

SAARC Regional Consultation Meeting held at CICR

A three day SAARC Regional Consultation Meeting on 'Regional Co-ordinated Cotton Technology Exchange Programme' was jointly organized by ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur and SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), Dhaka, Bangladesh at CICR, Nagpur. The meeting was held from 29-31 August 2016. Twelve participants from the SAARC countries namely, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan, India and SAC attended the meeting.

Dr. K. R. Kranthi, Director, CICR welcomed the delegates and gave an overview of cotton in India and about the Institute. Dr. Mayee, Former Chairman, ASRB, chaired the Technical Session I on country presentations. Mr. Abdulrahimzai, Head, Industrial & Oil crops, Afghanistan; Dr. Farid Uddin, Executive Director, Cotton Development Board, Bangladesh; Mr. Chorten, Extension Officer, Bhutan; Dr. Venugopalan, CICR, India; Mr. Ghimire, Department of Agriculture, Nepal and Dr. Dil Baugh Mohammad, Principal Scientific Officer, CCRI, Pakistan gave detailed presentations about the status, issues and challenges of cotton production, and value addition. Following the country presentations, four lead presentations on various aspects were made by Dr. Waghmare, Head, Crop Improvement on Cotton Improvement, Cotton Production by Dr. Desouza, Head, Crop Production and Insect pests and diseases by Dr. S. Kranthi, I/C Head, Crop Protection and Ginning and post-harvest by Dr. Shukla of GTC.

"Cotton Production in SAARC, Problems analysis & Way forward" was the major theme area for discussion followed by a Brainstorming session which was initiated by Dr. Gurung, SAARC and facilitated by Dr. Desouza and Ms. Fatema Nasrin Jahan of SAC.

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Dr. S. B. Nandeshwar, Mr. Pema Chorten, Dr. Ghimire, Ms. Jahan, Dr. Sandhya Kranthi, Dr. K. R. Kranthi, Mr. Abdulrahimzai, Dr. Kale, Dr. Dil Baugh Muhammad, Dr. Waghmare, Dr. Gurung, Dr. Venugopalan, Dr. Farid Uddin and Dr. Desouza after the Valedictory function



