

INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Proceedings of Mid-Term EC Meeting held on April 27, 2019

Venue: Committee Room, Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi

Following members of the Executive Council attended the meeting:

1. Dr. M.P. Thakur	:	President
2. Dr. Dinesh Singh	:	Secretary
3. Dr. Robin Gogoi	:	Joint Secretary
4. Dr. Vaibhav K. Singh	:	Treasurer
5. Dr. M. Anandaraj	:	Chief Editor
6. Dr. S.C. Dubey	:	Sr. Editor
7. Dr. V.K. Baranwal	:	Sr. Editor
8. Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal	:	Ex-officio
9. Dr. M.S. Yadav	:	Zonal President (DZ)
10. Dr. Nasim Ahmad	:	Zonal Councillor(DZ)
11. Dr. T.S.S.K. Patro	:	Zonal President (CZ)
12. Dr. Rakesh Mehra	:	Zonal President (NZ)
13. Dr. PremLal Kashyap	:	Zonal Councillor (NZ)
14. Dr. Pankaj Baiswar	:	Zonal President (NEZ)
15. Dr. Tasvina R. Borah	:	Zonal Councillor (NEZ)
16. Dr. P.M. Bhattacharya	:	Zonal President (EZ)
17. Dr. Ayon Roy	:	Zonal Councillor (EZ)
18. Dr. Ved Ratan	:	Zonal President (MEZ)
19. Dr. C.D. Deokar	:	Zonal President (WZ)
20. Dr. V.K. Bhalerao	:	Zonal Councillor (WZ)

However, Other EC members namely, Drs. P.K. Chakrabarty, President-Elect, M.B. Patil, Zonal President (SZ), and Y.S. Amaresh, Zonal Councillor (SZ), P.K. Verma, Zonal Councillor (CZ) and U.K. Tripathi, Zonal Councillor (MEZ), could not attend the meeting due to their pre-occupied schedule.

Dr. Dinesh Singh, Secretary, welcomed Dr. M.P. Thakur, President, IPS and requested to chair the meeting. He also welcomed the other EC members who have taken keen interest to attend this meeting despite their busy schedule.

Secretary's Report

Activities of the Society

The brief report about the IPS 71st Annual Meeting of the Society and National Symposium on **"Recent Challenges and Opportunities in Sustainable Plant Health Management"** organized in collaboration with Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh during February 26-28, 2019 was presented among the EC members.

He informed that Keynote Lectures, Award Lectures, Invited and Oral presentations were delivered in the national symposium. Besides, these, an IPS-APS joint Satellite Workshop on “**Decision Support System in Crop Disease Management**”, was also organized on February 27, 2019 and the symposium was attended by more than 377 delegates.

The Secretary informed that the IPS Website is updated and all the latest information is available on the website.

The following decision was made in the Annual General Body Meeting held at BHU, Varanasi on 27th February 2019.

Honorary Fellow and Advisory Board

General Body approved the names recommended for Honorary Fellows and Advisory Board

Honorary Fellow (new addition): **Dr. M.S. Reddy**, Auburn University and **Prof. Akhtar Hussain**, Lucknow, UP

Advisory Board members (new addition): **Dr. C.L. Jandaik**, Shimla, H.P. and **Dr. Robert Park**, Australia

Institution of New Awards

a. For institution of new award in the name of Late Dr. S. Nagarajan

General Body approved the already existing award “IPS Travel Sponsorship for Young Scientists” to be renamed as “S. Nagarajan - IPS Travel Sponsorship for Young Researchers”. This award will be for Ph.D. pursuing students. A committee of the following members was constituted to prepare the guidelines and terms & conditions for the award within one month, so that it can be implemented from this year (2019). It was also decided by EC that total eight awards will be given each year and one from each zone.

Chairman : Dr. M. Anandaraj

Members : Dr. Rakesh Mehra, Dr. Robin Gogoi, Dr. M.S. Yadav, Dr. Vaibhav K. Singh

b. Proposal for instituting an Award naming “Prof. A N Mukhopadhyay Oration Award” for Innovation in Biointensive Management of Plant Diseases

EC has recommended and General Body approved for institution of new award on the name of “Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay Oration Award” for Innovation in Biointensive Management of Plant Diseases. The award will be executed subjected to receiving endowment fund of Rs. 5.00 Lakh from donor Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay and mutual consensus on the terms and conditions between IPS and donor.

