

Proceedings of the General Body Meeting of the Indian Society for Plant Physiology held on 26th November, 2010 at BHU, Varanasi, U.P.

General Body meeting of the Indian Society for Plant Physiology was held on 26th November, 2010 in the Swatantrata Bhawan of the Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Dr. P.S. Deshmukh, President, Indian Society for Plant Physiology chaired the meeting.

The meetings started with welcome address by the 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 and details of the procedure being followed to select the candidates for the various awards of the Indian Society for Plant Physiology, specially the score card developed for the purpose. Regarding the various awards, he informed the house that there were no application for R.D. Asana Medal and AAAS Junior Award, which are meant for scientists below the age of 35 years. After a brief discussion, it was suggested that a wider publicity is needed regarding these awards of the 'Society'. Dr. Sairam proposed that a memorial lecture in the memory of Late Dr. S.K. Sinha should be started, to be delivered by eminent plant physiologist at the time of Annual Conference. The proposal was accepted by the house.

The awards for 2010 were given to the following scientists Dr. Ajay Arora, J.J. Chinoy Award, Dr. S. Ramana, AAAS Senior Award. The following persons were awarded the fellowship of the Indian Society for Plant Physiology: Dr. Pramod Kumar, Dr. Brajesh Singh, Dr. Rana Pratap Singh, Dr. S. Ramana and Dr. Padmanabh Dwivedi. G.S. Sirohi best paper award was given to Dr. G. Sivaprakasan.

Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Ajay Arora presented his report on publication of the journal. Dr. Ajay Arora appraised the house about the progress of the journal and the timely printing of the Indian Journal of Plant Physiology. He also informed about the new NAAS rating of 5.5/10 for Indian Journal of Plant Physiology. The house expressed a great satisfaction on the overall progress of the publication.

Dr. Madan Pal, Treasurer, Indian Society for Plant Physiology, presented the financial report of the society. Dr. Madan Pal presented the audited report on the income and expenditure. There was general satisfaction on the healthy financial state of the "Society" and members appreciated and accepted it.

Chairman then requested Dr. Ishwar Singh, Joint Secretary to present his report. Dr. Ishwar Singh presented the report and also declared the result of the election for the year 2011 which is as follows:

President	Dr. S.K. Datta	2011-12
Vice-President	Dr. K.P. Singh	2011
	Dr. V.P. Singh	2011

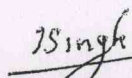
Dr. Ishwar Singh also apprised the house about the various zonal activities of Indian Society for Plant Physiology during 2010. He informed that zonal seminars were conducted during 2010 at S.V.B.P.U.A&T, Meerut and VIT, Vellore, TN, under the leadership of Dr. Pankaj Kumar and Dr. C. Rajasekharan, respectively. A proposal was moved that for zonal seminars registration fee may be fixed at Rs. 500/- for scientist and Rs. 250/- for students, which was accepted by the house.

Dr. Rajasekharan presented detailed report of Indian Society for Plant Physiology zonal seminar (South zone) at Vellore, while a proposal for conducting Indian Society for Plant Physiology zonal seminar (Central zone) was presented by Dr. B.L. Kakralia.

The venue of the next seminar was also discussed. There was only one proposal from Ramnarain Ruia College, Matunga, Mumbai for which a detailed presentation was given by Dr. Ganesh Iyer. The house was impressed by the infrastructure and facilities available at the proposed venue, and accepted the proposal to organize the next Annual Conference in Mumbai.

Dr. R.S. Dwivedi proposed that the poster session should get more emphases and there should be **one best paper award for each session**. The house accepted the proposal.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Joint Secretary, Dr. Ishwar Singh, to the chair, members of the executive committee, and the distinguished members.


(Ishwar Singh) 2/12/10
Joint Secretary


(R.K. Sairam)
Hon. Secretary