee, Former Chairman, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB), New Delhi expressed his concern on the use of chemical pesticides in plant disease management. He informed that the researchers were also less oriented towards chemical management of plant diseases which was evidenced by the fact that only about 10 per cent of papers presented in this conference were on chemical management as against 52 per cent of the papers in the 1st International Conference of IPS organized way back in 1966.

The Guest of Honour, Dr. AnupamVarma, an Eminent Virologist of international repute, told about the need to produce more food combating various emerging and re-emerging diseases and by adopting natural farming ways. The Guest of Honour, Dr. A. N. Mukhopadhyay, Former Vice-Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat (Assam) urged upon the plant pathologists to focus their research on a few national problems of importance.

Earlier, Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal, Dean & Joint Director (Edn), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi placed the technical report of the Conference in front of the august gathering. The technical report comprised of 33 recommendations which emerged out of discussions in different technical sessions. The recommendations endorsed upon the need (i) for establishment of National Plant Pests Diagnostics Network to ensure bio-security in Indian agriculture, (ii) for strict regulations for manufacturing, distribution and licensing of pesticides to avoid residual toxicity, (iii) to study the involvement of major dominant genes for disease resistance and to incorporate these genes in breeding programme, (iv) to identify novel bio-control agents and to validate the technologies developed against seed and soil-borne disease, and (v) to quantify abrupt climate variables with respect to emerging diseases.

Dr. P. K. Chakrabarty, President (Elect), IPS & Member, ASRB emphasized that IPS has to play a greater role in bringing desired changes in the plant protection scenario of the country and has to develop greater linkages with other national and international societies.

IPS felicitated the representatives of thirteen co-organizers of this international event.

Seed Money: An amount of Rs. 3.00 Lakh was approved by the Executive Council as seed money for IPS International Conference to do the initial expenses. This amount will be reimbursed to the Society after completion of the Conference.

EC agreed on the local hospitality (accommodation, food and local transport) to be provided during the conference to the selected delegates invited by the Society. Tentative list of delegates are as follows, who required the local hospitality/partial support from IPS.

S.No.	Name & Address	Request sought
1.	Dr. Serge Savary, INRA - UMR AGIR - Centre INRA Toulouse-Occitanie, CS52627 - 31326-Castanet-Tolosan cedex – France Email: Serge.Savary@inra.fr	Waive-off registration fee
2.	Dr. Laetitia Willocquet, INRA - UMR AGIR - Centre INRA Toulouse-Occitanie, CS52627 - 31326-Castanet-Tolosan cedex – France	Waive-off registration fee
3.	Dr. Nguyen Van Hoa, Director General, Southern Horticultural Research Institute (SOFRI), Box: 203 Mytho - Tiengiang - Vietnam hoavn2003@gmail.com	Local hospitality
4.	Dr. Matthew Rouse, Cereal Disease Lab USDA-ARS, 1551 Lindig Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108, USA Email: matthew.rouse@ars.usda.gov	Local hospitality & waive-off registration fee
5.	Dr. Jesse Poland Kansas State University 4702 Throckmorton PSC 1712 Claflin Road Manhattan, KS 66506, USA	Local hospitality & waive-off registration fee
6.	M. Catherine Aime, Professor, Purdue University Faculty Scholar, Director, Arthur & Kriebel Herbaria, Dept. Botany & Plant Pathology, Purdue University, 915 W. State St. West Lafayette, IN 47907,	Local hospitality
7.	Dr. Laszlo Kredics University of Szeged, Hungary Cell: 036203570283	Only Travel support & waived off registration fee

