



ISPP

## International Society for Plant Pathology

(Professor Lodovica Gullino, President)



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

**Name of Society.** Nigerian Society for Plant Protection **Established:** 15<sup>th</sup> February, 1971

**Web address for Society.** ([www.nsppnigeria.com](http://www.nsppnigeria.com))

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(<http://www.isppweb.org/societies.asp>) 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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**Note.** We will want our Board of Trustees Members to be indicated as above since they are the permanent officers for the Society that are not replaced over a very long time .

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

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**Society membership.** .....members in 2010; (not available now) .members in 2011; **548** .members in 2012; **677**. Members in 2013; **712**.

**Report for 2008-2013.** (add text here using the headings as a guide...) (half a page)

*Society Activities and publications.* A brief background, and information about the aims and achievements of the Society : This Society is a multidisciplinary Society being an umbrella for disciplines such as, mycology, bacteriology, virology, nematology, entomology and weed science as regards their link with agriculture. Our mission is to protect the plants and thus the use of pesticides in any form (chemical or botanical ) and other non chemical methods are our tools to carryout our activities towards achieving the desired goals. Thus suffice to say that the use of chemicals for plant protection is an important aspect of agriculture of which we formulate and monitor according to the aspiration of the world Environmental Protection Agency(EPA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture for producing very safe food on our table.

To publicise our motives, we publish our Journal –Nigerian Journal of Plant Protection- annually.

- *The Society publishes:* Nigerian Journal of Plant Protection. The current volume is 26 which was launched at the last annual conference held in 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.at Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike-Umuahia, Abia State, Nigeria ....
- *Society Conferences and Workshops.* .We held annual conferences during which research findings and scientific presentations were made. Plenary sessions were organized ,at which invited specialists in various fields of plant protection presented educative/informative papers on current trends in plant pathology. Participants in the conferences were members and non members from various scientific institutes and universities as well as members of affiliated industries some of whom were sponsors for the conferences. During the conferences, Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society were held to deliberate on issues relating to progress and development of the Society and during the election year, new officers will be elected to replace the out going officers. The current Executive officers of which I am the National President were elected during the 36th annual conference of 2011 at The Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State Nigeria.
- *Other plant pathology conferences in Region.;* Mycological Society of Nigeria Annual Conferences was held annually too within 2008-2013. The last one was held in 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013.. I am the current Editor-in-Chief of their Journal (Nigerian Journal of Mycology).
- *Plant Pathology in Region.* A brief update about overarching issues affecting plant pathology in region served by the Society) : There are problems of sponsorships for the conferences and the industries and private organisations who in the past had been sponsoring conferences are complaining about down turn of economy and could not assist in sponsorships again. Participants are not disposed towards sponsoring themselves fully to the conferences beyond two to three days. Their organisations i.e. Research institutes and the universities are also not giving full sponsorships to conferences like before any longer due to shortage of funds from the proprietors of such organizations e.g. The Governments. Help is required from developed countries in sponsoring research and collaborating with our scientists to carry out meaningful studies in terms of offering financial assistance and invitation to use their laboratories and research sites in their countries. This will further boost the interests of members to join the Society.
- *Funding opportunities :* The funding opportunities are very scarce from both public and private sectors. The Society has been funded by proceeds from the registration and annual dues from annual conferences as well as personal donations from friends and hosting Institutions.

### **Plant pathology in the Region Served by the Society 2008-2013**

(1 to 3 pages - A Summary high lighting issues of focus and achievements in plant pathology in the region during 2008-2013 and looking ahead to 2018)

Nigerian Society for Plant Protection has made tremendous development especially in the last five years. Apart from being an affiliated member of International Society of Plant Pathology being represented at the Torino Congress in 2008, local developments have made the Society to be one of the leading ones in Nigeria.

**Membership drive:** Our members have increased considerably with a steady increase over the years which could be observed in the earlier part of this report. Despite the fact that economic down turn has reduced conference attendance and membership interest , we have forged ahead and situations still continue to improve.

**Annual conferences:** Our conferences are regularly organized and attendance has been formidable. Our conferences have been characterized with presentations of new findings in various areas of our research focuses. It was observed that mycology has always played a dominant role in the presentation

of well researched articles in the conferences we are encouraging other areas to come up as well. At the conferences our Journals are always ready for presentations and launching to show case our research findings and publicise our Society. Annual general meeting were always conducted and they have been helpful in resolving issues and discussing the way forward. Our conferences were moved over the different geo-ecological zones of Nigeria to maintain the presence of the society all over the country and this helped in making our Society Nationalistic in outlook.

**Our Journal:(Nigerian Journal of Plant Protection)** Scientific journals are the back bone of the Society since people would like to see that their articles are published both for academic promotion in their various institutions and maintain their position in the company of scientific journals. The Editor-in-Chief has worked tirelessly to make sure our Journal come out of the Press as and at when due especially at the annual conferences. We have published vol. 26 this year and articles for the coming vol.27 are already being compiled.

**Board of Trustees (BOT):** At the instance of registering our Society with the Governmental Agency in Nigeria we have to constitute Board of Trustees for the Society. A seven man Board of Trustees was constituted as members were drawn from the lists of our past Presidents, areas of disciplines/specializations and fellows of the Society.

Incidentally, the Chairman of our Board of Trustees happens to be a Councillor of ISPP. *The BOT members are; Prof. A.O.Egunjobi –Chairman-ISPP Councillor (President 1984-1986), Prof. S.M. Misari (President 1988-1991), Prof. S.A. Shoyinka (Council member, National Secretary-1976-1978), Prof. B.A. Ikotun (Secretary 1983-85), Prof. E.A. Arinze (President 2005-2011), Sir Patrick Ikemefuna- A fellow of NSPP(A Captain of Agrochemical Industry-CEO Patemglobal Nig. Ltd.) and Prof. D.B. Olufolaji (Current National President NSPP- 2011 to date).* Thus we have taken the Giant stride by constituting the BOT and have registered the Society with the appropriate Governmental Agency which is Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) in Nigeria.

**Finances:** The finances of the Society has been dwindling over time due to economic down turn in the country. This has affected the Society in that the various research institutes, universities as well as the higher institutions can not adequately finance the attendance of conferences of their members of staff. Also the fund available by the Government for the various Institutions are not adequate and thus good researches leading to good quality research reports are negatively affected.

**Projections towards the next five years (2018):** The next five years shall be envisaged in light of the development that has greeted the Society in recent times. With the development in biotechnology in research the type of articles and experiments reports will be outstanding and reflecting molecular biology. We shall collaborate with appropriate Government Agencies in crop protection and policy formulations for plant pest management and chemical control usage. The membership will be well above one million and the various zones will beef up their activities in order to encourage more members to join the Nigerian Society for Plant Protection. We also look forward to organizing workshops and sensitization programmes for the Farmers and Agriculturists as regards current global developments in pest and disease control issues and pesticides usage for maximising crop yield in the tropics. We shall go into an in depth research in alternatives to chemical control i.e. the use of extracts from botanicals for plant pest and disease control.

Sgd. 22<sup>nd</sup> July.2013  
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