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Election Circular

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Final ballot paper having the names of the candidates contesting for office bearer of the Society is being sent herewith. Please record your vote by putting **(X)** against the name of person whom you wish to elect for the particular office. Please put the final ballot paper in envelop marked "A" and put in the envelop marked "B" together with slip "C" after duly signing it. Seal the envelop "B" and send it to the Secretary, Indian Phytopathological Society, Division of Plant Pathology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi 110012 so as to reach not later than **20.02.2019.**

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Dinesh Singh
Secretary

January 15, 2019

Brief Biodata

Dr. D.P. Singh

Principal Scientist and Principal Investigator (Crop Protection Programme)
ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research
KARNAL 132001 (Haryana)

Dr. D.P. Singh (1984 batch ARS) served at worked on multi crops (Cereals, food legumes, vegetables, fibre, spices, tuber & plantation crops). He joined at CRIJAF, Barrackpore (West Bengal) (1985), was Scientist Incharge at ICAR-Ramie Research Station (ICIJAF), Sorbhog, (Assam) (1985-89), ICAR-Indian Institute of Soybean Research, Indore (Madhya Pradesh) (1989-91), ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat & Barley Research (IIWBR), Karnal (Haryana) (1991-94), United Nations (V) Specialist in FAO, Zambia (1984-88), ICAR-IIWBR (1988-2012) ITEC Expert/ Institutional Specialist in Agriculture Research at National Agricultural Research & Extension Institute, Mon Repos, Guyana (S. America), Coordinator, Rice Research Station, Guyana Rice Development Board, Georgetown, Guyana (2012-16). Presently he is working as Principal Scientist and Principal Investigator (Crop Protection Programme), ICAR-IIWBR Karnal and leading wheat crop protection at National level. He served as visiting scientist at Unite de Phytopathologie, Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvain La Neuve, Belgium (2001) and INSA visiting scientist at NARC, Khumaltar, (Kathmandu), Nepal (2011). During his doctorat degree he received fellowship from Department of Atomic Energy. He was born on Ist July 1957 in Bulandshaher (U.P.) completed his M.Sc. degree in Botany with specialization in Plant Pathology from Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra (merit certificate,1980), Ph.D. (Plant Pathology), under Prof. V. K. Agarwal, GBPUAT Pantnagar (1985), and headship of Hon. Prof. R. S. Singh, M.B.A. (HRM), 2003, IGNOU New Delhi. He was awarded, Fellow of IPS (1988), ISMPP (1993) & INSOPP (1999). He is a member, Expert working group (Diseases and insect pests) of “Wheat Initiative”, reviewer of international and national journals, including American Phytopathological Society, served in Editorial boards (10 of scientific journals), member, IMC of ICAR-CICR Nagpur and CIARI, Port Blair, and Assam State Ramie Board, Dispur, Varietal Identification Committee (Wheat and Barley), Coordinated Winter School on “Integrated Pest Management in Wheat Based Cropping Systems”, participated in international (10 countries) and many national conferences. He was awarded as Outstanding Scientist, Best Researcher, Best Research Team, Best papers (4), K.C. Mehta & Manoranjan Mitra memorial Award, Best Researcher award (Education expo TV , 2018), Scroll of Honor (IPS), Dr. R. Prasada Memorial award lecture (2018), Hindi debate award, Gold Medal, Association for advancement in Plant Protection, INSA award, Reviewer Excellence Award, Plant Pathology Leadership, Food and Nutrition Community award, during 'Knowledge management for North East' of FAO/NERAMAC/ NEC. He had been a part of strategy planning meetings of DAC&FW. Dr. D. P. Singh is associated with IPS since 1981 and was Organizing Secretary, Annual meet & National symposium on “Role of Resistance in Intensive Agriculture” under chairmanship of Hon. Dr. S. Nagarajan, also as Chairman IPS (NZ) meet & symposium “Implications of Plant Diseases on Produce and Product Quality” during 2000-01 and Organizing Secretary, Brain Storming Session on “Blast Proofing in Agriculture” August, 2018. The savings generated during symposium were deposited for grant of “IPS student travel awards” and “K.C. Mehta and M. Mitra award”. He published 115 research papers including 25 numbers in “Indian Phytopathology”, 3 books, 28 book chapters, 1 compendium, 2 technical bulletins, presented 102 papers, 52 technical reports, 72 popular articles, 1 software, 1 video film, 40 lectures in training programmes. He also served President and Vice President (HQ), CEC of Agricultural Research Service Scientists' Forum (ARSFF), Councillor, INSOPP, Vice President, United Nations (V) Specialist Welfare Association, guided 1 Ph.D. and 7 M.Sc. students. He is presently leading the NFSM funded project on wheat blast. He worked in UNDP, FAO, IAEA, AP Cess Fund, ICAR flagship, Member of Parliament constituency development grant projects as well as private sector projects dealing with new molecules and nano products. The major research contributions of Dr. Singh are, to create develop spot blotch resistant high yielding wheat varieties for warmer and humid agro ecological conditions in Eastern India: He mapped the pathogens associated with leaf blight complex of wheat and concluded Bipolaris sorokiniana as major and most dominant pathogen. Dr. Singh contributed in development and release of 7 high yielding and multiple disease resistant wheat varieties including one on wheat blast and 10 resistant genetic stocks. He identified scab and Aluminum toxicity tolerant bean varieties in Zambia, reviewed and repositioned the research and extension programmes as well as projects on plantation crops, spices, maize, tuber crops, millets, pulses and rice in Guyana. He developed 'National Rice Seed Policy' and 'Strategic Research and Development Agenda (SRDA)' of institutes in Guyana, identified high yielding maize varieties (6 Nos.) in collaboration with CIMMYT Colombia. The services of Dr. Singh, ITEC Expert were greatly appreciated in Guyana and MEA.