8.	Dr.Prasun K. Mukherjee Nuclear Agriculture and Biotechnology Divisions, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay, Mumbai, India	Waive-off registration fee
9.	Dr RavjitKhangura Senior Plant Pathologist Grains – Research Development and Innovation Industry and Economic Development Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, 3 Baron-Hay Court, South Perth WA 6151, Australia	Local hospitality
10.	Mohammad Babadoost Professor of Plant Pathology and Extension Specialist University of Illinois N-533 Turner Hall 1102 S. Goodwin Ave. Urbana, IL 61801, USA	Local hospitality
11.	Dr.Mahaveer P Sharma, Principal Scientist (Agri. Microbiology) ICAR-Indian Institute of Soybean Research Khandwa Road, Indore-452001, India Phone: +91 731 2437971/ +91 9926012261	Waive-off registration fee
12.	Dr.SaiSreeUppala, Extension Assistant Professor UMASS-Cranberry Station, East Wareham, MA, 02538	Local hospitality
13.	Dr. R.N. Pandey Former Professor and Head (Plant Pathology), B.A. College of Agriculture Aand Agricultural University Anand– 388110, Gujarat	Regn. waived-off, Travel & Local hospitality
14.	Prof. S. R. NIRANJANA Former Vice-Chancellor Department of Studies in Biotechnology, University of Mysore, Manasagangotri,Mysore,Karnataka, India	Regn. waived-off, Travel & Local hospitality
15.	Prof. S.S. Chahal Former (VC MPUAT), Sr, Vice President RBEF House No. 150, Sector 11-A Chandigarh – 160011, Punjab	Regn. waived-off & Local hospitality
16.	Dr. A.K. Misra Ex. President, IPS, 4/1081, Vikas Nagar, Lucknow - 226 022	Regn. waived-off, Travel & Local hospitality
17.	Dr.G S Saharan Former Professor and Head, Deptt. of Plant Pathology, CCSHAU, Hisar	Regn. waived-off, Travel & Local hospitality
18.	Prof. (Dr.) Naresh K. Mehta Former Assoc Dean, Professor and Consultant Faculty (Plant Pathology) # 282, SECTOR 13 (P), HISAR	Regn. waived-off, Travel & Local hospitality
19.	Prof. T.S. Thind, Emertius Scientist (ICAR) H No 105 Block-H BRS Nagar Ludhiana – 141004, Punjab	Regn. waived-off & Local Hospitality

20.	Dr. V.S. Thakur, YSPUHF, Nauni, Solan	Regn. waived-off & Local Hospitality
21.	Prof. A.N Mukhopadhyay Former Vice Chancellor, AAU, Jorhat (Assam) 151 Sangini, Rai Bareilly Road Lucknow 226025, Uttar Pradesh	Regn. waived-off & Travel, Local Hospitality
22.	Dr. C.D. Mayee Chairman Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, New Delhi, Flat 602, RAVIRAM RESIDENCY, 13/1 , CHITALE MARG,DHANTOLI Nagpur 440012	Regn. waived-off, Travel & Local hospitality
23.	Dr. D.K. Yadav ADG, Seeds (ICAR), New Delhi	Regn. waived-off
24.	Dr. D.S. Singh, C-301, The Crescent, Plot No. F/2, Sector-50, NOIDA.	Regn. waived-off
25.	Dr. D.V. Singh, Former Head (Plant Pathology) C-14D MIG Flats, Vatika Apartments Mayapuri, New Delhi 110064 Email-dvsingh44@gmail.com	Regn. waived-off
26.	Dr. J.P. Sharma	Regn. waived-off
27.	Dr. K.V. Prabhu Chairma, PPV&FRA, New Delhi	Regn. waived-off
28.	Dr. N.K. Singh Director, NIPB, ICAR, New Delhi	Regn. waived-off
29.	Dr. R.C. Aggarwal DDG. ICAR, New Delhi	Regn. waived-off
30.	Dr. R.K. Jain, Former Dean & Emeritus Scientist Division of Plant Pathology ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute New Delhi-110012	Regn. waived-off
31.	Dr. R.K. Mittal VC, SardarVallabhbhai PatelUniversity of Agriculture and Technology Meerut, Uttar Pradesh – 250110	Regn. waived-off
32.	Dr.Rajan, ADG (PP&B), ICAR, New Delhi	Regn. waived-off
33.	Dr. S.C. Chatterjee, Former Secretary, IPS, New Delhi	Regn. waived-off
34.	Dr. S.M. Paul Khurana Amity University -Gurgaon Haryana 122101	Regn. waived-off
35.	Prof.AnupamVarma Ex-ICAR National Professor INSA Emeritus Scientist Advanced Centre for Plant Virology Indian Agricultural Research Institute New Delhi	Regn. waived-off
36.	Dr. R.S. Chauhan	Regn. waived-off & Local transport
37.	Dr. A.K. Saxena IIHR, Bangalore	Regn. waived-off, Travel & Local hospitality
38.	Dr.AnkurTyagi	Regn. waived-off

