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Sixth Meeting of the Asian Cotton Research and Development Network

The Sixth Meeting of the Asian Cotton Research and Development Network was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh from June 18-20, 2014. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of Bangladesh hosted the meeting. Dr. A.K.Basu, former director, CICR, Nagpur graced as Vice-Chairman in the session on 'Cotton Management for Higher productivity'. In this session, Dr.D.Monga, Head, CICR Regional station, Sirsa presented 'Status of Cotton Leaf Curl Virus in India'. In the next session on 'Biotech Cotton and new developments', Dr. K.R.Kranthi, Director, CICR presented 'Experiences with biotech cotton in India'. Dr. M.S.Kairon, former Director, CICR and Dr. T.R.Loknathan, Principal Scientist participated in the panel discussion on Breeding as moderator and panelist respectively. Dr. Rishi Kumar, Senior Scientist and Dr.A.H.Prakash, Head, Regional station, Coimbatore participated in the panel discussion on 'A conformational tool for nutritional disorders in cotton' as moderator and panelist respectively. In the session on 'New Technologies', Dr. M.V. Venugopalan, Principal Scientist and Dr. S.M. Palve, Principal Scientist graced as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. In the session on 'Country Developments' Dr. Usha Rani, Senior Scientist presented 'Mobile phone based cotton extension – Evidence from e-kapas network'. In the session on 'Genetic Diversity', Dr. Vinita Gotmare, Principal Scientist presented 'Genetic diversity and utilization of the wild cotton germplasm' and Dr. K.P.Raghavendra, Scientist presented 'Gene discovery for improvement of fibre strength in cotton'. The participants also visited Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute, Dhaka and Rice Research Institute, Bangladesh.



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