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Annual Review Meeting of TMC MMI Projects held at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur

The Annual Review Meeting of TMC MMI Projects was held at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on 11th and 12th August 2015. The meeting began with a formal welcome by Dr. M. V. Venugopalan, in-charge, EFPC cell. In his introductory remarks, Dr K R Kranthi, Director CICR and Member Secretary (TMC MMI) mentioned about the forthcoming audit by external agencies and desired to ensure that annual reports, publications etc as an outcome of the committed activities was in line with financial progress (audit utilization certificates). He also recalled that the Mission Mode project was essentially aimed at products, patents, processes and technologies within the allocated time frame. All the PIs and CCPIs of various projects presented the work done at their respective centres. Important decisions were made during the meeting to improve the functioning of the projects. The Director CICR and Member Secretary (TMC-MMI) in his concluding remarks emphasized that: i. Based on the balance available at each centre, as indicated by the AUC submitted by the controller, revalidation letters will be issued immediately. ii. All the cooperating centres must convert the work done into research papers, patents (whenever application) and technical bulletins. These documents must essentially acknowledge the assistance received from TMC funded through ICAR-CICR. iii. A copy (Hard) of all reports / publications proposed till date should be sent to the TMC cell (now EFPC cell) at the earliest. The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Jayant Meshram.



Do You Know: The World Cotton Research Conference-6 (WCRC-6) will be held in Goiânia, Goiás, Brazil from May 2-6, 2016.

Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBSC) Meeting

IBSC meeting was held on 14-08-2015 in Director's Committee room, CICR, Nagpur. Dr Ashok Giri, Principal Scientist from NCL, Pune has been appointed as DBT nominee, Dr. B.D. Deshmukh, Datta Clinics, Nagpur as Medical Officer and Dr. C. N. Rao, Principal Scientist from CCRI, Nagpur as outside expert. The committee discussed the proposals of Delhi University's transgenic cotton event Tg2E-13, TNAU, Coimbatore event CH12 with Cry2AX1 and NBRI, Lucknow for Cry1EC, Cry1EC + ASAL and TMAL-2 events. The chairman briefed the members of the events and genes offered by the technology providers and further plan of work through gene pyramiding. Member Secretary informed that ICAR-CICR has signed MoU / MTA with the University of Delhi (South Campus) and that MoU / MTA with TNAU, Coimbatore and NBRI, Lucknow will be taken up at the earliest. The committee accepted all the proposals. GM events generated at CICR, Nagpur was discussed for further screening in green house conditions for advancement of the events. The committee also approved sharing of gene constructs developed at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur with the participating centres of TMC MM I (Dr. PDKV, Akola and MAU, Parbhani) with appropriate MoU/MTA.

69th Independence Day Celebrations

ICAR-CICR Nagpur

ICAR-CICR, Nagpur celebrated 69th Independence Day at its office premises at Panjari Farm campus in an impressive way. Earlier, Dr. K. R. Kranthi, Director CICR hoisted the National Flag and addressed the staff about the achievements made by scientists and other officials. Incentives and financial assistance were awarded to the meritorious wards of the employees. All the staff members also participated in "plantation of saplings" (Neem and Teak saplings) at C-Block of CICR-farm.



CICR Regional Station, Coimbatore

CICR Regional Station, Coimbatore celebrated 69th Independence Day with fervor. Dr. A.H. Prakash, PC & Head hoisted the National Flag and addressed the staff. He also distributed prizes money as incentives to Master Viswesh and Kum. Shwetha for securing distinction in Xth Standard. Mr. P. Chidambaram, SSS who won the best ICAR Supporting staff award for the year 2014 was also felicitated on the occasion at the hands of Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan, Principal Scientist.



Shwetha



Vishwesh





Participation in workshop/ Conference/ Training

- Dr K R Kranthi, Dr S. Kranthi, Dr. Blaise, Dr S. B. Singh, Dr. M.V. Venugopalan, Dr. S.M. Wasnik, Dr. V.N. Waghmare, Eng. Majumdar, Dr A.H. Prakash, Dr. S. Manickam and Dr. S. Usha Rani participated in the review meeting of TMC MM I programme on August 11-12, 2015 held at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur and presented the salient research findings in respect of TMC MM I projects.
- Dr. S.E. S.A. Khader , Principal Scientist attended and presented the work done report at the Fourth Annual Workshop on NATIONAL INNOVATIONS ON CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRICULTURE (ICAR- Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture) on August 13 - 14, 2015; held at Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi.



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