



Visit of PMC to ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore

The Project Monitoring and Evaluation Committee chaired by Dr. V. N. Waghmare, Director (Acting) and Head, Division of Crop Improvement, ICAR- CICR, Nagpur; consisting of Dr. D. Blaise, Head (i/c), Division of Crop Production, Dr (Mrs) Nandini Gokte, Head (i/c) Division of Crop Protection, Dr. M.V. Venugopalan, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) & Member Secretary (PMC) and Dr. K. Velmourougane, Secretary – IRC, reviewed the on-going research projects at ICAR - CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore during 6th - 8th December 2018. All the Scientist of the regional station presented the research findings of on-going projects. The committee visited and reviewed the experimental fields at main and new research farms on 7th and 8th December 2018 and interacted with the Scientists on the progress of work against the objectives outlined in the projects. The visit was concluded with the closing remarks given by the members and chairman of the committee on 08th December 2018.



QRT Meeting of ICAR-CICR

The QRT of ICAR-CICR under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. A. Nimbalkar met at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on January 18-19, 2019 to discuss and finalize its recommendations for the institute and AICRP on Cotton. On 18th January, 2019 the members of the QRT viz., Dr. B. M. Khadi, Dr. K. V. Bhat, Dr. TVK Singh and Dr. M. A. Shankar discussed the recommendations with a select group of scientists from Crop Improvement, Crop Protection and Crop Production Division. Later, Dr. M. V. Venugopalan, Member Secretary, presented the consolidated recommendations and

these were discussed and modified. On 19th January, 2019, the recommendations pertaining to AICRP on Cotton were finalized in consultation with Dr. A. H. Prakash, Project Coordinator (Cotton) and Principal Investigators; Dr. S. Manickam, Dr. K. Sankarnarayanan, & Dr. S. K. Verma [representing Dr. D. Monga, PI (Pathology)]. The future perspectives for ICAR-CICR were also finalized. The QRT also graded the institute and Centres of AICRP on Cotton based on their performance during 2013-2017. Dr D Blaise, Head, Division of Crop Production and Dr Nandini Narkhedkar, Head Crop Protection Division and Dr AR Reddy, Principal Scientist (Ag. Economics) also took part in the deliberations. Dr K. Velmourougane, Scientist (Microbiology) served as the rapporteur. During the concluding session, Dr. V. N. Waghmare, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur felicitated the Chairman (QRT) and members. He also thanked the team for their thorough review, critical comments and valuable suggestions.



Republic Day Celebration at CICR, Coimbatore

The 70th Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January, 2019 at ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore. National flag was hoisted by Dr.K.Rathinavelu, Principal Scientist, Incharge - Project Coordinator and Head, CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore. All the staff members of this institute participated in the programme. During the event, prizes were distributed to all the prize winners of pongal day competition held on 16.01.2019.





List of Publication

1. Research Article

- K.P.M.Dhamayanthi, A.Manivannan, and M. Saravanan V. 2018. Evaluation of new germplasm of Egyptian cotton (*G. barbadense*) through multivariate genetic component analysis. *Electronic Journal of Plant Breeding*, 9 (4) : 1348-1354.

2. Book Chapter

- A.Manivannan.2018. "Role of genomics in fibre improvement". In: *Current challenges and innovative breeding approaches in crop science for agricultural sustenance*. (Eds. S.Manickam, S.Rajkumar, S.Suresh, T.Geetha, P.Kalaiselvan and B.Rajendran), AE Publications, Coimbatore, pp37-39 (ISBN 978-93-87084-12-4)

3. Seminar Attended

- Dr.M.Amutha, Senior Scientist (Entomology) attended the "First International conference on Climate change and Adaptive Crop Protection for Sustainable Agri-Horticulture Landscape" during 20-22, December, 2018 at ICAR-National Research Centre on seed spices, Ajmeer, Rajasthan.

4. Awards

- Dr.M.Amutha, Senior Scientist (Entomology) got Fellow of the Society of Plant Protection Science (SPPS) Award - 2018.



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