

**Proceeding of the General Body meeting of the Indian Society
of Weed Science held on 4-4-1985 at Anand Campus
of Gujarat Agril. University.**

Dr. D. P. Patel, Director of the Anand Campus, Gujarat Agricultural University presided over the inaugural function. He stressed the need of weed control in crops and requested the weeds scientists to come up with recommendations which are economical and feasible so that the farmers can accept those easily.

The President, Dr. U. C. Upadhyay, welcomed all the members of the I.S.W.S. and thanked the authorities of the Gujarat Agril. University (GAU) for hosting the conference at the Anand Campus.

The operational difficulties in the working of the Society and the need to improve its working were discussed. As the president, Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer of the Society are operating from different places, it becomes difficult to coordinate the functioning of the Society. The difficulties were realised by the members and it was decided that Dr. A. K. Ghosh and his group at Agricultural Institute, Allahabad would critically examine the difficulties and suggest, if necessary, modifications in the Constitution to improve the functioning of the Society. The suggestions may be put in the next General Body Meeting.

The subscription rate of the Society was reviewed. It was decided that annual membership should be raised from Rs. 25 to Rs. 30 and life membership should be raised to Rs. 450. The annual sustaining membership and life sustaining membership for the industries have been fixed as Rs. 1500 and Rs. 10,000 respectively. The annual membership for the libraries within the country has been raised to Rs. 100 and for foreign countries to \$ 15 (US). However, the annual student membership of the society would be Rs. 25/-. These changes would be effective from January 1986. The tentative advertisement rates would continue to be Rs. 1000 for inner (full) page and Rs. 600 for half page.

The hospitality given by industries was also discussed in greater detail. It was decided that the industries may be requested to give maximum financial help directly to the Society and in turn the Society may give some of the money to the Organising Secretary for organising the conference. The participants may bear their own expenditure on boarding and lodging. This is being done considering the financial constraints of the Society and in order to improve the financial situation of the Society.

Mr. P. N. Pande of Camphor & Allied company was requested to prepare the norms for the contributors of the articles to submit well written articles.

It was further decided that the Newsletter of ISWS need not be published separately. The significant news may be sent by the members to the Editor-in-Chief who would consolidate these for including in the regular issues of the journal.

The members reiterated that the Society must publish 4 issues of journal during a year. The first issue of the year should include 10 to 12 selected papers from the papers presented in the conference and the recommendations made in the conference should also be published in the first issue of the year. The Editor-in-Chief may explore the possibility of including some review articles in the journal.

After a long discussion, it was decided that the conference should be organised once in two years. The next conference should be organised in the year 1986 and thereafter it should be organised once in two years. The venue of the next conference was discussed and following places have been identified in that order for holding the next conference :

- (a) Viswa Bharati, West Bengal.
- (b) Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.
- (c) Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Palampur.
- (d) J. N. Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur (M. P.)

The president of the Society honoured Dr. A. K. Ghosh, the eldest life member of the Society on the eve of his retirement from active service. He appreciated the contributions made by Dr. Ghosh and for his dedication towards the cause of Weed Science. Dr. Ghosh responded and thanked the Society for bestowing such honour and affection on him. The President further presented appreciation to the following members for their good work done during the last year.

- 1. Dr. R. B. Patil, Gujrat Agril University.
- 2. Dr. J. S. Kolar, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana.
- 3. Dr. S. K. Mukhopadhyay, Viswa Bharti, West Bengal.
- 4. Dr. H. M. Mehta, Gujarat Agril. University.
- 5. Dr. Jai Prakash. Haryana Agril. University, Hissar.
- 6. Dr. T. U. Ramachander Prasad, University of Agril. Sciences, Bangalore.
- 7. Dr. A. N. Tiwari, C S Azad University of Agril. & Tech., Kanpur, and
- 8. Dr. R. P. Singh, Banaras Hindu University

Dr. R. E. Dhanaraj was unanimously nominated as the Returning Officer for the next election of the Executive Body of the Indian Society of Weed Science. The meeting came to an end with a Vote of Thanks.