

3rd Meeting of 5th Research Advisory Committee at NRC for Orchids, Sikkim

12-13th June, 2014, Pakyong

The third and final meeting of 5th Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the centre was held on 12 & 13th June, 2014 under the Chairmanship of Dr. A. N. Rao, Director (R&D), Centre for Orchid Gene Conservation for the Eastern Himalayan Region, Manipur at the conference hall of the centre. Following members were present in the meeting.

1. Dr. S. K. Malhotra, ADG (Hort. I & II), KAB-II, New Delhi
2. Dr. P. K. Rajeevan, Ex-Dean, KAU, Kerala
3. Dr. R.D. Rawal, Principal Scientist (Retd), IIHR, Bangalore
4. Dr. M. Jawaharlal, Professor & Head, Deptt. of Floriculture & Landscaping, TNAU, Coimbatore
5. Dr. B. P. Baruah, Chief Scientist, RARS, AAU, Assam
6. Dr. R. P. Medhi, Director, NRCO, Pakyong
7. Dr. R. K. Awasthi, Joint Director, ICAR Res. Complex for NEH Region, Sikkim Centre, Tadong
8. Shri D.K. Bhandari, Additional Director, HCCD Dept., Govt. of Sikkim, Tadong, Gangtok
9. Shri. Padam Subba, Jt. Director (Floriculture), HCCD Dept., Govt. of Sikkim, Tadong, Gangtok
10. Dr. N. Pathak, Farmer's Representative, Assam Lingzey, East Sikkim
11. Shri Sharad Pradhan, Progressive Farmer, Yangyang, South Sikkim
12. Dr. L.C. De, Pr. Scientist (Horticulture), NRCO, Pakyong (Member Secretary)

Apart from the above members all Scientists from NRCO, Pakyong and Darjeeling campus attended and presented their research achievements and future research plans during the meet. Research Associates of different projects also attended the meet.

Dr. R. P. Medhi, Director, NRCO welcomed the Chairman, Members of RAC, Invitees and Staff members. He informed the house that due to sudden demise of Dr. S. N. Puri's Mother-in-law he could not attend the meeting as Chairman of the house and asked to chair the meet through the senior most member of the committee on which Dr. A. N. Rao has been asked to take up the responsibility. He thanked Dr. Rao for taking up the responsibility to chair the meeting.

A condolence for 2 minute silence was observed to pay homage to Prof. S. P. Vij, Member, RAC & Emeritus Professor (Punjab University), Chandigarh, Punjab on his sudden demise on 20th October, 2013. Dr. Medhi highlighted the active role of Prof. S. P. Vij as an orchidologist and his association with the centre.

Dr. S. K. Malhotra in his opening remark highlighted the role of RAC in R&D activities of ICAR institutes.

During the meet Dr. Medhi presented the significant research achievements of the institute and Dr. L. C.

De, Member Secretary (RAC) presented the Action Taken Report (ATR) of the 2nd Meet of 5th RAC. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks from Dr. S. Chakrabarti, Sr. Scientist (Genetics) of this centre.

On 13th June, 2014 all the members were taken to the Darjeeling Campus of the Centre to showcase the research activities undertaken on temperate orchids.



(Source: NRCO, Pakyong, Sikkim)