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## International Society for Plant Pathology

(Dr Greg Johnson, President 2013-2018)



### Report to ISPP from an Associated Society for 2013-2018.

**Name of Society:** Italian Association for Plant Protection / Associazione Italiana per la Protezione delle Piante - AIPP

**Year Established:** 1992

**Web address for Society:** [www.aipp.it](http://www.aipp.it)

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**Nominated Officers.** Is the list for your society on the ISPP website correct?

(<http://www.isppweb.org/societies.asp>) ~~Yes~~/No\* (\*strike out whichever is not applicable)

*(If Yes, there is no need to list them here. If listing is not correct, please list here President, Secretary, Treasurer, Business Manager/Office and ISPP councillors (address, telephone and email contacts).*

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**Will a Society member be making corrections to the ISPP entry for your society on-line?**

~~Yes~~/No\*.

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**Society membership:** 161 members in 2015; 195 members in 2016; 212 members in 2017

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- *Society Activities and publications.* A brief background, and information about the aims and achievements of the Society or indicate that the information is on the society website.

The Italian Association for Plant Protection (AIPP) was established in 1992 from the fusion of the formerly Italian Society of Crop Protection, founded in 1951 by R. Ciferri of the University of Pavia and E. Baldacci of the University of Milan, and the Italian Phytopathological Association, founded in 1973 by A. Ciccarone of the University of Bari and G. Goidanich of the University of Bologna. AIPP is a non-profit society aimed at promoting research, teaching and permanent formation in the field of crop protection, and improving knowledge and progress concerning tools and methodologies for protection of plants and their products from biotic and abiotic adverse factors, environmental pollutants and inappropriate production techniques.

In 2016, the Society founded a master's degree award entitled to "A. Vercesi".

Research in plant pathology is carried out by universities, research centres of the Council for Research and Experimentation in Agriculture (CRA, Consiglio per la Ricerca e la Sperimentazione in Agricoltura) of the Ministry of Agricultural and Forestry Politics, Institutes of the National Research Council (CNR, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche), few private research institutes. Some experimentation on applied topics is also carried out or promoted by the national and regional phytosanitary services.

Research topics include most of the aspects of plant pathology, such as: epidemiology of plant diseases, characterization of plant pathogens, variation in populations of plant pathogens, plant-pathogen interactions, genetic and induced resistance of plants to diseases, biological, serological and molecular diagnosis, biological and integrated crop protection from diseases, ecology and mode of action of microbial antagonists, control of post-harvest diseases, crop protection in organic agriculture, disease forecasting, genetic transformation of plants, contamination of food and feed by micotoxins, sanitary selection, plant sanitation.

- *Society Conferences and Workshops. 2013-2018*

Battipaglia (SA), 2013. "Crop protection"  
Riva del Garda, 2013. Conference "FUTURE IPM in Europe"  
Grottamare (AP), 2013. Conference "Diseases of ornamental plants"  
Locorotondo (BA), 2013. "XVI International Botrytis Symposium"  
Bari, 2013. Meeting "XVIII Forum of plant medicine"  
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Pero (MI), 2015. "Globalization and phytosanitary emergencies"  
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Roma, 2017. Society annual meeting.  
Bari, 2017. Workshop "Plant physiology course applied to Mediterranean crops"  
Piacenza, 2017. Meeting "phytosanitary situation in Italy for wheat and maize"  
Trento, 2017. Meeting "phytosanitary situation in Italy for apples"  
Pescara, 2017. Meeting "phytosanitary situation in Italy for grapevine"  
Milano, 2017. Meeting "phytosanitary situation in Italy for grapevine"  
Bologna, 2017. Meeting "phytosanitary situation in Italy for pears"  
Bari, 2017. Meeting "XVIII Forum of plant medicine"  
Brescia, 2017. "Sustainable use of pesticides (Directive 2009/128): modelling approach"  
Cosenza, 2017. Meeting "phytosanitary situation in Italy for citrus"  
Chianciano Terme, 2018, Congress "Giornate Fitopatologiche" and AIPP annual meeting  
Piacenza, 2018. Winter school "Experimental methods in in crop protection"

- *Funding opportunities*

Funding opportunities for basic and applied R & D is not fully satisfactory and strongly dependent on the nature of each particular topic. Funds come especially from the European Union, the Italian Ministries of Research and University, and of Agricultural and Forestry Politics, and from some local (regional) governments. Italian researchers collaborate with research teams in other European and extra-European countries through different programs and funding sources.