The Secretary informed the EC members regarding correspondence with Prof. A.N. Mukhopadhyay and Prof. Mukhopadhyay has told that he would do the needful by 15th May 2019. The same committee made for “S. Nagarajan - IPS Travel Sponsorship for Young Researchers” will prepare the guidelines and terms & conditions for this award also.

Further, Dr. S.C. Dubey and Dr. V.K. Baranwal emphasized to form a committee to decide and formulate the guidelines for institution of any new award in the Society in future. For that, the EC has constituted a committee for the same.

Chairman	:	Prof. Anupam Varma (IARI, New Delhi)
Co-Chairman	:	Prof. B.L. Jalali (CCSHAU, Hisar)
Members	:	Prof. T.S. Thind (PAU, Ludhiana) Dr. D.V. Singh (IARI, New Delhi) President - IPS, Dr. M.P. Thakur (IGKV, Raipur)
Member Secretary	:	Secretary, IPS, Dr. Dinesh Singh (IARI, New Delhi)

Initiation of New Journal

Proposal from Today & Tomorrow Printers and Publishers, New Delhi to print and publish the **Journal “International Journal of Tropical Plant Diseases”** - former Chief editor S.P. Raychaudhuri and Anupam Varma” with Indian Phytopathological Society was discussed and EC and General Body did not agree on the proposal.

Other agenda discussed in EC and GB approval

1. Regarding fund assistance and co-operation for collection to organize Zonal meetings- Not agreed by the EC and hence GB not approved.
2. Miscellaneous (publication of abstracts in *Specific format of all Zonal meeting*) – Agreed by the EC and approved by GB.
3. Uniform format of Certificates for the national/zonal/international conferences organized under the banner of IPS: EC agreed on the proposal to have uniform format for certificate and abstracts for each symposia/seminar to be organized under the banner of IPS and GB approved the same.

In the mid-term EC meeting, it was decided that Zonal President and Councillor will be the signatory on the certificate of symposium organized by Zonal President and Councillor. It was also suggested that at least one office bearer from IPS headquarter (HQ) should represent Zonal Symposium without any financial liabilities on IPS HQ.

The fund raised by the respective zones will be utilized for their Zonal activities and 10% of the total registration fee received to be deposited to the Society’s HQ account. The proposal to waive of the deposition of 10% of registration fee by the Zonal chapters was discussed and it was suggested to place it in the forth-coming AGBM for final decision.

4. Issue related to refund of registration in case of non-attending the conference - EC did not agree to refund the registration amount in this case and GB also did not agree on this issue.

5. Revision of the IPS staff salary

Revision in salary of the IPS Secretariat was discussed and EC & GB agreed for the revision w.e.f. April 1, 2019 as given below. Further 10% annual increment will be effective from April 2020.

	Existing salary (Rs.) /month	Revised salary (Rs.) /month
Business Manager	34,560.00	40,000.00
Editorial Assistant	14,000.00	16,000.00
Office Assistant	9,000.00	12,000.00

It was approved to issue appointment letter to all the staff by the Secretary w.e.f. May 2019.

Activities 2019-20

i. International Conference 2019-20:

The Society will organize an International Conference on “Phytopathology in Achieving UN Sustainable Development Goals” during January 16-20, 2020 at IARI, New Delhi.

The application in prescribed proforma has been submitted to ICAR for formal approval.

Letters have been sent to the following institutions to become the Co-organizers of the conference, namely,

- (1) International Society of Plant Pathology
- (2) Asian PGPR Society
- (3) American Phytopathological Society
- (4) Sri Lanka Association for Mycology & Plant Pathology
- (5) ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR)
- (6) ICAR-National Research Centre for Integrated Pest Management
- (7) ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute
- (8) ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NIAP)
- (9) ICAR-National Institute for Plant Biotechnology (NIPB)
- (10) International Potato Centre (CIP)
- (11) Association of Plant Pathologists, Akola
- (12) Indian Society of Mycology and Plant Pathology, Udaipur

Consent from ISPP, SLAMPP (Sri Lanka) and Asian PGPR Society has been received, however, consent from others are awaited.

(i) Proposal for brain storming session/ **Special Symposium on “Post-Harvest Diseases and Technology for Horticultural and other Crops”**

Proposal from Dr. A.P. Suryawanshi, Head, Department of Plant Pathology, Dr.B.S. Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli, Dist-Ratnagiri (M.S) to organize Brain Storming session (One day) on Special Symposium (Two Days) at Head Quarter during September - October, 2019 was agreed by EC and approved by General Body.

