



ICAR-CICR Scientists guided cotton farmers on pink bollworm management

A seminar on “Advanced techniques of cotton farming and pink bollworm management” was jointly organized by ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur, All India Maheshwari Samaj, Daryapur and Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth (PDKV), Akola on 15th February, 2018. Dr. Sharad Naimbalkar, former Vice Chancellor of PDKV inaugurated the seminar and spoke on the current issues



in cotton farming. ICAR-CICR Director Dr. Vijay Waghmare and Scientists Dr. S.M. Wasnik, Dr. Vishlesh Nagrare and Dr. Babasaheb Fand participated in the seminar and guided the farmers. Dr. Waghmare, while calling the attention of participants towards the issue of widespread damage caused by pink bollworm infestation in Bt cotton this year, expressed a need for collective efforts from all the stakeholders of the cotton farming for effective management of this dreaded pest. Extension specialist Dr. Wasnik appealed the farmers to register their mobile numbers with the institute for availing the benefit of cotton advisories provided as voice messages through mobile. Dr. Nagrare gave detailed presentation on measures to be followed throughout the cotton growing season for effective management of pink bollworm. Dr. Fand delivered his talk on safety measures to be taken while handling the pesticides. About 450 cotton farmers from Daryapur and the vicinity participated in the seminar.

Presentation in the 13th meeting of ICAC at Luxor, Egypt

The 13th ICAC-Network Meeting on Cotton for Mediterranean and Middle East Regions was held at Luxor, Egypt on 2-6 February 2018. The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) and the Cotton Research Institute, Egypt jointly organized the meeting.

A total of 125 participants from 15 countries comprising 43 overseas delegates registered for the meeting. Farmers, researchers, Government officials and representatives from the trade and textile industry from Egypt, Sudan, Belgium, Greece, Spain, Turkey, Syria, France, Germany, New Zealand, China, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, UK, ICAC, UNIDO and UNICEF took part in the meeting.

From ICAR-CICR, Dr. M. V. Venugopalan, Principal Scientist, Dr. S.M. Palve, Principal Scientist and Dr (Mrs) S. Usha Rani, Principal Scientist attended the meeting. In the meeting a session on “Agricultural Practices” was chaired by Dr (Mrs) S. Usha Rani on 04.02.2018 along Dr. Lale Efe, Profession, Turkey. A paper on “Past experiences, present endeavors and Future options in transfer of cotton technologies towards science-led sustainable development in India” was presented by Dr. S. Usha Rani in the meeting.



Seminar/ Meeting attended

- Dr. M. Amutha attended “International Conference on Biocontrol and Sustainable Insect Pest Management” during 29-31, January 2018 at Agricultural College and Research Institute, Killikulam, Thoothukudi District.
- Dr. M. Amutha attended “International conference on emerging synergies in Agriculture, Food Processing Engineering and Biotechnology (ICAFB)” during 21-23, February, 2018 at Karunya Institute of Technology, Coimbatore.
- Dr. Rishi Kumar attended the NICRA Expert Review Committee Meeting at NASC Complex Delhi and presented the progress of the project on “Development of IPM strategies to combat whitefly and emerging pests in cotton” from Sept, 2016 to Sept, 2017 on 23-24 October, 2017.

A review meeting on Breakdown of susceptibility of BGII cotton to pink bollworm and its increasing infestation in States of Maharashtra, Telangana and Gujrat was planned by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation was held at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on 25th October 2017. Dr. D. Monga Head, CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa and Dr Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist (Entomology) attended the meeting on 25.10.2017. The meeting was chaired by DDG (CS) and attended by ADG (CC), Director, CICR, Nagpur, Head Crop Protection, CICR Nagpur and PC and Head, Coimbatore. Dr Dharajothi, PI, AICRP on Cotton Entomology made a presentation on the Pink Bollworm Scenario of the country. The meeting was also attended by representative from seed companies, officers of Department of Agriculture of cotton growing states and Directors and scientists of SAU,s.



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