

CENTRAL SERICULTURAL RESEARCH & TRAINING INSTITUTE (CSRTI), MYSURU

MINUTES OF 40th RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29th and 30th JULY, 2016

The 40th Research Advisory Committee meeting of CSRTI, Mysuru was held on 29th and 30th July 2016 at CSRTI, Mysuru for reviewing the progress of R&D activities of the Institute and its nested units (April, 2015 to June 2016) and to consider new project proposals for consideration. Prof. K. Narayana Gowda, Hon'ble Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru chaired the meeting. The list of members and participants who attended the meeting is appended herewith in Annexure-I.

Dr. V. Sivaprasad, Director welcomed the Chairman, the members of the RAC and all the Scientists of CSRTI and its nested units for the meeting. Prof. K. Narayana Gowda, Chairman, RAC in his opening remarks expressed satisfaction over the progress made by the institute and congratulated the Director and scientists for their contribution during the reporting period. Further, he stressed on the importance of R&D on drought mitigation measures, reduction of labour and minimization of cost of production in sericulture, integrated nutrient management, critical role of farmer producers organizations (FPOs) in sericulture in the future and issues regarding the choice of mulberry cultivation in tobacco grown areas. He reiterated the decision of the previous meeting to call the RAC meeting once in six months.

ITEM NO. 1: CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF 39th RAC MEETING ON 26th SEPTEMBER 2015

The RAC Chairman suggested to change word 'mulberry' as a choice of replacement crop in tobacco growing areas instead of mulberry as replacement crop in the proceedings and the committee confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting as no comments were offered by any member.

ITEM NO. 2: REVIEW OF FOLLOW-UP ACTION TAKEN ON DECISIONS OF RAC IN 39th MEETING

The report on the follow-up actions taken on decisions of the previous meeting was presented by Dr. M. Balavenkatasubbiah, Scientist-D, Silkworm Pathology. The committee expressed satisfaction regarding the follow up action taken on the decisions and suggestions of RAC. With regard to the projects not approved by CSB, RAC Chairman suggested to further peruse the same with further justification for consideration as lot of inputs were made by the committee in making up the research projects. Further, he has suggested that the scientist's involved in implementing externally funded projects from DBT/DST needs to be recognized in any forums by institute and CSB.

ITEM NO. 3: DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The highlights of progress achieved by the Institute and its nested units during 2015-16 were presented by Dr. V. Sivaprasad covering the aspects of Mulberry Production & Protection, Silkworm Production & Protection, Extension & Training activities. The Chairman and members appreciated the R&D achievements of CSRTI-Mysore through team efforts of Scientists and Director. The Director, welcomed and introduced the new Scientist-Bs posted to the Institute.

ITEM NO. 4: REVIEW OF CONCLUDED PROJECTS:

The following research projects concluded during the reporting period were reviewed by the committee.