It was discussed in the meeting to organize the Special National Symposium with the Western Zone Symposium, however, Dr. C.D. Deokar, Zonal President (WZ) mentioned that it would not be possible to organize both the events together, hence EC agreed to conduct both the events separately.

(ii) **Scientist-Industry-Farmers interface:** The proposal was agreed by EC and approved by General Body.

EC members suggested that this program may be conducted as one of the session in the forth-coming IPS International Conference to be held in January 16- 20, 2019.

(iii) Collaboration for organization of International Conference with Sri Lanka Association for Mycology and Plant Pathology

GB agreed to organize International Conference with Sri Lanka Association for Mycology and Plant Pathology (SLAMPP) subjected to detail international terms and conditions should be worked out.

However, Secretary, IPS informed that SLAMPP agreed to be the Co-organizer of the forth-coming IPS International Conference to be held during January 16-20, 2020 and EC agreed for the same.

(iv) Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh, Treasurer, IPS is not willing to function as Treasurer in local organizing committee of 7th International Conference to be held at IARI, Delhi from 16- 20 January 2020 in the EC meeting held on 27th April 2018 at Division of Plant Pathology IARI, New Delhi. Since this activity has already approved by AGBM and it is urgently required to depute one Treasurer in place of Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh for the Society to maintain records and bills, operate account of the IPS for conference purposes. Under these conditions, President, IPS suggested that Dr. Robin Gogoi, Joint Secretary of IPS, will operate the account of the conference jointly with organizing secretary and maintain all the records and bills of expenditure related to conference and also he will prepare audit report of the expenditure with the help of CA.

ZONAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES 2019-20

Out of eight zones, the Society has received the proposal from six zones, except Central and Northern Zone for the Zonal Symposium in 2019-20.

Zone	Date	Topic	Venue
Southern	Nov 28-29, 2019	Transdisciplinary Plant Pathological Research – The Way Ahead	Agricultural Extension Education Centre (UAS, Raichur), Koppal, Karnataka
Western	Between 1 to 9 th Sept, 2019	Emerging Trends in Plant Pathology under Climate Change Scenario	Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeet, Rahuri, Ahmednagar, MS
North Eastern	Nov 7-8, 2019	Sustainable Plant Health Management in North-east India	ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya

Eastern	2 nd fortnight of Sept, 2019	Mitigating Biotic Stresses in Agriculture for 21st Century: Changing Market Paradigm	Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya Coochbehar, West Bengal
Delhi	Nov 23, 2019	Bio-intensive Approaches for Management of Crop Diseases	Division of Plant Pathology, IARI, New Delhi
Mid-Eastern	Nov6-8, 2019	Plant Health Management for Eco Friendly and Sustainable Agriculture	CSA University of Agriculture & Technology, Kanpur, UP
Central	Dec 11/12, 2019	Challenges and Opportunities in Plant Pathology	Andhra University Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Northern	Dec 12-13, 2019	Plant Disease Management for Food Security Under Climate Change Scenario	CCS HAU, Hisar, Haryana

Award nomination 2020

The society sought the nominations from EC members and the following nominations were received:

1. A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award

1. Prof. B.L. Jalali
2. Prof. D.J. Bagyaraj
3. Dr. S.S. Chahal
4. Dr. T.S. Thind
5. Dr. S.V. Ngachan
6. Dr. Ramesh Chand
7. Dr. V.B. NARGUND
8. Dr. V.I. BENAGI
9. Prof. Subhendu Choudhury

2. S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture

1. Dr. R.K. Jain
2. Dr. M. Anandaraj
3. Dr. R.K. Khetarpal
4. Dr. B.N. Chakraborty
5. Dr. V. C. Patil
6. Dr. M.S. Kulkarni
7. Dr. Kajal Kumar Biswas

3. IPS Recognition Award

- (1) Dr. Basant Ram
- (2) H. Shekar Shetty

- (3) Dr. R.P. Thakur
- (4) Dr. D.V. Singh
- (5) Dr. Srikant Kulakarni
- (6) Dr. M.S. Kulkarni
- (7) Prof. B.N. Chakraborty
- (8) Dr. C. Chattopadhyay

EC recommended names for following awards as given below –

- 1. A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award :** Prof. B.L. Jalali
- 2. S.P. Raychaudhuri Memorial Lecture:** Dr. M. Anandaraj
- 3. IPS Recognition Award:** Dr. Basant Ram, Dr. H. Shekar Shetty, Dr. R.P. Thakur and Dr. Srikant Kulakarni

From S.No. 4 to 12, there will be open nominations apart from EC nominations. The following nominations have been received from the EC members. Scoring in publications will be done on the basis of NAAS rating considering nomination year of the award. The awards from S. No 4- 12 will also be called from all the members of the society as open nomination.

