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

Yes

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Society membership. 103 members in 2010; 153 members in 2011; 224 members in 2012.

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

- *Society Activities and publications.*

Pakistan Journal of Phytopathology

A biannual blind peer review journal that accepts quality manuscripts for publications.

Conferences/ Seminars

Society is involved in organizing conferences and seminars on burning issue of plant pathology.

Future Vision

Our vision is to develop Plant Pathology into an integrated discipline that will develop technologies for application in resolving the plant / seed health problems and productivity.

- Healthy plants are essential to secure a safe food and energy supply for the growing world population, to sustain natural ecosystems, and to promote quality of life. The unique role of plant pathology as compared to other agricultural sciences in the scientific world is more evident in future due to increase in worldwide trade, travel and the occurrence of exotic diseases due to introduction of foreign species.
 - Plant Pathologists will be an increasingly international and interdisciplinary group of scholars, practitioners and educators dedicated to the study of plant diseases and their management, and information delivery on a global and collaborative scale.
 - The study of plant-microbe interactions will play a major role in building basic knowledge of biological systems operated between plants and pathogens. Through an emphasis on plant health, plant pathologists will continue to develop broad concepts that are fundamental to many fields of science.
 - Strategies for plant disease management will be based on comprehensive knowledge of cellular, organism and ecological interactions involving plants and their pathogens.
 - The deep and detailed knowledge of plant-pathogen-environment interactions will be strengthened by integration across different disciplines and the adoption of new analytical tools, experimental models and information systems. Together, these will help in providing and maintaining healthy plants for the growing global population.
 - There will continue to be emerging plant diseases, due to pathogen evolution, international travel and trade, and alterations in climate. Through new technologies, more efficient communication tools, and broad educational backgrounds, plant pathology practitioners will be more effective in devising and disseminating practical solutions for management of plant diseases.
- The Society publishes *Pakistan Journal of Phytopathology and Newsletter, PPS*
 - *Society Conferences and Workshops.*
8th National Conference. November 28-29, 2013
3rd International Conference November 2013
 - *Other plant pathology conferences in Region*
Pakistan Phytopathological Society Is the only society organizes plant pathology conferences.
 - *Plant Pathology in Region.* A brief update about overarching issues affecting plant pathology in region served by the Society)
 - *Funding opportunities*
Higher Education Commission Pakistan
Pakistan Science Foundation

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

The Phytopathological Society is the premier society dedicated to high-quality, innovative plant pathology research. For more than a century, members of Phytopathological Society have been making and sharing significant breakthroughs, both for the science and society. Phytopathological Society is driven by a distinctive community of scientists, whose energy and commitment ensure the global advancement of this critical science. Development of new and innovative ways to control plant diseases is a constant challenge for plant pathologists.

Annual Meeting of Pakistan Phytopathological Society attracts more than 4000 participants including members, field experts, scholars and farmers. Advanced approaches in plant disease management are presented and attendees have the opportunity to participate in symposia and discussion sessions. Society organises National and International Conferences after every two years and burning issues related to plant diseases are discussed. Beside these symposia and seminars are to understand plant pathological problems of national interest.

3rd International Conference of Pakistan Phytopathological Society is being organized at Tandojam Agricultural University, Pakistan in November, 2013.