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Principal Scientist and Head Division of Plant Protection, ICAR - Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla-171001 (HP) E-mail address: sanjeevsharma.cpri@gmail.com; Sanjeev.Sharma1@icar.gov.in Dr Sharma obtained his doctoral degree in plant pathology from YS Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan (HP) and started his career as Assistant Professor at GB Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand. Later he joined ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla as Senior Scientist in 2009. His major fields of interest are population biology, epidemiology, diagnosis and Indian Potato Association Hand Book 64 management of potato pathogens. He is actively working for boosting potato export by identifying pest free areas to establish potato export zones, testing consignments and certifying quality planting material. As a pathologist, he has also contributed in development of late blight resistant cultivar Kufri Karan, Kufri Sukhyati and Kufri Kesar. Besides, he has also contributed in identification and registration of six elite germplasm possessing late blight resistance. He has a patent entitled 'RNAi based pesticide composition' to his credit. Dr Sharma was honoured with Young Scientist Award by Hill Society of Agriculture, ICAR Research Award for Outstanding Interdisciplinary Research in Agricultural & Allied Sciences 2015-16 (Crop & Horticultural Sciences) for research on "Forecasting for Management of Late Blight of Potato", IPA-Kaushalya Sikka Memorial Award (2013-17) and IPA Gold Medal. He is a Fellow of Indian Society of Hill Agriculture. Dr Sharma has over 150 research papers, book chapters, review papers, technical bulletins to his credit. He is serving IPA as Treasurer and Hill Society of Agriculture as Joint Secretary.