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Institute Research Committee Meeting -2016

The Annual Institute Research Committee (IRC 2016) meeting of CICR was held during 17th -19th & 24th March 2015 at CICR, Nagpur. Dr K. R. Kranthi Director CICR Nagpur Chaired the meeting. Chairman in his introductory speech, lauded the remarkable contributions by scientists in Cotton R & D especially developing cotton picker, nitrogen Guru, light traps etc. Chairman expressed concern over current year national issues like whitefly menace in north India and development of resistance by pink bollworm to Bt cotton in Several states of central and south India. Dr M.V. Venugopalan presented recommendations of Research Advisory Committee meeting held on 16-17 October 2015. Dr Vinita Gotmare presented report of Research Framework Document (RFD) of the Institute. Dr V. S. Nagrare presented Action Taken Report of the IRC 2015. All the completed, ongoing and new projects were reviewed critically. On this occasion IRC felicitated Dr SESA Khader, Principal Scientists (Plant Physiology) CICR, RS, Coimbatore who was due to be retired in the month of May 2016. All the scientists from CICR, Nagpur, CICR RS, Coimbatore and CICR RS, Sirsa attended the meeting and took active part in discussion and finalizing projects and plan of work for 2016-17. Dr Sunil Mahajan & Dr H. B. Santosh of Crop Improvement, Dr Anuradha Narala & Dr A. Manikanadan of Crop Production, Dr Shailesh Gawande & Mr T. Prabhlinga Crop Protection and Mr Joy Das & Mr Rakesh Kumar of Biotechnology section acted as Rapporteurs. Dr V. S Nagrare, Secretary IRC and Dr J. H. Meshram Joint Secretary IRC coordinated the meeting.



CICR Participates in Krishi Unnati Mela , IARI, New Delhi

ICAR-CICR participated in 'Krishi Unnati Mela' organised by IARI at Exhibition Ground, Pusa, New Delhi during 19-21 March 2016. The Mela was inaugurated at the hands of Hon. Prime Minister of India. Bt detection kit for quick detection of bollguard, GUS for bollguard II and Bt quant for quantification were demonstrated to the visiting farmers. Dr. Rishi Kumar (Principal Scientist, Entomology) and Dr G. Balasubramani, Principal Scientist (Biotechnology) attended the visitors during the Mela.



Meetings Attended

Dr Dilip Monga, Head CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa and Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist (Entomology) attended a District Level Farmers Fair held on 11 March, 2016 at Kalanwali organized by State Agriculture Department, Sirsa (Haryana). Dr Dilip Monga discussed in detail about Indian Cotton Scenario, prospects of Desi cotton as well as the disease management in cotton. Dr. Rishi Kumar delivered a special lecture on whitefly management strategies in cotton and interacted with the farmers. About 2000 farmers participated in the fair.

Dr. D. Monga and Dr. Rishi Kumar attended seminar on Awareness of whitefly and Best Practices for Growing Cotton at Abohar (Punjab) on 21 March 2016. Vice Chancellor, PAU Dr. B. S. Dhillon, Dr. C. D. Mayee, President, ISCI and Scientists from PAU, Ludhiana and State Agriculture Officials along with representatives of seed, pesticide industry and ginning and textile industry were present in the Mela. Besides the technical session, the Mela was addressed by Dr Dhillon, DR C. D. Mayee , Director Agriculture, Punjab, Shri Ajay Vir Jakhar, President, Bharat Krishak Samaj and Mr Ashok Thakur, Director, NAFED, New Delhi . Dealers and Farmers from various places attended the Mela.

Students' visit to CICR Regional Station, Coimbatore

Dr. P. Nalayini, Principal Scientist delivered a lecture on Modern cotton cultivation techniques and status of cotton cultivation in India to about 100 students from Hans Rover Agricultural College, Perambalur district of Tamil Nadu on 18.3.2016 at Central Institute for Cotton research, Regional station, Coimbatore.



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