Brief Biodata

Dr. Pranjib K. Chakrabarty (ADG PP&B), ICAR

Dr. Pranjib K. Chakrabarty has served ICAR in various capacities as Scientist (Plant Pathology), Principal Scientist (Biotechnology) and Head, (Division of Crop Improvement) at the Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) Nagpur. Presently he is working as Assistant Director General (Plant Protection & Biosafety) at ICAR, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi since Oct 7, 2013. He is also holding the additional charge of ADG (Oilseeds and Pulses) and Project Coordinator (Honey bees & Pollinators) from last 1.6 year. First class throughout his academic career, Dr Chakrabarty visited USA four times and did pioneering research on molecular basis of plant-pathogen interaction and signal transduction of disease resistance for five years. He did his post-doctoral research at the University of Florida, Gainesville and at the University of Missouri-Columbia in Columbia, USA. He also visited 25 countries in Australia, Africa, Asia, Americas and Europe as visiting Scientists and presented number of research and policy papers related to Pant Protection.

Key Research Achievements included a patent on ready-to-use PCR detection kit for detection of Xanthomonas malvacearum - a seed borne pathogen of cotton. He has developed molecular diagnostic tools for detection of all the major pathogens of cotton. He also developed CAPS Marker to differentiate Ramularia areola strains infecting diploid cotton from tetraploid cotton and a race 18-specific RFLP marker in Xanthomonas malvacearum. He has developed 6 gene constructs including 5 RNAi and a chitinase, (chi1) gene constructs for cotton transformation. Using them Dr Chakrabarty developed transgenic diploid cotton with enhanced expression of a unique class I chitinase gene showing delayed pathogenesis of foliar fungal pathogens of cotton and RNAi-mediated transgenic cotton tolerant to cotton leaf curl virus.

He is recipient of a number of Academic and Professional awards and Fellowships, including KPV Menon Gold Medal 2005; 2015, MJ Narasimhan Research Award; Prof EJ Butler memorial award, Indian Mycological Society; INSA Visiting Scientist Fellowship; DBT Overseas Fellowship; UNDP Fellowship for Doctoral Research; Merit Fellowship for M.Sc (Agriculture), HPKVV, Palampur, H.P., India, 1980-1982. He is Fellow of a number of prestigious Professional Societies including, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Maharashtra Academy of Sciences; Phytopathological Society of India, Indian Society of Mycology and Plant Pathology; Mycological Society of India, etc. He is also an adjunct faculty of the University of Florida, USA.

He published 73 gene sequences in GenBank. He is life member of 5 professional Societies and published 76 research papers in National and international Journals of repute, written 18 book chapters, 53 conference papers. He guided 12 MSc and PhD students.

As ADG PP in ICAR, he is responsible for Coordination of activities related to Plant Protection and Biosafety in ICAR. Besides, he is the core member of Central Insecticide Board and Registration Committee (CIB&RC), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), Min of Agril and Farmer's Welfare (MoA&FW); Chairman of the Food and Agriculture Division (FAD 3), Bureau of Indian Standards; Chairman, Technical Committee on Monitoring of pesticide Residues at National Level, DAC, MoA&FW; Chairman, sub-committee on crop grouping for harmonization of MRL; Nodal officer, Minor use pesticide program; members of several statutory and ICAR bodies; Member, Review Committee on Genetic Manipulation (RCGM), Department of Biotechnology, Min of Science & Technology; Member, Executive Committee of the National Institute for Plant Health Management (DAC-NIPHM), MoA&FW, Member, Executive Committee, BCKVV, Kalyani, West Bengal to oversee the development of the Institute and the University.

As ADG (PP) some significant contributions on Plant Protection made as Chairman of sub-committee in CIBRC in coordination with DAC&FW during last 2 years include:

Developed guidelines for registration/ regulations of (i) use of Biostimulants in agriculture; (ii) Biocides for use in paints (iii) Nematophagous fungus- Paecilomyces lilacinus for biocontrol of nematodes, resulting in registration of first strain in the country and (iv) Crop grouping to facilitate development of group MRL. The implementation of this guideline will render registered use of pesticides on 85% crops compared to present merely 15% labelled use, a major reason for trade rejections of our traded crop commodities.