	Dhanuka, Representative	
39.	Ms.Indu Kapoor NABARD, Representative	Regn. waived-off
40.	Dr. S.D. Somwanshi, VasantraoNaikMarathwadaKrishiVidyapeeth, Parbhani- 431 402 (M.S.) India	Regn. waived-off
41.	Dr R. Viswanathan, Principal Scientist & Head, Division of Crop Protection, ICAR - Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore 641007, India	Regn. waived-off
42.	Dr. S. Umesha Department of Biotechnology, University of Mysore, Manasagangotri, Mysuru	Regn. waived-off
43.	Dr.Suseelendra Desai CRIDA, Hyderabad	Regn. waived-off

GST – for Conference account as well as for the Society A/c

As per the suggestion from Chartered Accountant, 18% GST will be applicable on Registration fee as well as on IPS membership fee. Secretary, IPS informed the GB members that GST number (07AAAAI2475R1Z9) has taken for the Society and the same was approved by GB.

Case of Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh

The issues raised by Ex- Treasurer, Dr. Vaibhav K. Singh, regarding the unethical practices and financial irregularities was proposed to be discussed in the EC, but Treasurer did not show gesture to be present in the meeting. Rather Dr. Vaibhav K. Singh, insulted the EC by saying incompetence of the EC. He did not even maintain the conduct and decorum of the meeting and rudely talking to the EC members. The EC decided to take disciplinary action against him for his misbehavior and a show-cause notice was issued with the approval of the President-IPS, and subsequently his primary membership of the Society was withdrawn.

The EC recommended and GB unanimously approved the removal of Dr. Vaibhav K. Singh from his primary membership of the Indian Phytopathological Society, New Delhi w.e.f. November 01, 2019.

In reference to the earlier letter for acting Dr. Robin Gogoi, Joint Secretary as Treasurer, in place of Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh, for smooth running of the Society, EC has approved operation of Society's Account by Dr. Robin Gogoi, Joint Secretary in place of Treasurer, Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh and the same was approved by the GB.

New Chartered Accountant has been appointed for auditing the account of the Society and accordingly M/s T. Kohli & Co. has been approved by the EC and appointed for the purpose. The EC suggested to send the existing audit report to the new CA, M/s T. Kohli& Co. for verification and finalization.

The audited account of the Society has been verified by the newly appointed Chartered Accountant, M/s T. Kohli& Co. and it has been certified that the financial statements for the year 2018-19 have been prepared in accordance with the general accepted accounting principles and the financial statements prepared are in conformity with the books of accounts of the Society and submitted the report of the society for office purpose.

Report of visit to Registrar office on 27th December 2019

As per the written instruction given by President, IPS, Secretary, IPS appeared for personal hearing on behalf of the President, to the Registrar of the Society. The next hearing has been scheduled on 17th February 2020 to submit reply of the complaint lodged by Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh.

The Secretary also collected the copies of the complaint lodged by Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh, former Treasurer of the Society. It is requested to depute office bearer of the Society to present on 17th February, 2020 before the court of Registrar of the Society and submit the reply on that date.