4. Mundkur Memorial Award

- (1) Dr. M.S. Patil
- (2) Dr. V.K. Razdan
- (3) Dr. C. Chattopadhyay
- (4) Dr. Prasun Mukherjee
- (5) Dr. I.K. Kalappanavar
- (6) Dr. Suresh Kunkaliker

5. M.S. Pavgi Memorial Award

- (1) Dr. T. Makesh Kumar
- (2) Dr. M. Srinivas Prasad
- (3) Dr. R. Viswanathan
- (4) Dr. T.R. Sharma
- (5) Dr. P.V. Patil
- (6) Dr. V. Suryanarayana

6. M.K. Patel Memorial Young Scientist Award

- (1) Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh
- (2) Dr. K. Prabha
- (3) Dr. O.P. Gangwar
- (4) Sh. H.K. Singh
- (5) Dr. A. Ratan Kumar Singh
- (6) Dr. Mallikarjun Kenganal
- (7) Dr. Govindappa
- (8) Dr. Nandita Sahana

7. J.F. Dastur Memorial Award

- (1) Dr. A.K. Das
- (2) Dr. B.S. Dileep Kumar
- (3) Dr. R.N. Verma
- (4) Dr. R.P. Singh
- (5) Dr. N. Tiamerao
- (6) Dr. Abhishek Sharma
- (7) Dr. V. Devappa
- (8) Dr. S.I. Harlapur
- (9) Dr. Arup Kumar Mukherjee
- (10) Dr. M.S. Yadav

8. J.P. Verma Memorial Award

- (1) Dr. S. Umesha
- (2) Dr. Deepali Mazumdar
- (3) Dr. S.G. Borkar
- (4) Dr. K.K. Mondal
- (5) Dr. Raghuchander
- (6) Dr. Sunil Kulkarni
- (7) Dr. Subrata Dutta

9. Sharda Lele Memorial Award

- (1) Dr. V. Devappa
- (2) Dr. R.C. Upadhyay
- (3) Dr. V.S. Thakur
- (4) Tasvina R. Borah
- (5) Dr. Tammaiah N
- (6) Dr. Yenjerappa
- (7) Dr. Ashok Bhattacharyya

10. K.C. Mehta and Manoranjan Mitra Award

- (1) Dr. R.K. Verma
- (2) Dr. Jyotsana Sharma
- (3) Dr. Indu D. Sawant
- (4) Dr. L. Manjunatha
- (5) Dr. V. B. Nargund
- (6) Dr. M. Krishna Reddy
- (7) Dr. Apurba Chowdhury

11. S. Sinha Memorial Award

- (1) Dr. T.S.S.K. Patro
- (2) Dr. Vibha Pandey
- (3) Dr. Vimla Singh
- (4) Dr. P.K. Gupta
- (5) Dr. Mallikarjun Kenganal
- (6) Dr. Raghavendra Mesta
- (7) Dr. Pankaj Baiswar

12. B.N. Chakraborty and Usha Chakraborty IPS Best Teacher Award

- (1) Dr. G. Bagyanarayana
- (2) Dr. K.P. Singh (BHU)
- (3) Dr. M.K. Biswas
- (4) Dr. Robin Gogoi
- (5) Dr. S.J. Kolte
- (6) Dr. L. Daiho
- (7) Dr. Yashodha Hegde
- (8) Dr. Raghuchander T
- (9) Dr. Jayant Tarafdar

The announcement for open nomination will be **June 1, 2019** and the last date to receive the application will be **July 31, 2019**.

Publication:

JOURNAL: INDIAN PHYTOPATHOLOGY

- I am glad to inform you that the **March issue (2019)** of the journal Indian Phytopathology was published on time and is available online. Accepted manuscripts for June issue 2019 are available **ONLINE First** on the website.

Dr. Mamta Kapila, Executive Editor – Journals, Springer Nature India Private Limited, New Delhi was also invited to present the financial/royalty status (2018-19) as well as submitted manuscripts status of the journal Indian Phytopathology. She appraised about publication of Indian Phytopathology under Springer. She clarified about online submission of the articles, mode of editing and acceptance/rejection of the paper based on the reviewers and editors comments/decision.

