

International Society for Plant Pathology

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Report to ISPP from an Associated Society for 2003-2008.

Name of Society. Iranian Phytopathological Society. (IPS) Established: 1962

Web address for Society. http://www.ips.ir

Names of personnel preparing report. Mansoureh Mirabolfathy, Secretary (2006-2008)

Nominated Officers. Is the list for your society on the ISPP website correct? http://www.ips.ir) 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).

Will a Society member be making corrections to the ISPP entry for your society on-line? Yes/No*.

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Society membership. 538 members in 2006; 542 members in 2007; 553 members in 2008.

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- Society Activities and publications. A brief backgrounds, and information about the aims and achievements of the Iranian Phytopathological Society and links to Society publications, are detailed on the Society Website. The Society publishes the Abstracts of Papers presented at the biennial Iranian Plant Protection Congress (organized by the IPS together with the other two plant protection societies of Iran, the Entomological and the Weed Science Societies) in the Proceeding of the Iranian Plant Protection Congresses. Also, members of the IPS prepared the "English-Farsi Dictionary of Plant Pathology Terms" that published by Iranian Academy of science.
- Society Conferences and Workshops. The IPS holds a biennial National Conference. The 17th Iranian Plant Protection congresses held on 2-5 September, 2006 in the University of Tehran. The upcoming 18th Iranian Plant Protection congress will be held on 24-27 August, 2008 in the University of Bu- Ali Sina, Hamedan Iran.
- Other plant pathology conferences in Iran. In August 2008, the IPS organized the 18th Iranian Plant Protection Congress will be held in Hamedan, in the west of Iran. The chair man is Prof. D. Ershad (member of IPS). IPS has been organizer of all 18 previous Plant Protection Congresses.
- Plant Pathology in Iran . Iranian Phytopathological society publishes papers on the important topics of Plant Pathology, mostly concerning new and serious diseases in official Journal of the Iranian Phytopathological society "Iranian Journal of Plant Pathology" through 4 volumes in each year. This Journal is published an distributed with the financial support of the Iranian Plant Protection Research Institute. The titles of the latest volume are available on the IPS site.

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• Funding opportunities. IPS researchers collaborate with colleagues in other mostly EU countries and USA (APS members) through a number of program. Moreover, research funds come from projects through the Ministry of Jihad - e -Agriculture of Iran.

Plant pathology in the Region Served by the Society 2003-2008

(1 to 3 pages - A Summary high lighting issues of focus and achievements in plant pathology in the region during 2003-2008 and looking ahead to 2013)

• The IPS, through the biennial congresses informs the Iranian scientific community as well as the farmer advisors of the extension services but also the farmers about the latest in Plant Pathology concerning the onset of new pathogens and suggesting strategies of disease management. Members of the IPS have an active role in collaboration with the Ministry of Jihad - e -Agriculture of Iran towards the approval of plant protection products and other advisory roles. They also inform farmers through mass media about diseases of various crops and suggest control measures.