

## **ICAR-NBAIR conducts the 20<sup>th</sup> RAC meeting on 06.05.2016 and releases 'Pictorial Guide on Armoured Scales'**

The twentieth Research Advisory Committee meeting was held at ICAR-NBAIR on 06.05.2016 in the presence of Director, Dr. Abraham Verghese, Dr. K. Viraktamath, Chairman RAC, Dr. Balwinder Singh, Member, Dr. Venkat Rajam, Member and Dr. N. G. Lakshminarayan, Member. The divisional heads Dr. Prashanth Mohanraj, Dr. S. K. Jalali and Dr. Chandish R. Ballal presented the research achievements. Detailed discussions were held along with suggestions for future research.

The Chairman, RAC released 'A pictorial guide for the identification of some major armoured scale insects' prepared by Dr. Sunil Joshi, Principal Scientist. The guide contains field identification characters of males and females of armoured scales (Family: Diaspididae). Field identity for 10 species of commonly occurring, highly polyphagous and well distributed scale insects is detailed. This guide will be useful for research workers, agricultural officers and students and will help in correct detection and early management of pests.



**Chairman, RAC welcomed by Director, ICAR-NBAIR**



**Release of 'A pictorial guide for the identification of some major armoured scale insects'**



**Welcome of Dr. Balwinder Singh, Member RAC**



**Dr. N. G. Lakshminarayan, Member, RAC**



**Dr. S. K. Jalali, H.O.D (Molecular Entomology) welcoming the Director**



**Dr. Venkat Rajam, Prof. Delhi University and Member RAC presenting his recommendations**

