



First meeting of Interstate Consultative Committee on Whitefly held at Bathinda

Dr. D. Monga, Head, ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional Station, Sirsa and Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist (Entomology) attended the first Interstate Consultative Committee meeting on whitefly management held at Kheti Bhawan, Bathinda under the chairmanship of Dr J.S.Bains, Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Punjab; Dr N.S.Bains, Director of Research, PAU, Ludhiana; Dr. Mahal, Director of Extension Education, PAU, Ludhiana on 30.05.2018. Dr Sukhdev Singh, DDA Cotton presented the action plan for the current cotton season of Punjab. The Chief Agriculture Officers of all 8 cotton growing Districts of Punjab presented information regarding total area sown; weed eradication program, survey and surveillance and other activities to be conducted in their respective Distt of Punjab. Dr Rishi Kumar presented the report of total area sown in the zone before and after 15th May, 2018, action plan of Haryana and Rajasthan. He also discussed in detail the current whitefly scenario on cotton and other alternate hosts. He also apprised the participants about the ongoing research program with respect to whitefly at ICAR-CICR. The status report of whitefly survey in Punjab was also presented by Dr Vijay Kumar, Entomologist, PAU, Ludhiana.

Farmers meetings attended/ lecture delivered

- Dr. D.Monga, PI-(Plant Pathology) and Head, ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional Station, Sirsa; Dr S.L. Ahuja, Principal Scientist (Crop Improvement); Dr O.P. Tuteja, Principal Scientist (Crop Improvement); Dr. S.K. Verma Principal Scientist (Crop Improvement); Dr. R.A. Meena, Principal Scientist (Seed technology), Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist (Entomology) and Dr Amarpreet Singh, Scientist (Agronomy) attended Annual Group Meeting on All India Coordinated Research Project on Cotton at CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar from 8-10th April, 2017. In the meeting the progress report of the experiments conducted under various discipline was discussed and the technical program for the next season was prepared. Dr. D. Monga and Dr. Rishi Kumar presented the Principal- Investigator reports of Plant Pathology and Entomology and acted as convener in finalization of the technical program for 2018-19 crop seasons. Dr. D. Monga and Dr. Rishi Kumar also attended Central varietal identification Committee meeting under the chairmanship of Dr R.K. Singh, ADG (CC), ICAR, New Delhi
- Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal scientist (Entomology), ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional Station, Sirsa (Haryana)-125055 was admitted as Fellow of Cotton Research and Development Association by the Executive Council of CRDA, CCSHAU Hisar on 10th April, 2018.



- Dr. Dilip Monga, Head, CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa and Dr Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist (Entomology) visited villages Sukhera Khera and Chautala on 08.05.2018 to attend farmers meetings. They also visited the farmer's field locations and discussed the methodology for sowing, seed rate and, seed placement and spacing and advised the farmers regarding pests and diseases management.



- Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal scientist (Entomology), ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional Station, Sirsa (Haryana)-125055 delivered lectures on cotton production and protection technologies to the scouts and program officers of Trident India group at Bathinda on 12.05.2018



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