



## International Society for Plant Pathology



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### Report to ISPP from Chinese Society for Plant Pathology (2013-2018)

**Name of Society:** The Chinese Society for Plant Pathology (CSPP) 中国植物病理学会

**Established:** 1929

**Web address for Society:** <http://www.cspp.org.cn>

**Current representatives of Society:** President You-Liang Peng (pengyl@cau.edu.cn), Secretary-General Cheng-Gui Han (hanchenggui@cau.edu.cn)

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**Society membership:** more than 6,500 members during 2013~2018

CSPP is an academic organization devoted to the research and expansion of the field of plant pathology in China. Over the past 35 years, the organization has grown into a national first-rate society, with 16 professional committees and 7 working committees, 27 local branches and more than 6,500 members in China and abroad. The CSPP became a member of the International Society for Plant Pathology in 1983, and is the founding member of the Asian Association of Societies for Plant Pathology (AASPP). Its headquarters are located at the campus of China Agricultural University (CAU). CSPP aims to promote the advancement and dissemination of knowledge of plant diseases and their management, and to enhance the intercommunication among plant pathologists worldwide. The Organizational Structure of CSPP is consisted of the National Congress, the Council, the Standing Committee, the Secretariat and the Professional Committees. The new leadership of the CSPP was elected at its 10th CSPP Congress, which was closed on August 16, 2014.

The main activities carried out by CSPP during 2013~2018 were as follows:

**Part I The 10th International Congress of Plant Pathology (ICPP2013) hosted successfully by CSPP.** The 10th International Congress of Plant Pathology (ICPP2013) was held from the 25th to the 30th of August 2013 at Beijing International Convention Center (BICC), which is near the beautiful Olympic Village. This Congress also incorporated the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Chinese Society for Plant Pathology (CSPP). The theme for the 10th ICPP was designated as “Bio-security, Food Safety and Plant Pathology: The Role of Plant Pathology in a Globalized Economy”. The event attracted 1,779 delegates representing 72 countries from around the world, plus more than 100 accompanying persons and 160 volunteers. There were 2 plenary sessions, 5 keynote sessions, 66 concurrent sessions and 9

evening sessions. A total of 1,591 abstracts was received, including 329 invited lectures for plenary, keynote and concurrent sessions. From the 1,262 papers offered, 196 were selected as short talks at concurrent sessions. For delegates' convenience, abstracts of the invited and offered papers were published as a special issue of 620 pages of the CSPP Journal, "Acta Phytopathologica Sinica", available also on CD-ROM. There were 9 satellite workshops prior to or post the Congress. Thanks to the generosity of several international, national and local institutions, 119 bursaries were offered. The countries receiving the highest number of bursaries were India, Pakistan and Egypt. The highest bursary given to an individual was 2,798 €. The ISPP received \$30,000.00 profit from the Congress plus repayment of the advance from ISPP to ICPP2013.

## Part II Domestic meetings organized

CSPP holds National Annual Meeting and Symposium every year.

### 1. National Annual Meeting of CSPP

The CSPP Annual Meeting, the Society's most important event, is held in a different city every year in summer (Table1). Totally, more than 5400 participants including overseas members attended the meetings, including 47 keynote speakers, 710 concurrent speakers, and 335 posters, they present their research results, learn about the latest advances in related research areas, and meet with colleagues to exchange ideas and information. Annual Meeting Proceedings are also compiled with 1956 abstracts and issued to extend communion between scholars and strengthen the influence of CSPP.

**Table 1 Summary of CSPP annual meetings**

Year	City	Participants	Keynote speakers	Concurrent sessions	Concurrent speakers	Abstracts	Posters
2014	ShenYan	1300	9	6	147	504	50
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2015	HaiKou	1200	13	7	215	492	74
2016	NanJing	1300	13	7	151	500	85
2017	TaiAn	1600	12	6	197	460	126
Sub	Total	5400	47	26	710	1956	335

### 2. National Symposia of CSPP professional committees

To increase academic communion and enhance the level of national research, the national symposia are also regularly sponsored by CSPP professional committees. About 100-300 participants including overseas members attended the symposia. Totally, 34 Symposia were organized, and more than 4854 participants took part in the meetings, and about 765 participants presented their research results as keynote speakers or concurrent speakers, respectively.

## Part III Official journals sponsored

CSPP publishes two refereed journals: *Acta Phytopathologica Sinica* and *Phytopathology Research*.

### 1. *Acta Phytopathologica Sinica*

*Acta Phytopathologica Sinica* was initiated in 1955 and is sponsored by CSPP. The Journal

publishes articles bimonthly both in Chinese and English that cover fundamental and applied aspects of plant pathology. These include the full-length papers, short communications, and review articles on etiology, cell biology, physiology, biochemistry and molecular biology, genetics of disease-resistance and pathogenicity, epidemiology and ecology, plant-parasite interactions, plant disease and control. As an indicator of the academic level of CSPP, the journal has been among the most highly rated academic journals in China. It strongly facilitates national and international communication. The Editor-in-Chief of *Acta Phytopathologica Sinica* is Professor ZeJian Guo.

## **2. *Phytopathology Research***

*Phytopathology Research*, the official journal of CSPP and China Agricultural University, is an open access journal dedicated to advancing our understanding of plant diseases and developing effective environment-friendly measures for disease control. The journal publishes fundamental and applied research on broad aspects of plant diseases. Articles are selected based on novelty, importance, scientific validity, and interest to the readers. We hope this new journal will further stimulate the development of plant pathology and its rapidly growing interdisciplinary field and help train our next generation of plant pathologists. We assembled a very strong editorial team with outstanding plant pathologists worldwide, and we will keep strengthening it in terms of academic authority, specialty balance and geographic scope. The Editor-in-Chief is Professor You-Liang Peng. The Journal is published by BMC, part of Springer Nature.

## **Part IV Popularizing the knowledge on plant pathology**

Maintaining a close tie with producers, CSPP is active in introducing and distributing new production-oriented techniques. National training in the application of these new techniques and services through agricultural extension is also an important part of CSPP's program. Totally, more than 43067 farmers and local technicians were received training on related knowledge and techniques of plant pathology by CSPP professional committees. All these measures have popularized knowledge of plant pathology, tightened the connection between theory and practice, and contributed to accelerating the development of agriculture in China.

## **Part V CSPP Awards**

CSPP has established its Awards including Fellows, Lifetime Achievement Award, and Young Phytopathologist Award since 2015, which rewards individuals who have made significant contributions to the science of plant pathology or the society. These awards are regularly given every year and presented at the CSPP Annual Meeting. Totally, seventy members were selected as CSPP Fellows, eight recipients of CSPP Lifetime Achievement Award and twelve recipients of Young Phytopathologist Award were granted.