

ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources Bengaluru



Foreign Visits - 2017

Dr. Deepa Bhagat: Participated in the International Conference on Emerging Trends in Integrated Pest and disease Management for Quality food production held at Kuching, Malaysia 25-27th July 2017

Dr. K. Sreedevi: Training on "Phylogeny and Biogeography of Indian Sercini Chafers" at ZoologischesForchungsmusuem, Bonn, Germany 16th September - 15th December, 2017 under Dr. DrikArhens

Dr. Y. Lalitha: Participated in the 14th IOBC-MRQA workshop from 14-17th November 2017 at Merida, Mexico

Performance evaluation report of scientists after Foreign Deputation

Category of foreign deputation	SMD	Institute	No. of Scientists deputed for Foreign affairs/ activities		Major areas of activities (Themes of Research/ Technology/ Training)	Immediate benefit to the institute in terms of capacity building to achieve institute mandate
			2010-14	2014-19		
Short term Visit (<15 days)	CS	ICAR- NBAIR	Nil	1 (DrSelvaraj)	SAARC regional training on integrated pest management at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute from 28-31 May, 2018 (4 days)	Hands on training on Integrated Pest Management
			Nil	1 (DrSelvaraj)	Biological control of invasive pest species at CSIRO, Brisbane, Australia (9 days)	Mass production of whitefly parasitoid for large scale release Biological control of invasive pest species including weeds Exposure to Plant quarantine facilities at CSIRO
			Nil	1 (Dr K Subaharan)	Resource person nanotechnology workshop organized by DST and Mauritius Research Council from April 6-7 2016	Nanotechnology based pest management technologies developed
Medium term days(>15days to <6 months)	CS	ICAR- NBAIR	Nil	1 (DrAnkita Gupta)	Taxonomic study of Indian wasps at the Natural History Museum, London for one month from 7th May to 7th June 2019	Capacity building as digitization of Indian parasitic wasp types/vouchers of around 100 species was done at NHM
			Nil	1 (Dr K Sreedevi)	Three months training to Division of Arthropoda,	1. Trained in morphological and moleceular characterization of Indian

	T		Alexander Koenig Museum,	fauna of Tribe Sericini of Coleoptera
			Bonn, Germany from 17 th	for holistic species identification.
			September to 14 th December	for nonstic species identification.
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			2017.	2. Exploration of species diversity in
			1 0	India and discovery of 17 new
			1. Gaining taxonomic	species and documentation of several
			expertise for identification of	new locality records.
			the species (Indian fauna)	
			belonging to Tribe Sericini of	3. Building up of reference
			Order Coleoptera and also	collection for identification of the
			learning biogeographical and	species and catering identification
			phylogenetic analysis tools	services.
			2. To gain knowledge in the	
			recent research advances in	
			Scarabaeidae taxonomy and	
			systematics at global level.	
	1(Dr	Nil	Training on Genomics and	Basic training on genomics and
	M.Nagesh)		Bioinformatics in	bioinformatics
	ivi.i (ugesii)		Washington state university,	olomormatics
			Pullman, USA from	
			01.09.2013 to 20.11.2013	
	1 (Dr R	Nil	Undergone training in	Initiated Bioinformatics work at
	Gandhi	1411	Cornell University	ICAR-NBAIR, There were 3
	Gracy)		Bioinformatics in	trainings Organized Training on
	Gracy)		Entomology from October	Subjectmatter and sensitization on
			2010 to December 2010	Basic and Application of
			2010 to December 2010	Bioinformatics under National
				Agricultural Bioinformatics
				Grid(NABG)
	1 (Dr M.	_	Training on expression	Whole genome sequencing and
	Mohan		profiling of genes related to	analysis of genes involved in fitness
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			bioinformatic analysis in	utili utos
			University of Kentucky,	
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		Lexington, USA from	
		18.09.2013 to 16.12.2013	
	1 (Dr	Training on Microbial	Study has helped in understanding of
	Mahesh -	Molecular Taxonomy in	the endosymbionts genome in insects
	Yandigeri)	University of California,	and also gained expertise in handling
		USA from 18.09.2013 to	of genomic libraries and use of
		16.12.2013	qPCR in designing experiments.
	1 (Dr T -	Allele Mining with reference	1.Trained 75 Scientists/Assistant
	Venkatesan)	to Genetic Variation in	professors, research scholars and
		Insects during Mar-April	students on Allele Mining with
		2011 at West Virginia State	reference to study the Genetic
		University	variation using microsatellite
			markers in agriculturally important
			insects
			2. Trained Two Ph.D students on the
			theme area of development of
			microsatellite markers for studying
			the genetic variation among
			mealybugs and diamond back moth.
	1 (Dr	China international centre for	five patents
	Deepa	agricultural training (CICAT)	- Fine Fine
	Bhagat)	fellowship to attend training	
		on crop diseases and pests	
		ecological control for	
		developing countries at South	
		China Agricultural	
		University, Guangzhou, P. R.	
		China from 24.05.2010 -	
		04.07.2010.	
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		NAIP-HRD International	
		fellowship to attend training	
		on "Synthesis of	
		nanomaterials to enhance	
		nanomateriais to emiance	

