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A strong team of crop protection scientists at Kalyani University and subsequently at Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya since the early sixties and similar centres developed at different agri- and general Universities / Institutes, KVKs etc. felt the need for a simple, holistic, interactive platform where all players involved in agro-technology, be they growers, dealers, industries, NGOs, scientists, entrepreneurs, market managers - could get together and device ways and means of growing, packing, storing or marketing healthy, wholesome farm produce on a sustainable basis. Further, even with the information boom that is in vogue, it was felt that there is not enough platform and space for more coordinated interaction among the various nodal groups, less said the better when one ponders over it in a national scenario. This in short, is the genesis of the emergence of this Association in the crop protection horizon that aims at projecting itself as a platform for integration of components to make crop protection more meaningful and holistic, optimizing yield while remaining sustainable in consonance with our motto ‘Together we will protect our crops’. The Association was registered and started functioning from the beginning of 2006 and has now more than 150 enlisted members across the country. The highpoints of our activities are summarised.

Approach:

The Association took off by trying to reach out to the scientific community and various stakeholders in plant protection initially through

i. Its mascot, a Newsletter, enlisting the latest global developments in plant protection sciences circulated free among all concerned

ii. A regional language (Bengali) Bulletin called ‘Sasyasuraksha’ providing directions for technological solutions of protection problems to the farmers

iii. Its flagship, The Journal of Plant Protection Sciences, publishing original research articles and reviews. Currently the Journal produces its online version only.

iv. Provide crop protection and diagnostic services through telephone calls and field visits.

v. Organising symposia, seminars, special lectures as often as required to keep abreast of the march of plant protection as a function of time.


An International Symposium was organised on “Food Security Dilemma: Plant health and Climate Change Issues” in 2012 – all very well participated by Indian and foreign scientists.

The Association now proposes to organise another National Symposium with the twin objectives of (a) Understanding the present scenario in plant protection and (b) encourage young scientists to participate and compete with the goal of encouraging them to higher levels of understanding and research. In view of this, the Symposium is aptly entitled as stated below:
Proposed topic of the National Symposium: ‘Impact of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Good Plant Protection Practices on Crop Productivity’

Proposed Date: 22nd – 23rd December, 2016 (Thursday – Friday)

Proposed Themes:
1. Pathogens, pests and beneficial organisms on diverse cultivated crops: Identity, characteristics and monitoring
2. Biodiversity and good agricultural practices vis-à-vis Crop Productivity
3. Impact of climate change on bio-Diversity and plant health.
4. Pest management:
   a) Chemical pest management
   b) Non-chemical pest management – a) Biological
   c) Biotechnological
   d) Agro-ecological

(2*) Competition Session for ‘SASYA SURAKSHA YUVA PRATIBHA AWARD’:
Nature: 1st (Rs.10000/-), 2nd (Rs.7500/-), 3rd (Rs.5000/-) with medallion and Certificate

Eligibility:
- The applicants shall be eligible only if they are Indian nationals and have conducted their researches in recognised Universities/Institution(s)
- The applicant shall be within the age of 40 years as on 30.11.2016.
- The judgment will be based on primary scrutiny of papers submitted and finally on oral presentation of the selected candidates.

(3*) Competition Session for ‘SASHYA SURAKSHA BEST M.SC. DISSERTATION AWARD’:
Nature: 1st (Rs.5000/-), 2nd (Rs.3000/-), 3rd (Rs.2000/-) with medallion and Certificate

Eligibility:
- The applicant shall be an Indian national who is working in any of the recognised Universities/ Degree colleges / Institutions located within the jurisdiction of the state of West Bengal.
- The applicant need to submit the thesis in 2015-16 on any of the related areas of Plant Protection or that which bears implications to Plant Protection.

(4*) Competition Session for ‘SASYA SURAKSHA INNOVATIVE FARMER’S AWARD’:
Nature: 1st (Rs.10000/-), 2nd (Rs.7500/-), 3rd (Rs.5000/-) with medallion and Certificate

Eligibility:
- Nominations from KVKs, NGOs Societies, Co-operatives, Farmers’ Clubs etc. along with a narration of the concerned innovation and biodata of the farmer (with photo identity) from any part of India, are to be submitted. Publications or any form of recognition of the innovation by local farming community may also be included.

Details for items marked (*) and paper submission to the Symposium sessions will be available on our Website: www.aappbckv.org by the end of February, 2016 or on application to our email: aapp_bckv@yahoo.co.in addressed to Secretary, AAPP.

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