



## International Society for Plant Pathology

(Professor Richard Falloon, President)



### ISPP

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**Name of Society.** Philippine Phytopathological Society, Inc. (PPS)

**Established:** May 11, 1963

**Web address for Society.** [www.philphytopath.org](http://www.philphytopath.org)

**Name (s) of personnel preparing report.** Ariene Castillo, Secretary PPS (2008-09), Christian Joseph R. Cumagun, ISPP Councilor

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

(<http://www.isppweb.org/societies.asp>) No

Delete Institute of Plant Breeding in the addresses. It's either Crop Protection Cluster or Crop Science Cluster.

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

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**Society membership.** 1666 members in 2006; 1690 members in 2007; 1704 members in 2008

**Report for 2003-2008.**

- *Society Activities and publications.* A brief background, and information about the aims and achievements of the Society are detailed on the Society website. The Society publishes the *Journal of Tropical Plant Pathology* (2 issues per year) and *PPS Newsletter* (1 issue per year).

PPS celebrated its 45<sup>th</sup> year of anniversary with a showcase of historical exhibit at the Annual Scientific Conference this year in Palawan.

- *Society Conferences and Workshops.*

The Society as a member of the Pest Management Council of the Philippines (PMCP) held the following annual conferences:

1. 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference Theme: Institution of Policies for Effective Pest Management, Cebu City, May 6-9, 2003
2. 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference, Theme: PMCP and Government Policies in Pest Management, Amigo, Terrace Hotel, Iloilo City, May 16-19, 2004

3. 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference, Theme: Urban Pest Management: Challenges and Opportunities in Environmental Safety and Food Security, Philippine Rice Research Institute, Nueva Ecija, May 3-6, 2005
4. 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference, Theme: Crops for all Seasons through Effective Management Strategies, Grand Regal Hotel, Davao City, May 2-5, 2006
5. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference, Theme: The Role of Pest Management in Harnessing Biodiversity of Support Ecotourism, Tagbilaran, Bohol, May 2-5, 2007
6. 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference, Theme: Pest Management in Environmental Sustainability and Conservation, Asturias Hotel, Puerto Princesa, Palawan, May 6-9, 2008

The Society sponsored the following trainings:

1. Training on Molecular and Serological Techniques in Plant Disease Diagnosis held at the Crop Protection Cluster, University of the Philippines Los Baños, College, Laguna, November 16-18, 2004
2. Training on Diagnosis and Management of Nematode Diseases in Banana and Other Crops, Crop Protection Cluster, University of the Philippines Los Baños, College, Laguna, October 26-28, 2005
3. Training on Molecular and Serological Techniques in Plant Disease Diagnosis held at the Crop Protection Cluster, University of the Philippines Los Baños, College, Laguna, April 4-7, 2006
4. 2nd National Symposium on Abaca, Banana, and Mango Diseases and Insect Pests held at the Crop Science Cluster, University of the Philippines Los Baños, College, Laguna, January 17-18, 2007

- *Plant Pathology in Region served by the Society*

*Baguio City, Northern Luzon*

PPS Northern Luzon Division co-sponsored the Mycological Society of the Philippines 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting with the theme "Fungi in Organic Agriculture" last April 15-16, 2008.

*Nueva Ecija, Central Luzon*

PPS Central Luzon Division held a symposium on Biotechnology in Plant Pathology on March 24, 2008 at the Central Luzon State University, Nueva Ecija. About 80 undergraduate students of biology were in attendance.

*Palawan, Western Visayas*

PPS Mother Division held a Farmer's Forum at the Palawan State University, Puerto Princesa, Palawan last May 06, 2008. Small-scale farmers brought their disease samples for free diagnosis and recommendation for control offered by volunteers who are PPS members.

PPS offers the G. O. Ocfemia Undergraduate Scholarship for deserving students coming pursuing Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Major in Plant Pathology at the University of the Philippines Los Baños. Students normally take up a major in their third and fourth year. An average grade of 2.0 (good) or better per semester is required to maintain the scholarship.

- *Funding opportunities*

PPS members conduct research projects on various aspects of plant pathology funded by the Bureau of Agricultural Research, Department of Science and Technology and other Philippine government agencies including international funding organizations.

(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)

- PPS is a member of the Asian Association of Societies in Plant Pathology (AASPP). The Society has been recognized as member of International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP) in 2008.