

XXV Annual Group meet of All India Co-ordinated Research project on Biological Control of Crop Pests at Visakhapatnam, on 17-18 May, 2016

The twenty fifth annual Meeting of the AICRP on Biological Control of Crop Pests was held at Andhra University Campus, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on 17 to 18th May, 2016 under aegis of Regional Agricultural Research Station, ANGRAU, Anakapalle. Dr. B.M.C. Reddy, Vice Chancellor, Dr.YSR Horticultural University, Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty, ADG (PP&B) ICAR, Dr. C.A. Viraktamath, Professor (Emeritus) UAS, Bangalore & RAC Chairman, NBAIR, Dr. Abraham Verghese, Director, NBAIR, Dr. N.V. Naidu, Director of Research, ANGRAU, Dr. T. Ramesh Babu, Dean Agriculture, ANGRAU, Dr. K. Raja Reddy, Director of Extension, ANGRAU, Dr. N. Venugopala Rao, ADR, ANGRAU, delegates and invitees from ICAR Institutes, Agricultural Universities and representatives of private commercial production units attended the workshop.

The meeting was inaugurated by Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty, ADG (PP&B) ICAR, in the forenoon of 17th May 2016. Dr. N.V. Naidu, Director of Research, ANGRAU welcomed the delegates. Dr. Abraham Verghese, Director and Project Coordinator, NBAIR Bangalore, presented the salient achievements of the AICRP-BC for the year 2014-15.

Dr. P. K. Chakrabarty, ADG (PP), ICAR, in his address emphasized to cover more cropping area under biocontrol by demonstrating biocontrol technologies on large scale and to have coordination with different crop based AICRPs, SAUs and ICAR. He also emphasized the importance of molecular signatures for different biopesticides and its role in registration of microbial and also suggested that more focus should be towards management of pathogens on different crops under AICRP Biocontrol. During the meet, he released NBAIR publication on “Biological control of sugarcane pests” along with other publications from different AICRP centres.

Dr. B. Ramanujam, Principal Scientist & Incharge AICRP-BC proposed vote of thanks.



Inauguration and release of NBAIR publication on “Biological control of sugarcane pests” along with other publications from different AICRP centres by Dr. Dr. P.K. Chakrabarty, ADG (PP&B) ICAR.



Group photo