

29th Research Advisory Committee Meeting on 21-04-2025 at ICAR-NBAIR

The 29th Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting was held on 21st April 2025 at Hebbal Campus of ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (NBAIR), Bengaluru. The meeting started with welcome address by Director, Dr. S. N. Sushil to the Chairman, Dr. B. V. Patil, Former VC, UAS, Raichur and committee members, , Dr. Poonam Jasrotia, ADG (PP & B), ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. V. V. Ramamurthy, Former Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, Dr. Sarath Babu, Former Head, ICAR-NBAPGR RS, Hyderabad, Dr. P. N. Sharma, Former Head, CSK, HPKV, Palampur, Dr. Suseelendra Desai, Former Principal Scientist, ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad, Dr. A. Sundaresan, Prof & Chair, Chemistry and Physics of Material Unit, JNC SAR, Bengaluru, Sri. Puttaswamy Gowda, Progressive Farmer, and Mr. Dhananjay Sonu Golam, Progressive Farmer.

The Chairman of the RAC Committee gave opening remarks on the quality of research that is being carried out at the Institute, technologies emerged and prompt attention on action taken report (ATR) (based on the RAC report for 2024-25 sent in advance to the Chairman and all committee members). He has praised and congratulated all the Scientists of the Bureau for the high number of papers published during 2024-25. Later, Director, Dr. Sushil presented the research and institutional activities carried out during the year 2024-25, which was applauded by the Chairman, ADG (PP&B) and all the committee members. Then Dr. Kolla Sreedevi, In-charge, PME and Member Secretary, RAC presented Action Taken Report (ATR) for the recommendations of previous 28th RAC held in 2024. This was followed by the detailed presentations of the three divisions by Heads of the Division, Dr. Sunil Joshi for Division of Germplasm Collection and Characterization, Dr. T. Venkatesan, Division of Genomic Resources, Dr. K. Subaharan for Division of Germplasm Conservation and Utilization. Then Dr R. G. Gracy, In-charge, ITMU has presented activities related to revenue generation, IPR issues, commercialization of technologies, patents obtained and filed, copyrights and trademarks filed and other activities. This was followed by the presentation from Dr. B. S. Gotyal, In-charge, HRD about the capacity building through trainings attended and imparted. He has also briefed the students' activities (teaching, guidance, etc.) carried out for the year at the Institute.

The Chairman of the RAC committee, Dr. Patil has appreciated the work being carried out at the Institute and gave suggestions to further refine certain activities. Also Dr. Poonam Jasrotia, ADG (PP&B) suggested certain additions and all committee members given their suggestions for the improvement and strengthening of the on-going research programmes. All the members of RAC appreciated the Director and all Scientists for their efforts in keeping the Institute standards high in terms of research, technologies, patents, publications, students guidance, etc.

The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Kolla Sreedevi, Member Secretary, RAC. In the afternoon, the Chairman and the committee members visited labs and museum at Hebbal campus, butterfly garden, bee home, black soldier fly rearing facility in the farm at Attur, Yelahanka campus of the Institute.



Dr. B. V. Patil, Chairman of RAC presenting opening remarks at 29th RAC Meeting



Dr. S. N. Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR presenting research activities of the Institute



Dr. Kolla Sreedevi, Member Secretary, RAC presenting Action taken report (ATR)



Dr. Sunil Joshi, Head, Division of Germplasm Collection and Characterization presenting Divisional activities



Dr. T. Venkatesan, Head, Division of Genomic Resources presenting Divisional activities



Dr. K. Subaharan, Head, Division of Germplasm Conservation and Utilization presenting Divisional activities



Dr. R. G. Gracy, In-charge, ITMU presenting ITMu activities



Dr. B. S. Gotyal, In-charge, HRD presenting HRD and PG activities



Group photo of all Scientists with RAC members



Visit of RAC to Live Insect Repository Unit



Visit of RAC to lab at Farm campus of the Institute



Visit of RAC to the Black soldier fly rearing facility



Visit of RAC to the butterfly garden



Visit of RAC to Bee hives at Farm campus of the Institute