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Pakistan Phytopathological Society

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

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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: 695 members in 2015; 925 members in 2016; 1360 members in 2017

Report for 2013-2018

• **Society Activities and publications**

The Pakistan Phytopathological Society is the premier society dedicated to high-quality, innovative plant pathology research in the region. For more than a century, PPS members have been making and sharing significant breakthroughs, both for the science and society. PPS 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. The biannual meetings of the society not only attract local participants including its members, field experts, scholars and farmers but also international delegates from different countries to share the latest developments and research advances in plant pathology. During 2013-2018 the society has organized 03 international conferences and many local training/ workshops. The society has seven zonal chapters and elects one vice president and two councillors that represent each chapter and actively involved with the scientific activities of the society.

Pakistan Journal of Phytopathology

Pakistan Journal of Phytopathology is an official publication of PPS being published since 1989. PJP is an Open Access Peer Reviewed Journal aimed at publishing original as well extended version of published research in all areas of plant disease management. Quality research and review articles covering diseases of temperate and tropical plants caused biotic and abiotic factors; physiological, biochemical, molecular, ecological, genetic and economic aspects of plant pathology; disease epidemiology and modelling; plant disease control and disease-related crop management are accepted for publication.

PPS Newsletter

The Society publishes PPS Newsletter to gather and disseminate information about scientific activities in the region.

• **Society Conferences and Workshops. 2013-2018**

**6th International Conference of Pakistan Phytopathological Society
“Plant Health for Sustainable Agriculture”**

Jointly organized by Department of Plant Pathology, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan & Central Cotton Research Institute, Multan.

The objective of the conference aimed at a fruitful discussion forum for national and international Plant pathologists. The event provided the opportunity to bring faculty, researchers, students, scientists, farmers, and industrialists together in open dialogue under one roof. Scientist of international repute from Australia, Canada, China, Srilanka, Turkey, and Malaysia participated in the discussion which benefited the local researchers and scientists. The participants were able to discuss the issues related to plant health which our farmers and researchers are facing under changing the climate and discussed the possible strategies to overcome the problems.

Collectively, over 300 scientific abstracts were submitted, and the audience had a great opportunity to listen to 78 selected oral presentations and 50 selected posters were presented in the event. The organizing committee also announced cash prizes for the best posters and microbes culture art competition (arts presentations elaborating plant pathological elements). Eleven participants were fully supported through “Bursary award” to cover their living and travel costs.

**5th International Conference of Pakistan Phytopathological Society
“Crop Protection for Sustainable Agriculture”**

The 5th International Conference of PPS organized by Institute of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore addressed the emerging challenges faced by the crop plants. The conference

covered the topics; Climate Change and Plant Diseases, Host-Pathogen Interactions, Molecular Plant Pathology, Biosecurity and Plant Quarantine, Fungal, Bacterial, Viral and Nematode Diseases, Integrated Disease Management, Biological & Chemical Control of Plant Diseases, Disease Resistance, Seed and Post-Harvest Pathology, Disease Modeling and Epidemiology, Taxonomy and Systematics of Plant Pathogens, Mycotoxins, Natural Pesticides, Management of Insect Vectors of Plant Diseases, Insects in relation to Plant Diseases, Beneficial Microorganisms.

About 250 scientific abstracts were submitted and the audience had an opportunity to listen to 67 selected oral presentations and more than 100 posters were presented in the conference. Prizes were distributed among top three poster presenters.

**4th International Conference of Pakistan Phytopathological Society
“Climate Change and Plant Diseases; Challenges and Opportunities”**

4th ICPPS organized by Department of Agriculture and Agribusiness Management, University of Karachi, Pakistan addressed the emerging challenges faced by the crop plants with special reference to the effect of a change in climate on plant diseases.

- **Funding opportunities**

Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) and Punjab Agricultural Research Board (PARB) fund Pakistan Phytopathological Society to organize conferences/symposiums, workshops.

Higher Education Commission (HEC) fund annually for publishing Pakistan Journal of Phytopathology.

The society offers travel grants to local/ international keynote speakers and bursary travel awards to local and international students to present their research in biannual conferences organized by society.