

Proceedings of the meeting of the General Body of Indian Society for Plant Physiology held on 30.11.2007 at 4:00 PM in the auditorium of Dr. B.S.K.K.V. Dapoli Distt. Ratnagiri, Maharashtra

The meeting of the General Body of the Indian Society for Plant Physiology was held on 30th November 2007 at 4:00 PM in the auditorium of Dr. B.S. Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli under the chairmanship of Prof. J.P. Srivastava, Vice President, ISPP. Dr. S.K. Sawhney, the President of ISPP could not make himself available during the meeting due to health problem. After a brief remark, the Chairman requested the Hon. Secretary and Executive Editor Dr. G.C. Srivastava to present the secretarial report. Hon. Secretary briefed the audience with the progress made during 2007 regarding the general progress, membership, publication and other activities. Regarding the grading of the journal, it was mentioned that NAAS is revising the grading of the journals and the outcome will come sometime in January 2008. The ISPP awards presented to different scientists were also mentioned during the briefing.

1. Dr. A.K. Dhawan, CCSHAU, Hisar was presented Dr. J.J. Chinoy Award
2. Dr. Ajay Arora, IARI, New Delhi was presented AAAS (Sr.) Award
3. Dr. P.S. Deshmukh, IARI, New Delhi was presented Dr. G.V. Joshi Memorial Lecture Award.
4. Dr. R.K. Kohli, PAU, Ludhiana was presented Dr. K.K. Nanda Memorial Lecture Award.

The following members were awarded fellowship of ISPP:

1. Dr. S.K. Sharma, CSSRI, Karnal
2. Dr. Neera Garg, PAU, Ludhiana
3. Dr. R.K. Kar, Viswa Bharati, Santiniketan
4. Dr. Ajay Arora, IARI, New Delhi

Dr. K.N. Guruprasad of Devi Ahilya Vishvavidyalaya, Indore and Dr. V.H. Mulimani of Gulbarga University, Gulbarga were presented Dr. G.S. Sirohi Award-2007 (Best Paper).

The number of fellowship was also discussed in the General Body meeting. Members were of the opinion that there should not any limit to the fellowship number

however the fellowship should be given only after achieving significant academic achievements. Members also suggested that only life members should be considered for different awards including AAAS awards which was agreed by the General Body.

The report of Editor-in-Chief was presented by Dr. M.C. Ghildiyal. He briefed the General Body with the progress of publication of the journal. He also mentioned the difficulties in getting good research papers from the scientists and the comments from the learned referees in time. It was again requested that good papers must be sent to IJPP. Referees were requested to return the manuscripts in time so that necessary steps can be taken to publish the paper in time.

The financial position of the society was presented by Treasurer, Dr. Madan Pal Singh on statement of income and expenditure which was accepted. Dr. Madan Pal Singh also mentioned the postal expenses on sending the manuscripts and journals and rise in cost of printing papers for publication of the journal. A rise in the annual membership fee was proposed from Rs. 300/- to Rs. 500/- which was accepted by General Body.

Regarding the venue of next seminar, few proposals received by Hon. Secretary were mentioned, however, it was informed that DARE has already given permission to hold 3rd International Congress of Plant Physiology at IARI, New Delhi in November 2008. Other proposals may be considered next year.

At the end, the Chairman summarized the proceedings and thanked the members for attending the meeting.

Hon. Secretary finally proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for chairing the proceedings and to all members for taking part in the meeting.

(Vice President)

(Hon. Secretary & Exe. Editor)