

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am glad and honored to pen down the message for the Journal of Plant Protection Society Nepal (PPSN) as a president of the society. In this auspicious occasion, I take this opportunity to thank the executive and other members and look forward to our teamwork in creating conducive environment to achieve the better plant protection services for the benefit of farmers.

Since its inception, the society has endeavored as a scientific forum to organize and conduct educational activities designed to promote and encourage the development, advancement, and exchange of scientific information in the field of plant protection.

If we wish Plant Protection Society to grow and achieve for plant protection professionals and improved image and recognition, in both the scientific and public sectors, we should strive to keep a clear view of the appropriate endeavors for each area of our discipline and give support and encouragement wherever warranted.

The Journal of Plant Protection Society Nepal, a peer reviewed agricultural science document, has fulfilled and helped plant protection professional as a platform to update and exchange knowledge in varied aspects of plant protection field. The Society, committed to the highest standards of professional ethics providing with quality information, is a leader in the professional fields of plant protection in Nepal. This issue of the journal also includes review articles and research papers on different aspects of agriculture in general and plant protection in particular. Several imitativeness such as making PPSN a professional leader, influence in public policy making, and supporting the ability of all members to be engaged with the society are urgent.

Two major areas that presently concern us are 1) what we should be, and what we should be doing 15 or 20 years from now, and 2) what, if anything PPSN can do to manage invasive crop pests and also in the wide spread development of resistance to pesticides on the part of the target pests.

The first official journal of the PPSN was released in 2010. As a member for many years, I have witnessed the Society's steady growth; thanks to the efforts of all its previous leaders and highly enthusiastic members to help develop milestones for the successors. I would like to express my recognition for the excellent work and tireless efforts of our predecessors.

I am very thankful to Knowledge-based Integrated Sustainable Agriculture and Nutrition (KISAN) II PROJECT of USAID in Nepal for the support in the hard copy printing of this volume.

The Journal of PPSN, 6th endeavor, is at your hand. A big congratulation is obvious to the editorial team for getting society journal — The Journal of the Plant Protection Society in this form.

We encourage our readers to contribute their valuable experiences to the forthcoming issues of the journal. I thank the entire team for the untiring efforts, predominantly by dynamic editorial board.

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