It was also informed informally by the office bearer of court that Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh has also filed the petition to High Court against the following:

1. NCT of Delhi, Through Secretary, Secretariat, New Delhi
2. Govt of NCT of Delhi, Through Registrar of Society, Officer of District Magistrate, New Delhi District. 12/1, jam Nagar House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi
3. Prof. M.P. Thakur, President, Indian Phytopathological Society, Division of Plant Pathology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
4. Dr. Dinesh Singh, Secretary, IPS, Division of Plant Pathology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
5. Dr. Robin Gogoi, Joint Secretary, IPS, Division of Plant Pathology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi

Secretary informed EC members and GB members to depute the office bearer of the Society to appear for next hearing in the High Court as well in Registrar Office accordingly. Although, the Society did not receive any notice regarding the case in the High Court filed by Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh, Former Treasurer. The date of hearing in the High Court was 10th January 2020.

EC recommended to appoint a legal advisor (Lawyer) to take care of all the issues related to the Registrar office and High Court and GB approved the appointment of legal advisor (Lawyer) to take care of all the issues related to the society.

II. PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL: *INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGY*

- Secretary informed the GB members that all the three issues (March, June, September) are published available online.
- The **Special issue on "Advances in Fusarium Research"** is also published and available online.

IPS Newsletter - Indian Phytopath News

Secretary informed the GB members that 3 issues of Newsletter published timely and are available online on IPS website in pdf form.

The Newsletter consisted of 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.

1. **IPS Annual Report (2018-19)** has been compiled and published and is available on IPS website.
2. Major Accomplishments of the Indian Phytopathological Society (2017-19) has been published (500 copies) and distributed to all IPS members during conference.

iii. Symposia/Seminar/Brain storming session/ special symposium organized

Activities: Symposia/Seminar/Lectures (2018-19)

Zonal Chapters Activities:

I am happy to inform you that all the 8 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	Date	Topic	Venue
Southern	Nov 28-29, 2019	Transdisciplinary Plant Pathological Research – The Way Ahead	Agricultural Extension Education Centre (UAS, Raichur), Koppal, Karnataka
North Eastern	Nov 6-7, 2019	Sustainable Plant Health Management in North-east India	ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya
Eastern	Nov 5-6, 2019	Mitigating Biotic Stresses in Agriculture for 21st Century: Changing Market Paradigm	Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya Coochbehar, West Bengal
Delhi	Dec 21, 2019	Bio-intensive Approaches for Management of Crop Diseases	Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi
Mid-Eastern	Nov 25-26, 2019	Plant Health Management for Eco Friendly and Sustainable Agriculture	CSA University of Agriculture & Technology, Kanpur, UP
Central	Dec 12, 2019	Challenges and Opportunities in Plant Pathology	Andhra University Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Northern	Dec 9-10, 2019	Plant Disease Management for Food Security Under Climate Change Scenario	ICAR-IIWBR, Karnal

Treasurer's report

The financial report was presented by the Dr. Robin Gogoi, Joint Secretary cum Treasurer, IPS. A marked improvement in collection of fund has been achieved during this period and Society is in sound financial position.

Chief Editor's Report

The report was presented by the Dr. S.C. Dubey on behalf of Chief Editor, IPS. He informed that all the four issues of the journal *Indian Phytopathology* (2019) and a **special issue on "Advances in Fusarium Research"** have been published and available online for members. Further, during 2019-20, total 339 papers were received through on-line submissions. Out of these, 109 were rejected, 96 published, 134 are in review. 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. He also appreciates the efforts rendered by Editors, especially helped in refereeing and evaluation of the manuscripts.

Future Activities 2019-20

Venue and dates for IPS National Symposium 2020-21: Proposal from **Prof. M.R. Khan**, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh received to organize the forth-coming national symposium of the Society 2020-21. The matter was discussed in the EC and EC felt that new EC will take suitable decision in coming Mid-term EC meeting and the same opinion was also of all GB members.

Renewal of APS-IPS MoU: EC agreed and GB approved the further renew to foster collaboration between two professional societies and also to facilitate exchange of ideas, knowledge and scholarly work related to plant pathology.

