

ICAR-NBAIR-Industry Interface Meeting on 26th June 2019

One day ICAR-NBAIR-Industry Interface meeting was jointly organized by Institute Technology Management Unit (ITMU), ICAR-NBAIR, Bangalore and the Society for Biocontrol Advancement (SBA), Bangalore on 26th June 2019 at ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Yelahanka, Bangalore. The meeting was held with an aim to showcase, promote and commercialize the bio control and bio control compatible technologies developed by ICAR-NBAIR, Bangalore. The technologies are highly relevant to the industries, NGOs and other agripreneurs who are engaged in the production of various bio control agents and bio pesticide formulations and other non chemical modes of pest management. During the meeting, Dr. T. Venkatesan, Principal Scientist, ITMU Chairman & Organizing Secretary delivered the welcome address emphasised that Institute-Industry Interface meetings are a means to strengthen up- scaling of the technologies by the industries and transfer them to the farmers and other stakeholders. Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Director, ICAR-NBAIR delivered the inaugural address and emphasized the need for commercialization of biocontrol technologies especially macrobials with reference to production of quality, storability and up-scaling for the successful management of pest and diseases. She also focussed on the efforts made by ICAR-NBAIR to register with the CIBRC the most promising microbial isolates for the management of both indigenous and invasive insect pests and diseases. Chief Guest Dr. T.M. Manjunath, Consultant Agri-Biotechnology & Integrated Pest Management, Bengaluru gave an account about the history of commercialization of biocontrol technologies in India. He detailed on the real challenges faced in commercialization of biocontrol technologies, especially with reference to the infrastructure requirements, large scale production of host insects, parasitoids and predators and availability to the farmers. Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. G. Sivakumar, Principal Scientist and Secretary, Society for Biocontrol Advancement, Bangalore.

During the technical session Dr. T. Venkatesan made a presentation on “Commercialization of Biocontrol Agents & Pheromone technologies of NBAIR: A Potential Agri-Business Venture”. Further by Dr. S.J. Rahman, Professor, PJTSAU, Hyderabad delivered a talk on “An overview on CIB Registration of Biopesticides”. Very active discussions followed on commercialization of various

biocontrol based and pheromone technologies and a new technology on technology converting waste to wealth. The inventors responded to all the queries put up by the industry representatives. During the valedictory function, Dr. Abraham Verghese, Director, GP Shetty Institute for Agricultural management, Bangalore and former Director, ICAR-NBAIR, Bangalore addressed the audience and stressed on the importance of interface meeting between scientists and industries. Dr. M. Nagesh, Principal Scientist & Head, Genomic Resources, NBAIR proposed the vote of thanks. Around 100 participants including 50 industry partners attended the meeting.

















