

**Proceedings of the meeting of the General Body of Indian Society for Plant  
Physiology held on 29.11.2006 at 6:00 PM in the auditorium of  
Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur**

The meeting of the General Body of Indian Society for Plant Physiology was held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at 6:00 PM in the auditorium of Kerala Agricultural University. Dr. A. Narayanan, Past President of ISPP was requested to chair the session in the absence of President and Vice Presidents. With brief introduction about the society and the role of Plant Physiology in agricultural research and education, the Chairman briefed about the agenda and requested Dr. G.C. Srivastava, Hon. Secretary to present the Secretary's report.

Dr. G.C. Srivastava, Hon. Secretary briefly mentioned the overall activities of the society, including a brief proceedings of the Navsari-2005 Seminar, online access of articles published in the IJPP, financial health of the society etc. During the discussion some members were of the view that the General Body meeting should be held on the first day of the seminar to have the maximum participation of the members. However, it was also felt that on first day, half day is allocated for the inauguration and keynote addresses and only half day is left for presentation. However, it was agreed that as far as possible the General Body meeting should be kept on first day. Members were informed about the progress made in the revised rating of the journal. The matter has been taken up with NAAS to revise the rating, and society is completing the formalities as required for the revision. It was also mentioned that the quality of the research paper needs to be improved at our level. There was also concern about the job opportunities for plant physiologists as no post has been advertised by ASRB at the entry level. Secretary informed the house that efforts are being made at headquarter to make some position available of scientist in future.

Chairman requested to present the editorial report. In absence of Dr. M.C. Ghildiyal, Dr. Rajkumar Sairam presented the editorial report. He highlighted the practice of submitting already rejected articles for publication in IJPP and requested all members to send good quality papers to our journal so that its level could further be improved. He also made a mention about the delay in returning the articles by the respected referees, which causes delay in the publication of the paper. He again requested all referees to send the paper back at the earliest.

Chairman requested to present the Treasurer's report. In the absence of Dr. Madan Pal Singh, Dr. Virendra Nath presented the Treasurer's report. He presented the statement of income and expenditure as audited by Chartered Accountant and mentioned that although the financial position of the society is good it needs to be improved further. The report was accepted.

Chairman requested the Joint Secretary, Dr. Virendra Nath to declare the result of the election for the Executive Council for 2007-09. The following is the list of elected members.

(Joint Secretary)

(Hon. Secretary)

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Vice Presidents (elected)	Dr. J.P. Srivastava and Dr. A.S. Nandwal
Hon. Secretary & Exe. Editor (elected)	Dr. G.C. Srivastava
Treasurer (elected)	Dr. Madan Pal Singh
Editorial Board members (elected)	Dr. V.P. Singh, Dr. H.R. Dhingra, Dr. Ajay Arora, Dr. Bandana Bose
Zonal Secretaries (elected)	
East zone	Dr. Ranjan Das
West zone	Dr. B.B. Jadhav
North zone	Dr. Ishwar Singh
South zone	Dr. N. Savithramma
Central zone	Dr. K.K. Bora

Members expressed their displeasure at the absence of most of the Zonal Secretaries and also their lack in organizing any academic activity in the zones.

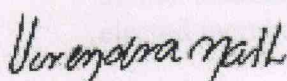
The General Body also unanimously approved the nomination of Prof. S.K. Sawhney, Delhi University for the position of President for 2007-2008. General Body also approved that in absence of elected Treasurer Dr. Madan Pal Singh, Joint Secretary Dr. Virendra Nath will look after the duty of Treasurer till the elected treasurer takes over his duty. The position of Editor-in-Chief and Joint Secretary for the next period will be filled by the new executive.


The Indian Society for Plant Physiology (ISPP) is completing 50 years in 2008 and therefore, it was agreed that the society will organize an International Conference along with Golden Jubilee Celebration at IARI, New Delhi in 2008. This was approved by the General Body.

In the end, the Hon. Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the chair for conducting the proceedings and also to the organizers for organizing the ISPP Seminar at Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur and to all members for making the seminar a success.

The following awards were given during the inaugural and plenary session of the seminar.

J.J. Chinoy Medal	:	Dr. P.S. Deshmukh, IARI, New Delhi and Dr. A.H.A. Farooqi, CIMAP, Lucknow (jointly)
AAA (Sr.) Award	:	Dr. Ashok Kumar, CCSHAU, Hisar
AAA (Jr.) Award	:	Dr. M. Mohanty, IISS, Bhopal
G.S. Sirohi Award	:	Ms. M.R. Beena, Univ. of Hyderabad
Young Scientist Award	:	Ms. Pushpalatha, IARI, New Delhi
Best Poster Award	:	Mr. Gaurav Agrawal, IARI, New Delhi and Dr. K.B. Hebber, CCRI, Nagpur
Dr. K.K. Nanda Memorial Lecture	:	Prof. A.K. Dhawan, CCSHAU, Hisar
Dr. G.V. Joshi Memorial Lecture	:	Dr. R.K. Sairam, IARI, New Delhi

  
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