She also suggested to instruct the authors to restrict the length of the articles so as to accommodate more number of articles in one issue. To make the journal International rather than national, the issue should have:

- one or two invited/review articles in each issue
- one or two articles from foreign authors in each issue
- special issue on hot/emerging/important topics
- Guest Editors from India as well as other countries for special issue of the journal

She informed the house that approx. INR 2.0 Lakh royalty has been calculated for the year 2018-19. However, she will inform the exact amount in due course of time after getting proper information from their accounts department.

Editors raised some issues facing during the editorial process in movement of edited articles in online process. She suggested to have a separate meeting which needs to be arranged to discuss on the matter related to publications.

- **IPS Newsletter - Indian Phytopath News:** The January – March issue (Vol 2, No. 1: 2019) is available on the IPS website in pdf form.

Thanks to the Editorial team of journal and newsletter for bringing out the issues timely.

OTHER AGENDAS:

The Society invited for agendas from Advisory Board members and Executive Council members for betterment and its smooth functioning. The following agenda received from the EC members:

1. Mail received from Dr. D.P. Singh and R.P. Thakur regarding transparency in the process of election of IPS bearer

EC discussed the matter at length and did not agree on the points raised by Dr. D. P. Singh. However, EC suggested that to make election procedure more transparent, a committee needs to be constituted for IPS Election, who will take care of the dispatch of ballots, receipts of ballots within and after the last date etc. For smooth conduction of the entire election process, Secretary, IPS will be the Chairman and Ex-officio, Joint Secretary and two other senior members of the Society will be the members of the committee subjected to the approval of AGBM. Further, if any of these members of committee contesting for any portfolios of the IPS should not be part of said committee and a new member may be included with the concurrence of the president, IPS.

2. Dr. A.K. Misra- mail regarding withdrawal of cash award in "Prof. A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award"

Secretary informed the house that the decision for withdrawal of cash award in "Prof. A.P. Misra Lifetime Achievement Award" was taken due to excess of expenditures over the interest received from the endowment fund of this award and EC did not agree the proposal of Dr. A. K. Mishra in reinitiating of Cash prize of Rs. 15,000.00.

3. The following agendas received from Dr. MS Yadav Zonal President, Delhi Zone (2019)

(i) **Participation of IPS representative in APS Annual Meeting:** MOU with APS-IPS collaboration exists from 6th International Conference held in Feb.23-27, 2016. Under this MOU, many IPS members acquired the membership of APS, but any representative of IPS should participate in Annual meeting of APS. In this year, annual meeting of APS is going to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A. from August 03-07, 2019. So, under this collaboration atleast one representative of IPS should participate in this meeting.

The matter was discussed and EC decided that the Society is not in position to support financially to any members. However, any member can participate and represent IPS in the APS-IPS Working Ground Meeting during APS Annual Meeting with approval of the Society (IPS).

(ii) **Rationalization of Zonal Chapter Meetings of IPS:** EC agreed upon that Zonal meeting and symposium will be conducted as usual organized in the past.

(iii) **Restriction on publication of papers by the members of Editorial Board of IPS in Indian Phytopathology:**

EC denied such restrictions.

(iv) **Clarification on endowment fund for D. P. Mishra and R. N. Pandey IPS Best Women Scientist Award**

Treasurer, IPS raised the issue regarding payment of another Rs. 2.00 Lakhs to make the total endowment fund Rs. 5.00 Lakhs. Since, the case was discussed in the previous Mid EC meeting held on April 21, 2018, all the EC members agreed to accept Rs. 3.00 lakhs only already contributed by the donor with a condition that the award will be given biennially. It was suggested by the EC to mobilize among the members to generate the fund to make it Rs. 5.0 Lakh. If the endowment fund reaches to Rs. 5.0 lakh by contribution of members, then it will be converted into annual. The matter was further discussed in AGBM on 27th February 2019 and then President, IPS clarified all doubt and GB agreed for the same. The matter was again raised by Treasurer, IPS and it was discussed in the meeting and suggested to finalize the matter again in the forth-coming AGBM.

(v) **Inclusion of new member in editorial board**

A letter was sent by Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh, Treasurer to IPS through mail to include his name in the editorial board of IPS Newsletter "Indian Phytopath News". It was discussed in the meeting. Some EC members agreed to include his name in Editorial board but he denied accepting the same. However, EC emphasized that Zonal Coucillors alongwith Zonal Presidents are to be included in the Editorial Board of the Newsletter for effective compilation of information from their zones.