Collaboration with Society for Green World & Sustainable Development (SGWSD), Jhansi, UP: Proposal from Dr. H.D. Bhartiya, Secretary(SGWSD) was received to collaborate Indian Phytopathological Society, New Delhi with the Society for Green World & Sustainable Development, Jhansi, UP in organizing the International Conference on “Biodiversity: Climate change and sustainable management of natural resources” during November 2020 at Khajuraho (MP). The EC recommended the proposal and GB approved the same without any financial commitment from IPS.

Awards:

Award Declaration 2019-20

EC recommended and GB approved the names for following awards as given below :

S.N.	Name of the Award	Name of the awardee(s)
1.	A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award	Prof. B.L. Jalali
2.	S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture	Dr. M. Anandaraj
3.	IPS Recognition Award	Dr. Basant Ram, Dr. H. Shekar Shetty, Dr. R.P. Thakur and Dr. SrikantKulakarni
4.	Mundkur Memorial Award	Dr. C. Chattopadhyay, Coochbehar, WB
5.	M.S. Pavgi Memorial Award	Dr. R. Viswanathan, Tamilnadu
6.	JP Verma Memorial Award	Dr. D.K. Jha, Gauhati
7.	B.N. Chakraborty and UshaChakraborty IPS Best Teacher Award	Robin Gogoi, New Delhi- 110012
8.	J.F. Dastur Memorial Award	Dr. Kajal Kumar Biswas, New Delhi
9.	M.K Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award	Dr. G. Prakash, New Delhi
10.	K.C. Mehta and ManoranjanMitra Award	Dr. Apurba Kumar Chowdhury, Pundibari WB
11.	ShardaLele Memorial Award	Prof. V. Devappa, UHS, Bengaluru
12.	S. Sinha Memorial Award	Dr. Pramod Gupta, Jabalpur

13.	Fellow of Indian Phytopathological Society (FPSI) 2019	1. RituMawar, CAZRI, Jodhpur
		2. Dr. D.K Banyal, CSKHPKV , lampur
		3. Dr.Manas Kumar Bag Cuttack, Odisha
		4. Dr. M.S Saharan, New Delhi
		5. Dr.Sushil Kumar Singh, Ayodhya
		6. Dr. S.K. Tripathi, Rewa (M.P)
		7. Dr.ShripadHanmtraoKulKarni, Dharwad, Karnataka
		8. Dr.RupankarBhagawati, Kamrup, Assam
		9. Hirendra Kumar Chourasia, Bhagalpur
		10. Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Samastipur, Bihar
		11. Dr.P.D .Meena, Rajasthan
		12. Dr. A.K. Vijayan, (ICRI) Myladumpara
		13. Dr.DeebaKamil, New Delh-
		14. Dr.Jameel Akhtar, NBPGR, New Delhi

MJ Narasimhan Medal for Best Research Paper published in Indian Phytopathology (2018)

Pathogenic variability in <i>Phytophthora capsici</i> from black pepper (<i>Piper nigrum</i> L.) as revealed by transcriptome analysis	Anandaraj M. · VinithaKakkattilBalakrishnan · UmadeviPalaniyandi · Monica V. Chandran
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Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award 2019-20

I am happy to inform the house that total 10 candidates from different zones are participating in the Prof. M.J. Narasimhan Academic Merit Award 2019-20. The judging committee has recommended the name of **Mr. Ankit Kumar Ghorai**, Department of Plant Pathology, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Mohanpur, Nadia for presentation of the paper **“Population structure analysis of *Ralstonia solanacearum* in West Bengal, India and influence of crop rotation on its survival in the rhizospheres of various crops”** for the MJ Narasimhan Academic Award, 2019.

APS Travel Sponsorship 2018-19

This year total 3 candidates participated for **APS Travel Sponsorship** and all the names are recommended for APS Travel Sponsorship and the name of final winner will be selected by APS.

