

**Proceedings of the Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Society for
Plant Physiology held at Ramnarain Ruia College, Mumbai
25th November, 2011**

Annual General Body meeting of the Indian Society for Plant Physiology was held on **25th November, 2011** at the Auditorium of Welingker Institute, Matunga, Mumbai. The meeting was chaired by Dr. V.P. Singh, Vice-President, Indian Society for Plant Physiology.

The meetings started with welcome address by the Vice-President Indian Society for Plant Physiology. The chairman requested Hon. Secretary and Executive Editor Dr. R.K. Sairam to present the secretary's report on overall progress of the society. Dr. Sairam acquainted the house with the general progress of the society. He further informed the house that like the last year (2010), this year too there were no applications for R.D. Asana Medal and AAAS Junior Award, which are meant for young scientists below the age of 35 years. After a brief discussion, it was suggested that the maximum age limit should be raised to 40 years for these young scientists' awards. It was suggested that name of AAAS Junior Award should also be changed to a more catchy one. Dr. Sairam suggested that it may be change to **Dr. Har Govind Khurana Gold Medal Award for scientist below 40 years**. However, no final decision was taken, and it was left to the members to send proposal for the new name. The name of AAAS-Senior award was suggested to be changed to **J.C. Bose Gold Medal Award**, which was accepted by the house.

The awards for 2011 were given to the following scientists: Dr. A.L. Singh, J.J. Chinoy Gold medal Award, Dr. Ishwar Singh, AAAS-Senior Award. The fellowships of the Indian Society for Plant Physiology were conferred on Dr. T.D. Nikam and Dr. S. Naresh Kumar for the year 2011.

Dr. Sairam sought the opinion of the house regarding the obligations of the ISPP to the RTI Act-2005. After a detailed discussion, it was resolved that ISPP is a non government organization, registered with the registrar of Societies. It, therefore, does not qualify the term "Government", and thus is out of the preview of RTI Act of 2005. Further, the Executive Committee of the ISPP is elected for a fixed tenure and works on honorary capacity without drawing any pecuniary benefits from the "Government" or the ISPP itself.

However to maintain complete transparency, it was decided by the AGBM that a member may ask for the results of awards or bio-data of other applicants with in ONE year of the declaration of the results. However, the bio-data can only be shared after obtaining the consent of the different applicants. It was further resolved that the information sought should only be for the year in which someone has applied for, and concerning the award he/she has applied for.

