



Meeting held on “Breakdown of Bt cotton BG II resistant to bollworm”

A meeting was held on “Breakdown of Bt cotton BG II resistant to bollworm” at, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on 18th August 2017 under the Chairmanship of Dr. R. K. Singh, Asst. Director General (Commercial Crops), ICAR, New Delhi. At the outset Dr Nandini Gokte-Narkhedkar, Principal Scientist and HoD I/C Crop Protection Division welcomed all participants. Dr M. S. Ladaniya Director ICAR-CICR (Additional charge) highlighted issue of pink bollworm. Dr R. K. Singh in his opening remarks highlighted the concern about reports on pink bollworm resistance development at various parts of India. Issues related! to breakdown of Bt cotton BG II resistant to bollworm discussed at length. On the occasion, a booklet on “Pink bollworm management in Cotton” (Marathi) was released at the hands of Dr. R. K. Singh. All the Heads - Dr V.N. Waghmare, Head, Division of Crop Improvement, Dr Blaise DeSouza, Head I/C Crop Production Division, Dr Nandini Gokte-Narkhedkar, Head I/C Division of Crop Protection, Dr A.H. Prakash, PC and Head I/C , CICR RS Coimbatore, Dr Dilip Monga, Head, CICR RS Sirsa were prominently attended the meeting. Among the scientists Dr R. B. Singandhupe, Dr S.M. Wasnik, Dr Dhara Jothi, Dr Vishlesh Nagrare, Dr G. Balsubramani, Dr Rishi Kumar, Dr V. Chinna Babu Naik, Dr Shailesh Gawande and Dr Dipak Nagrale participated in the discussion. Dr Vishlesh Nagrare proposed vote of thanks.



CICR, Nagpur organizes farmer’s workshop on ‘scientific goat management for enhanced income’ at Belgaon, Wardha under MGMG

CICR, Nagpur in collaboration with CMRC Wardha district organizes farmer’s workshop on important topic “scientific management of goats for improving income status at adopted village *Belgaon, Ganeshpur* Cluster in district Wardha on 17th August, 2017 under the aegis of “*Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav*” programme. Earlier, the team contacted *Krishi Mitra* and other key informants such as Sarpanch and elderly farmers of the villages. The programme was organized under Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP- NSP) of CICR, Nagpur. Dr. P. Deulkar gave lecture on scientific farming of goats to rural farm women’s to improve their income status. Technical personnel from CMRC Smt. Usha Tai Kambale gave details about CMRC at Wardha. Smt. Bharati Mokddam, CMRC, Manager has stressed upon role of goat farming with respect to

rural farm women's. Smt. Varsha Dhawane spoke on food requirement of goats during different seasons and health management. The programme was attended by more than 50 farmers and farm women.



CICR Scientists Participated in TAP Africa-India program on "Bio pesticides Laboratory Operations & Research" at NaSARRI, Serere, Uganda

Dr Satish Kumar Sain, Sr Scientist (Pathology), CICR Regional Station, Sirsa and Dr S. Manikandan, Scientist (Agronomy), CICR Nagpur visited Uganda to impart training program on "Biopesticide Laboratory Operations & Research" organized from 22 to 26 August 2017 at National Semi-Arid Resources Research Institute (NaSARRI), Serere, Uganda under the auspices of Cotton Technical Assistant Programme, TAP Africa-India. Training programme was organized with 19 lectures and hands-on-practical's on bio-pesticide and bio-fertilizer production aspects including isolation, purification, sub culturing, identification of bio-control agents and bio-fertilizers, evaluation bio-agents for their bioefficacy against diseases and insect-pests, mass production of selected bioagents, development of bioformulation from fungal, bacterial and viral biocontrol agents, preparation and use of botanicals for pest management.





Other Activities

- Dr S. M. Wasnik Principal Scientist (Extension) has been nominated by the Vice Chancellor, Dr Panjabrao Krishi Vidyapeeth Akola for Evaluation of one M.Sc. Extension Theses of Mr Kad sameer Balwant. The thesis evaluation report was sent to the Chairman of the Advisory Committee directly at College of Agriculture, Nagpur on 28/08/2017 along with a copy of thesis and evaluation report. Evaluation Report was also sent to Dy Registrar (Acad) Dr PDKV Akola.
- Dr.A. Manikandan, Scientist (Soil Science) and Dr. Savitha Santosh, Scientist (Ag. Microbiology) guided three M. Sc. students; Mr. Mahesh Vilasrao Thombare, Mr. Shrikant Pravinrao Tiwaskar and Mr. Abhishek Shrikrushna Ghanwat, from Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture Technology and Sciences, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh-211007, by giving one month training on '*Basic Laboratory Techniques and Instrumentation in Microbiology*' at Division of Crop Production, ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur, Maharashtra during 1st June 2017 to 30th June 2017.



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