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## Institute Research Committee Meeting held on 1-3 April 2017

The Annual Institute Research Committee (IRC 2017) meeting of CICR was held on 1-3 April 2017 at CICR, Nagpur.

Dr M. S. Ladaniya, Director CICR Nagpur chaired the meeting. Dr V. S. Nagrare Secretary IRC welcomed all dignitaries and scientists.

Chairman in his introductory remarks, mentioned that research should be focused on strategic and basic aspects which would be the basis to support farmers of this country. He told to try to be always for good reason. On cotton scenario he informed that productivity was quite less as compared to other countries. He narrated some of the issues like resistance in pests against Bt-cotton that emerged in the recent years. Chairman asked scientists to introspect what they have given to cotton growing farmers especially states like Maharashtra, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh.

Dr M S Kairon Ex- Director ICAR-CICR one of the invited experts was of concern of increased cost of production. He mentioned that production increased to more than 400lakh bales, however net profit of farmers could not gone up. He appreciated HDPS initiative. He suggested continuing permanent rotation trials at all sites. He mentioned that labour cost has gone very high and every operation now become costly which needs switching over to mechanization and diversification.



Dr S. V. Sarode Ex-Director of Research (Dr PDKV, Akola) another invited expert remarked that scientific findings should lead to recommendations. He asked scientists to assess their own performance that became a turning point. A good experiment can become a good project. The research should not be of only academic interest and it should have some practical utility. He emphasized to improve upon good approach like state within country and district within states. He expressed concern on depletion of natural resources like water and soil.



All the heads of the Divisions and regional stations made brief remarks on research activities being carried out and pre-IRC meetings held at respective divisions and regional stations.

Dr. M. V. Venugopalan presented recommendations of Research Advisory Committee meeting held on 1-2 December 2016. Dr Vinita Gotmare presented report of Research Framework Document (RFD) of the Institute. Dr V. S. Nagrare

presented Action Taken Report of the IRC 2016. New projects were discussed at length and completed & ongoing projects were reviewed critically.

On this occasion IRC felicitated Dr N. Gopalakrishnan, Principal Scientists (Plant biochemistry) CICR RS Coimbatore & EX ADG (Cash Crops) ICAR who was due to be superannuated in the month of May 2017. Dr N. Gopalakrishnan presented life time achievements. Scientists from CICR, Nagpur, CICR RS Coimbatore and CICR RS Sirsa were attended the meeting and took active part in discussion and finalizing projects and plan of work for 2017-18.

Booklet "Technologies generated from the regional station during the past decade for the benefit of farmers (Hindi)" a publication by CICR RS Sirsa, Haryana was released at the hands of chairman.



Rapporteurs were Crop Improvement: D. V. Patil & Sunil Mahajan; Crop Production: A. Manikanadan & Ramkrushna G.I.; Crop Protection: Shailesh Gawande & Dipak Nagrale; Biotechnology: Joy Das & Rakesh Kumar Dr V. S Nagrare, Secretary IRC and Dr J. H. Meshram Joint Secretary IRC coordinated the meeting.



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