

**Proceeding of the General Body Meeting of the Society for Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology held at G. B. Pant University of Agri. & Tech., Pantnagar on 04.03.2014**

The General Body Meeting of the Society for Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology (SPBB) was held at GBPUAT, Pantnagar on 04.03.2014 at 6.30 PM. The University was the venue for the Society sponsored National Conference on “ Science of Omics for Agricultural Productivity : Future Perspective ” which was organised by the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetic Engineering from March 4-6, 2014. Twenty one members of the Society attended this meeting. Prof. S.L. Mehta, Ex- Vice Chancellor of MPUAT, Udaipur and President of the Society chaired the meeting. Initially the meeting was to start at 6.00 PM, but postponed by half-an-hour as the quorum was incomplete.

- At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members of the Society for the General Body Meeting and requested Dr. M.L. Lodha, Vice President to Present Secretary's report on behalf of Dr. P. Ananda Kumar, Secretary of the Society as he could not attend the meeting due to some unavoidable circumstances. The Secretary of the society initially placed on record deep sense of appreciation and gratitude to all the members of the Society for their unstinted support in strengthening the Society. It was a matter of pride to all the members that the Journal acquired International recognition. He thanked Dr. T.R. Sharma, Chief Editor for this devotion and commitment for improving the quality of the Journal, and bringing it in time schedule. He also expressed grateful thanks to Dr. S.L. Mehta, President of the society for his unstinted support and guidance in running the Society.

The Society's vibrancy was also seen by the finance and the way they are maintained. In this task, he thanked Dr. Archana Sachdev, Treasurer of the Society for her dedication and zeal and he placed on record deep sense of appreciation of the members for her committed work.

- Chief Editor Dr. T. R. Sharma informed the GB members about the status of the Journal of Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology, and the high number of manuscripts being received from different parts of the world. He told that there is about 90-95% rejection rate of the MSs received even after making 4 issues per year from 2013. He thanked all the members of Editorial Board and reviewers for their help in timely reviewing the manuscripts. He also informed the house about the royalty of Rs. 6.16 lakhs received from Springer India Pvt. Ltd. due to sale of JPBB copies during 2013.
- Then Dr. Archana Sachdev, Treasurer presented Treasurer's report and audited Statement of the Account for the year 2012-13. It was a matter of pride that Society's assets till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2013 were Rs. 31,71,815. She thanked all the members of the Society for sound financial health of the Society. She also thanked to Dr. T.R. Sharma, Chief Editor for royalty received from Springer India Pvt. Ltd. on account of sale of JPBB copies.
- Appreciating unstinted and continued support of Dr. Vedpal Singh Malik, USDA from very inception of the Society, the Society deem it fit to honour him for his valuable services rendered to the Society.
- During the year under report, the Executive Committee of the Society took some decisions to be ratified by the GB. The background of the issues was explained by the President Dr. S.L. Mehta. After thorough discussion, the issues were resolved by the GB as detailed in Annexure-I.
- At the end, the Chairman thanked each and every member of the Society for their help and support during the last two years.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.


  
T.R. Sharma

**Chief Editor**

## Annexure-I

### **Resolutions passed by the General Body of the Society for Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology in its meeting held at G. B. Pant University of Agri. & Tech., Pantnagar on 04.03.2014**

- Resolution 1. The Head Quarter of the Society for Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology is Division of Biochemistry, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi. The GB resolves that the members of the Society from NRCPB would continue to contest for the Executive Committee posts reserved for the Head Quarter as the Institution at the time of formation of the Society was part of IARI, subject to NRCPB being located on IARI Campus.
- Resolution 2. The Governing Body resolves that the position of Chief Editor of the Society should be by nomination by the Executive Committee for a period of 5 years which may be further extended based on the performance as judged by quality enhancement of the Journal, and there will not be any election for this post.
- Resolution 3. The Governing Body further resolves that the Executive Committee, may take steps for creation of a " Trust for Advancement of Plant Biochemistry and Biotechnology (TAPBB)" to further the activities of the Society, bring scientific temper and develop & implement plans for promoting Biochemistry & Biotechnology in the country.

  
(T.R. Sharma)

Chief Editor

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