

## Brainstorming on "Access and Exchange of Insect Germplasm Resources" at NBAIR on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2016

ICAR-NBAIR organized a brainstorming on "Access and Exchange of Insect Germplasm Resources" on **23<sup>th</sup> July 2016** at NBAIR, Bangalore, wherein officials from the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA); DARE, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Biodiversity Board (SBB) participated. Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Director, ICAR-NBAIR welcomed the gathering and flagged the issues related to International Exchange/Export of live Insect Resources. This was followed by a presentation by Dr. Prashanth Mohanraj, Principal Scientist and Head, Division (Insect Systematics) on the importance of Exchange of dead Insect Resources for taxonomic research. Dr. (Ms.) B. Meenakumari, Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) delivered an address on the role, organizational set up, challenges and functions of NBA apart from exemptions under the Biodiversity Act. Shri. T. Rabikumar, IFS, Secretary, NBA; Dr. Rajan Agrawal, Director, DARE; Dr. P. K Chakrabarthy, ADG (PP&B), ICAR; Shri. R. M. N. Sahai, IFS (Retd.), Chairman, Karnataka Biodiversity Board (KBB); Dr. Veerendra Singh, Member Secretary, KBB; Dr. C. A. Viraktamath, Professor Emeritus, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK; Dr. N. K. Krishna Kumar, Regional Director, Bioversity International; Dr. Abraham Verghese, Director, GPS Institute of Agricultural Management; Dr. Rajan, Principal Scientist (Plant Protection), ICAR; Dr. N.K. Ramesh, Professor of Law, National Law School of India University; Shri. P. Jaishankar, NBA; Ms. Soumyashree, Institute attorney, ICAR-NBAIR along with Scientists of ICAR-NBAIR actively participated in the discussion which followed. Several issues regarding the international exchange of live as well as dead insects for research purpose were debated. Several queries raised by the participants were addressed effectively by the NBA officials.





