

Proceedings of the Annual General Body Meeting of the Indian Society for Plant Physiology held at ANGRAU, Hyderabad on 14th December, 2012

Annual General Body meeting of the Indian Society for Plant Physiology was held on **14th December, 2012** at the Auditorium of Acharya N.G. Ranga Agriculture University (ANGRAU), Rajendernagar, Hyderabad. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Pankaj Kumar, 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 including procedure followed in selection for various awards. He proposed that the name of AAAS Junior Award may be changed to **R.H. Dastur Award** (for the Scientist up to 40 years each), which was accepted by the house.

The awards for 2012 were given to the following scientists: Dr. Viswanathan Chinnusamy, J.J. Chinoy Award, Dr. S.K. Sharma, J.C. Bose Award and Dr. Hare Krishna, R.D. Asana Gold Medal. The fellowships of the Indian Society for Plant Physiology were conferred on Dr. H.S. Talwar, Dr. Badre Alam, Dr. Anjali Anand, Dr. Nafees A. Khan and Dr. Amod Kumar Thakur. Dr. Sairam informed the house about the collaboration of "Society" with Springer publishers for the publication of Indian Journal of Plant Physiology on their online system. Members welcomed the development by clapping loudly.

Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Ajay Arora presented his report on publication of the journal. Dr. Arora appraised the house about the progress of the journal and the timely printing of the Indian Journal of Plant Physiology. He also informed that to keep pace with time, the 3rd and 4th issue of 2012 of the journal will be combined together and will be published by the end of December, 2012. The house expressed 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.

Dr. Ishwar Singh, Joint Secretary, Indian Society for Plant Physiology then declared the result of the general election (2013-15) for various positions of the executive committee, which is as follows:

President	Dr. S.K. Sopory
Vice-President	Dr. Ajay Arora
	Dr. Padmanabh Dwivedi
Hon. Secretary & Executive Editor	Dr. Madan Pal Singh
Treasurer	Dr. V.P. Singh
Zonal Secretary (East Zone)	Dr. Ranjan Das
Zonal Secretary (North Zone)	Dr. Pankaj Kumar
Zonal Secretary (South Zone)	Dr. G. Ramarao
Zonal Secretary (West Zone)	Vacant
Zonal Secretary (Central Zone)	Dr. B.L. Kakralya
Member Editorial Board	Dr. Brajesh Singh
	Dr. K.D. Sharma
	Dr. Renu Pandey
	Dr. P. Kalita

Dr. Ishwar Singh further informed the house about the poor response of the members in casting votes. Overall 28% members exercised their right of vote. The house showed concerns about poor voting and suggested a more effective system of online voting should be developed on the website of the Society.

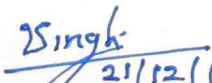
Dr. Ishwar Singh appraised the house about the following two key decisions of Executive Committee meeting of ISPP held in New Delhi on 17th August, 2012 under the chairmanship Dr. S.K. Datta, President, ISPP.

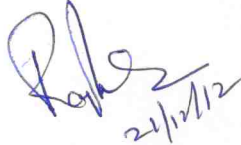
- (i) It was proposed to abolish the present system of electing member of editorial board and instead the Editor-in-Chief should select a team of eminent Plant Physiologists as editors.
- (ii) The present term of Vice-president is for one year and the society is not getting sufficient nominations to have election for this post every year. As the post of Vice-president is a key position, therefore, it was suggested that the term of Vice-president should be two years and the person contesting this post should be of Professor/Principal Scientist rank.

House agreed to both the above two suggestions

No proposal was received for the venue of the 55th annual conference (NCP-2013). The house authorized the Executive council to take a decision in this regard.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair and the distinguished members, who participated in the meeting.


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(Ishwar Singh)
Joint Secretary


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(R.K. Sairam)
Hon. Secretary