



Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting held at, ICAR – CICR, Nagpur

The first reconstituted Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting of the of ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur was held from 4-5 January 2018 under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. J. Dangaria, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari. The following RAC members and officials attended the meeting:



- Dr. R.K. Singh, Assistant Director General (Commercial Crops), ICAR, New Delhi and Member, RAC
- Dr. S. V. Sarode, Ex Director Research, Dr. PDKV, Akola and Member, RAC
- Dr. A. J. Shaikh, Ex-Director, Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology and Member, RAC
- Dr. S. S. Patil, Ex-Senior Cotton Breeder & Professor, Dept of Genetics & Plant Breeding, UAS, Dharwad and Member, RAC
- Dr. G. Ravindra Chary, Project Coordinator (Dryland Research), AICRPDA, Hyderabad and Member, RAC
- Dr. V.N. Waghmare, Director (Acting), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur
- Dr. A.H. Prakash, Project Coordinator (Cotton) & Head, ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore
- Dr. D. Monga, Head, ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa
- Dr. M.V. Venugopalan, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur and Member Secretary, RAC
- Dr. D. Blaise, Head I/c, Division of Crop Production, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur.
- Dr. Nandine Gogte Narkhedkar, Head I/c, Division of Crop Protection, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur.
- Dr. K.P. Raghavendra, Scientist, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur – Rapporteur
- Dr. K. Velmourougane, Scientist, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur – Rapporteur

At the outset, Dr. V.N. Waghmare, Director (Acting), ICAR-CICR extended a formal welcome while Dr. M.V. Venugopalan, Member Secretary, introduced the Chairman and members of the RAC. After the introductory remarks by the Chairman and Members of RAC, Dr. M.V. Venugopalan presented the Action Taken Report on the recommendations of the last RAC meeting held on 1-2 Dec 2016 and the same was accepted.

Dr. V.N. Waghmare, Director ICAR-CICR presented the cotton scenario and the salient achievements of the institute during the 12th Plan period. Later, the Heads of the Divisions and Regional Stations presented the research highlights of their respective Divisions/Stations.





On 5th January, 2018 the members of RAC visited the experimental fields, bio-control laboratory and poly-house facilities. A joint interaction session with all the scientists was held where the scientists expressed their views on the current problems and researchable issues on cotton.

Based on the presentations and discussions, field visits, laboratory visits and interaction with the scientists, the committee made several general suggestions and some specific recommendations. RAC meeting concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. D. Blaise, Head I/c, Division of Crop Production, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur.

New Year event organised at ICAR-CICR Nagpur

On occasion of 'New Year - 2018', the event was organised at ICAR- CICR, Nagpur from Staff Welfare Committee of CICR. On the occasion Dr. V.N. Waghmare, Director (Acting) CICR, Nagpur shared his views and asks all scientists to plan new resolutions in New Year 2018 for cotton development. He also greeted for happy and prosperous New Year to all the staff members. All the staff members including SRF, JRF, PA and skilled workers attended the function and greeted each other.



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