

ISPP

**International Society for Plant Pathology** 

(Professor Lodovica Gullino, President)



## Report to ISPP from an Associated Society for 2008-2013.

Name of Society: Italian Phytopathological Society (Società Italiana di Patologia Vegetale - SIPaV). Established: 1992.

Web address for Society: http://www.sipav.org/main/index.html

## Name (s) of personnel preparing report.

Aniello Scala, President

**Nominated Officers.** Is the list for your society on the ISPP website correct? (http://www.isppweb.org/societies.asp) Yes/No\*

I cannot access the website because the URL requires a username and password that is unavailable. The following officer list is correct:

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Please, make the necessary corrections based upon the officer list above. However, could send me the username and password?

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**Society membership.** About 250 members in 2010; about 250 members in 2011; about 250 members in 2012.

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• Society Activities: The Italian Phytopathological Society (SIPaV) was founded in 1992, to continue the societal and scientific activities of the Italian Society for Plant Protection and the Italian Phytopathologial Association, two older Societies that, following SIPaV's birth, became estinguished. SIPaV promotes research and teaching in different fields of plant pathology, diffuses knowledge on plant diseases and their agents, fosters collaboration and exchange of information among plant pathologists of institutions involved in basic and applied research, interacts on issues concerning plant health with national and international scientific organizations, technical State offices, and any other interested institution, promotes professional training, and keeps close contacts with the rural and technical world. SIPaV organizes and sponsors national and international scientific meetings and holds an annual Congress. In Italy SIPaV is the reference Phytopathological Society/Association in the development and implementation of education policy at the university level. Finally, SIPaV gives mini-grants to support PhD students or post-doctoral

young scientists to participate to the Summer Schools and at its Annual Congress.

- The Society publishes *Journal of Plant Pathology* (<u>http://sipav.org/main/jpp/index.php/jpp</u>), a peer-reviewed international periodical with roots in the former "Rivista di Patologia Vegetale", the second oldest phytopathological journal in the world, founded in 1892.
- Society Conferences, Workshops and Summer Schools: Annual SIPaV Congress. In Italy the Organizing Committees of almost all the Workshops on Phytopathological topics ask to be sponsored by SIPaV. Summer Schools: 2010, 4<sup>th</sup> Summer School in Physiological Plant Pathology. 2011, 1<sup>st</sup> Summer School in Ecopathology of forest systems. 2012, 1<sup>st</sup> Summer School in Sustainable Plant Protection (in collaboration with "Associazione Italiana per la
- Protezione delle Piante", "Giornate Fitopatologiche" and "Società Entomologica Italiana"). 2013, 5<sup>th</sup> Summer School in Physiological Plant Pathology.
  Other plant pathology conferences in Region. Biannual and satellite meetings on crop protection organized by Giornate Fitopatologiche; Annual Meeting "INCONTRI
- protection organized by *Giornate Fitopatologiche*; Annual Meeting "INCONTRI FITOIATRICI" on crop protection organized by *Agrinnova* (University of Turin); Workshops on crop protection organized by the *Italian Association for Plant Protection* (Associazione Italiana per la Protezione delle Piante AIPP).
- *Plant Pathology in Region.* Preparation and application of the National Action Plan for sustainable use of pesticides in accordance with the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union; redefinition of the key role of universities in training of technicians operating in agriculture.
- *Funding opportunities*. This five-year period is one of the most difficult to obtain funding for research. Usually, founds come from the European Union, the Italian Ministry of Research and University, the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, and various regional governments; unfortunately, not many are the funds that are derived from agreements with companies and industries. The difficulty in finding funds for research together with a general restriction in the number of Researchers could create loss or decrease of excellence and expertise.