4. Resource generation for APS-IPS Travel Grant

Secretary put up the case before EC members to generate a corporate fund which is required to create the fund, who can sponsor specially for students' welfare. A meeting on this issue will be organized by the Society for preparing modality of fund generation.

5. Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh: Discussion on receipts from publication of books by IPS

The matter was discussed and it was suggested to find out whether any MoU between the Society (IPS, the publisher) and TTPP (Printer and Distributor) was signed and any official record or decision was taken for publishing books. It was also decided to have an agreement & MoU between both parties before going for any publication in future and to take approval of AGBM. Regarding royalty on the books, it was informed by the Secretary that royalty received by the Society till 2016 was **Rs. 2.47 lakhs** which was duly audited by CA. However, the royalty on the books published after 2017 has not been received from the printer/distributor (TTPP) which needs pursuance from the Secretary/Treasurer. It was further decided that topic/theme for writing any books and involvement of editors should be finalized by the EC members and the same agreed by the EC.

Purchase Committee:

As discussed in the Annual EC meeting held on February 25, 2019 at BHU, Varanasi, U.P., it was decided to constitute a Purchase Committee to look after the procurement of items for official purpose of the Society, of amount more than Rs. 25,000.00. The Committee was constituted with the following members which approved by the President. Further EC also agreed for the same.

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| 1. Dr. Dinesh Singh, Secretary, IPS | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. Robin Gogoi, Joint Secretary, IPS | Member |
| 3. Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh, Treasurer, IPS | Member |
| 4. Dr. M.S. Yadav, NCIPM, New Delhi | Member |
| 5. Dr. Jameel Akhtar, NBPGR, New Delhi | Member |

The committee will be valid until constitution of new EC or 31st March 2020, whichever is earlier.

6. Participation of IPS representative in IPPC 2019 to be held at Hyderabad in Nov. 2019

It was already decided that society will be participating in the IPPC 2019 and a half day session on the topic "Detection and diagnosis: DNA barcoding" will be organized by the Society. Drs. V.K. Baranwal, S.C. Dubey and Deeba Kamil will take lead in organization of this session and they will finalize the topics and speakers. Dr. Rashmi Aggarwal and Secretary IPS will help to organize the same. There will be no liability of the society to provide funds in this regard. Dr. M.P. Thakur, President-IPS will represent the Society in IPPC 2019.

7. **Membership drive:** The zone will be awarded with Appreciation letter based on the maximum number of the members enrolled in that particular year. EC agreed upon the decision. The offer of discount (25%) in membership fee will be continued as per the conditions of previous year and will be valid till 31st March, 2020.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Vaibhav Kumar Singh, Treasurer presented the financial report for 2018-19. He expressed about the incomplete accounting of the Statement of Expenditures of the international conference held at Bangkok, Thailand in November 2018. EC suggested for relooking into the accounts of the international conference and the pending balance amount may be reconciled at the earliest possible, so that auditing can be done by the end of May, 2019.

It was also suggested to clear the TA bills related to the IPS Annual Meeting and National Symposium held at BHU, Varanasi, UP during February 26-28, 2019. Post-facto sanction of the previous bills submitted by Dr. A. K. Misra, Dr. D. V. Singh, Dr. C. Manoharachary, Dr. K. D. Srivastava and Dr. Sessa Kiran may be done by the Secretary as suggested by the EC members. EC further suggested to transfer the fund (sponsorship collected by the Society for the symposium organized at BHU) to the symposium account (BHU) to clear the all bills related to

the symposium expenses viz., printing and food, etc. EC felt that it is the responsibility of the Organizing Secretary, National symposium to clear the bills from symposium account.

It was discussed that delegates who had paid expenses of their accompanying person or self to IPS, the EC agreed to return the amount received from the concerned delegates, and the same amount may kindly be paid to Alpcord at the earliest so as to settle the account of International Conference with Alpcord and IPS.

Chief Editor's Report:

Dr. M. Anandaraj, Chief Editor, Indian Phytopathology presented the editorial report. He informed the house that the journal is now up-to-date and published timely. He presented the status of manuscript submitted and also inform about the June issue (2019) that 17 articles are already online first and another 5-6 articles will be needed to complete this issue, and it will be published by the end of May 2019. He also informed about the special issue on "Advances in Fusarium Research", 9 articles are online first, 6 are accepted and total 13 articles are in the process.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Robin Gogoi, Joint Secretary, IPS.

Dated: May 25, 2019


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