CZ	Praveen, B. Agricultural College, Bapatla, ANGRAU, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh	Studies on Cercospora Leaf Spot of Greengram In Relation To Weather, Host Plant Resistance and Disease Management
DZ	V. Kavi Sidharthan Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi	From unravelling the virome of Indian grapevines (<i>Vitis vinifera</i> L.) to comparison of mRNA and sRNA viromes
DZ	Darshan K* Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India-110012. *Email: darshuwas@gmail.com	Transcriptomic and Metabolomic approaches to unravel the antagonistic mechanism of <i>Chaetomium globosum</i> against <i>Bipolaris sorokiniana</i>

Composition of Executive Council 2020:

As per the election result declared the new elected Executive Council are as follows:

Position	Candidate Name	Elected
President	Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty	-
President Elect 2020	Dr. Pratibha Sharma	Elected
Secretary (2020-22)	Dr. Robin Gogoi	Elected
Joint Secretary	Dr. Kalyan K. Mondal	Unopposed Elected
Treasurer (2020-22)	Dr. M.S. Gurjar	Elected
Zonal President (Delhi Zone)	Dr. T. Prameela Devi	Unopposed Elected
Zonal Councillor (Delhi Zone)	Dr. DeebaKamil	Unopposed Elected
Zonal President (Southern Zone)	Dr. P. Nallathambi	Unopposed Elected
Zonal Councillor (Southern Zone)	Dr. C. Uma Mahewari	Unopposed Elected
Zonal President (North-Eastern Zone)	Dr. N. Tiameren	Unopposed Elected
Zonal Councillor (North-Eastern Zone)	Dr. SushantBanik	Unopposed Elected
Zonal President (Western Zone)	Dr. R.M. Gade	Unopposed Elected
Zonal Councillor (Western Zone)	Dr. D.L. Wasule	Unopposed Elected
Zonal President (MEZ)	Dr. M.R. Khan	Elected
Zonal Councillor (MEZ)	Dr. Mansoor Ahmad	Elected
Zonal President (NZ)	Dr. Jaspal Kaur	Elected
Zonal Councillor (NZ)	Dr. Abhishek Sharma	Elected
Zonal President (CZ)	Dr. B. Srinivasulu	Elected
Zonal Councillor (CZ)	Dr. K. SessaKiran	Elected
Zonal President (EZ)	Dr. Arup K. Mukherjee	Elected
Zonal Councillor (EZ)	Dr. M.K. Bag	Elected

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

- i. **Re-initiation of cash prize for AP Misra Lifetime Achievement Award (request received from donor, Dr. A.K. Misra)**

The EC agreed on cash prize of Rs. 10,000.00 to be given to the awardee annually, however, the matter was re-discussed in GB and GB agreed to increase cash prize from Rs. 10,000.00 to Rs. 15,000.00 to the awardee.

- ii. **Resolution: President should be vested with the power to drop a person from primary membership of the Society in consultation with Executive Council members**

The above point is already mentioned in the Byelaws of the Society (**Article 9: Meetings of the Executive Council, No. iii: *On any emergent issue, the President in consultation with the Secretary shall be empowered to take decisions subject to subsequent approval by the members of the Executive Council.***)

- iii. **Formation of a High Level Committee to Review and Revise the Byelaws of the Society.**

The committee of the following members has been constituted by the EC to Review and Revise the Byelaws of the Society was earlier revised in February 1996.

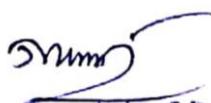
Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay	- Chairman
Prof. C. Manoharachary	- Member
Dr. S.S.Chahal	- Member
Dr. B.L. Jalali	- Member
Dr. C.D. Mayee	- Member
Ex-officio (Head, Plant Pathology)	- Member

President, IPS - Member
 Secretary, IPS -Member Secretary

GB also felt that some more member may be included like representation of women and mid age scientist in the committee. EC may decide as per requirements as opted members later.

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Approved by President, IPS
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