

**Proceedings of the meeting of the General Body of Indian Society for Plant Physiology held on 28.12.2004 at 6:00 PM in the auditorium of Botany Deptt. of Pune University, Pune**

The General Body meeting of Indian Society for Plant Physiology was held on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2004 at 6:00 PM. As the President Prof. D.K. Dasgupta was not available Dr. P.S. Deshmukh, a past Vice-President was requested to Chair the session. The agenda of the meeting was presented. The meeting started with the presentation of the Hon. Secretary report. A good progress of the society achievement was reported during the year 2004 by the Hon. Secretary. The publication of the special volume was appreciated by the members. Members were concerned about the grading of the journal by NAAS and wanted that this should be brought to the notice of authorities. Hon. Secretary informed the house that this matter has been brought to the notice of the authorities in NAAS for correction and revision of the grading. A point was also raised to reduce the life membership fee for the students, which was not agreed. It was however, agreed that life membership by students may be paid in five instalments in the same financial year. Some members were of the opinion that instead of one award, there should be more awards for young scientists presentation. It was unanimously agreed that hence forth two awards (first and second) will be given for young scientists presentation. Treasurer report was presented by Dr. Madan Pal showing the income and expenditure. Editor report was presented by Editor in Chief Dr. M.C. Ghildiyal. The timely publication of the journal was appreciated by the members. Editor-in-Chief requested members to send their good quality papers to this journal so as to further improve its standard. Joint Secretary presented the results of the annual election of office bearers-2005 (one President and two Vice-Presidents). Dr. Padmaja Rao, IGFRI, Jhansi was elected President uncontested while Dr. J.D.S. Panwar, IIPR Kanpur and Dr. Ishwar Singh IISR, Lucknow were elected as Vice-Presidents. Some suggestions were given to increase the term of President and Vice Presidents which was not agreed by members. The suggestion that the post of President should be nominated rather than by election was also not accepted. It was, however, agreed that the present system of election of the President and Vice Presidents should continue but the qualification of the candidate needs to be considered while proposing the nominee and the names should be reviewed by executive committee. Eminent persons having established a school, should be considered for election to the position of President and Vice Presidents.

There were some proposals for instituting an award to honour Late Prof. K.K. Nanda, a founder member and former Editor-in-Chief of ISPP. The proposal was appreciated by the members. It was, however, mentioned that for instituting an award or memorial lecture, some capital is needed so that the interest gained on the capital may be used for meeting the expenses on this award. After discussion, it was agreed that a memorial lecture "Prof. K.K. Nanda Memorial Lecture" may be started. It was also agreed that to meet the expenses on TA/DA and honorarium to the speaker, sufficient money may be raised. Prof. S.K. Sawhney of Delhi University was requested to initiate the process of raising funds in this regard.

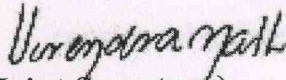
The proposals to hold the seminar next year was discussed. Prof. R.R. Shah put up a proposal to host the next year seminar at Navsari, Gujarat. This proposal was accepted and Dr. Shah was requested to send a letter through Vice Chancellor for organizing the National Seminar.

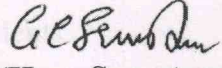
The following awards were given during the inaugural and plenary session of the seminar.

J.J. Chinoy Medal	:	Dr. R.K. Sairam, IARI, New Delhi
AAA (Sr.) Award	:	Dr. M.Z. Abdin, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi
		Dr. P.K. Ghosh, IISS, Bhopal
R.D. Asana Medal	:	Dr. Renu Pandey, IARI, New Delhi
G.S. Sirohi Award	:	Dr. Poonam Natu, IARI, New Delhi
Young Scientist Award	:	Ms. Vaishali Panwar, Saurashtra University, Gujarat
Best Poster Award	:	Dr. Sudip Kumar Sinha, Bose Institute, Kolkata

Prof. G.V. Joshi lecture was delivered by Dr. G.K. Naik, Deptt. of Biotechnology, Gulbarga University, Gulbarga 585106, Karnataka.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

  
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