Brief Biodata

Dr. Rakesh Pandey

Principal Scientist & Head
Department of Microbial.Tech. and Nematol., Crop Protection Division
Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, P.O. CIMAP,
Lucknow – 226015, INDIA

Dr. Rakesh Pandey's research contributions have got wide recognition both at national and international levels in the field of crop protection. He has published over 150 research papers, 27 book chapters, 18 review articles, 04 Bulletins, 02 Technical Bulletin, 03 books, 11 popular articles and has developed 07 nematode disease resistant plant varieties of medicinal and aromatic plants. He has also been awarded 04 US patents and has been recognized as Ph.D. examiner in more than 22 Universities and has delivered several lead, key note and memorial award lectures at national and international forum including in Indian Science Congress. On the basis of his outstanding achievements, Dr. Pandey has been awarded Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) New Delhi in 2015. Earlier Dr. Pandey also achieved several National and International award among which a few are DAAD Fellow (1990-1993), Senior DAAD fellow (1999) in Institute of Plant Disease, University of Bonn, Germany, Visiting Scientist (2003-2005) University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania PA-15260, U.S.A., Golden Peacock Award by the World Environment Foundation (WEF) in 2008, Prof. V.P. Bhide Memorial Award in 2008 by SMPP Udaipur, CSIR Technology Award - 1999 & 2015, Outstanding Scientist Award-2010, Dr. S.L. Mishra Medal 2011, Young Achiever Award-2014, Prof. R.K. Srivastava Memorial Oration Award 2015, Prof. H. S. Srivastava Memorial Award -2015 for Social Contribution, Prof. J.F. Dastur Memorial Award-2017 by IPS New Delhi, Prof. H. M. Shah Memorial Award-2017 by NSI, New Delhi, Dr. Manmohan Attavar Gold Medal in Floriculture-2017 by HSI, New Delhi, Plant Pathology Leadership Award-2017 in GBPAU&T, Pantnagar and Dr. M.R. Siddiqi Memorial Award-2018 in AMU Aligarh etc. Dr. Pandey is fellow of different societies as FPSI (1999), FNSI (1998), FBS (2006), FISMPP (2007) and FHSI (2019). Dr. Pandey has served Indian Phytopathological Society two times as Councilor (1998-99 & 2011-2012) and President (MEZ-2013-14). He was the member of editorial board of Indian Phytopathology, Journal of Mycology and Plant Pathology, Medicinal Plants etc. Dr. Pandey Guided 09 Ph.D. Students and 37 M.Sc /M.Tech students. At present 05 Ph.D. students are working under his guidance. Dr. Pandey is an expert member of Crop Protection in several National and International selection committees. He has submitted 29 rhizospheric microbes and got accession number from NCBI. Dr. Pandey's main contribution is in the field of crop protection especially on diseases of medicinal and aromatic plants and their ecofriendly management. He has developed a new method of growing Trichoderma harzianum which is widely used for the management of several plant diseases caused by variety of pests and pathogens. . Dr. Rakesh Pandey has given a new face to medicinal and aromatic plant industry by developing cheap, economically viable, sustainable, long shelf life and environmental friendly CIMAP Trichoderma mass production technology based on agricultural wastes, which was adopted by more than 5000 farmers in mint growing areas of the country, enhanced mint oil yield > 15% and protected plants from diseases and pests.

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Final Ballot Paper

(Last date for receipt of final ballot paper : February 20, 2019

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Please record your vote by putting (X) against the name of person who you wish to elect

President-Elect (2019)	Dr. D.P. Singh	☐
	Dr. Pranjib K. Chakrabarty	☐
	Dr. Rakesh Pandey	☐

Zonal Chapters (2019)

Delhi	Zonal President Zonal Councillor	Dr. M.S. Yadav Dr. Nasim Ahmad	Unopposed elected
Mid-Eastern	Zonal President Zonal Councillor	Dr. Ved Ratan Dr. U.K. Tripathi	Unopposed elected
Eastern	Zonal President Zonal Councillor	Dr. P.M. Bhattacharya Dr. Ayon Roy	Unopposed elected
Northern	Zonal President Zonal Councillor	Dr. Rakesh Mehra Dr. P.L. Kashyap	Unopposed elected
Western	Zonal President Zonal Councillor	Dr. C.D. Deokar Dr. Vikas K. Bhalerao	Unopposed elected
North-Eastern	Zonal President Zonal Councillor	Dr. Pankaj Baiswar Dr. Tasvina R. Borah	Unopposed elected
Central	Zonal President Zonal Councillor	Dr. T.S.S.K. Patro Dr. P. Kishore Varma	Unopposed elected
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