					shelf life of semiochemicals and act as sensor for semiochemicals in pest management" at The University of California, Davis from February 5, 2011 to May 5, 2011.	
Long term(>6	CS	ICAR-	-	-	-	-
months)		NBAIR				

Note:

- ${\bf (i)}\ Attending\ seminar,\ conference,\ for\ paper/poster\ presentations\ to\ be\ avoided}$
- ii) Any other relevant matters to be added in separate columns, as appropriate



S.No.	Particulars	Details			
1.	Name of the Scientist/Officer	Dr. Chandish R. Ballal			
2.	Name of the Institute/SMD/Section	ICAR-NBAIR,Bengaluru Crop Science Division			
3.	Country visited	Nepal			
4.	Institutions Visited	-			
5.	Purpose of the Visit	Attending workshop on preparedness for Fall armyworm in Nepal			
6.	Outcome of the Visit (in bullet form)	Explored the possible collaboration with NPPO, Nepal for future invasive insects and management			
		Discussed management options for Fall armyworm.			
		Gained first hand information on the incidences of maize fall armyworm at high attitudes of Nepal			

Date: 28.10.2019

Place: Bengaluru

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S.No.	Particulars	Details		
1.	Name of the Scientist/Officer	Dr. A. N. Shylesha		
2.	Name of the Institute/SMD/Section	ICAR-NBAIR,Bengaluru Crop Science Division		
3.	Country visited	Nepal		
4.	Institutions Visited	-		
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S.No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Name of the Scientist/Officer	Dr P. Sreerama Kumar
2.	Name of the Institute/SMD/Section	ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru
3.	Country visited	Spain
4.	Institutions Visited	Not applicable
5.	Purpose of the Visit	To participate in a scientific congress in Valencia [2019 International Congress on Invertebrate Pathology and Microbial Control & 52nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology & 17th Meeting of the IOBC-WPRS Working Group on Microbial and Nematode Control of Invertebrate Pests]
6.	Outcome of the Visit (in bullet form)	 A strong linkage with the Society for Invertebrate Pathology has been forged. Foldscope was demonstrated to the delegates at the meeting. Upon return, demonstrations were conducted for farmers on the utility of the Foldscope in crop protection.

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S.No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Name of the Scientist/Officer	Dr. K. Selvaraj, Scientist (Entomology)
2.	Name of the Institute/SMD/Section	ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Hebbal, Bengaluru
3.	Country visited	Australia
4.	Institutions Visited	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, Brisbane, Australia
5.	Purpose of the Visit	Participation in an international exposure visit on biological control and invasive species management under the guidance of Dr Raghu Sathyamurthy, CSIRO, Brisbane
6.	Outcome of the Visit (in bullet form)	 Gain knowledge on plant quarantine, bio- security, invasive species management, mass production technique for whitefly parasitoid, Eretomocerus hayati for large scale release and demonstration. Undergone, hands on training on mass production of E. hayati which may be replicated and used for management of whiteflies in cotton and other important crop plants in India for area wide management. Similar protocol may be extended to other whitefly parasitoids i.e Encarsia guadeloupae and E. transvena for management of rugose spiralling whitefly and cotton whitefly respectively. Learned the strategies for invasive species management especially through biocontrol agents. Discussed about future R & D collaborative project on invasive species management including weed under future changing climatic scenarios" likely under Indo- Australia strategic programme

Date: 25.10.19

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S.No.	Particulars	Details
1.	Name of the Scientist/Officer	Dr. R. Gandhi Gracy
2.	Name of the Institute/SMD/Section	ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources
3.	Country visited	Spain
4.	Institutions Visited	NA
5.	Purpose of the Visit	To attend and present research paper at the 8 th International Symposium on Insect Molecular Science, at Sitges, Barcelona, Spain from 7 to 10 th July, 2019.
6.	Outcome of the Visit (in bullet form)	 This was a great opportunity for me to interact with the eminent researchers in my field of interest especially the molecular aspects of insect science. This field is an emerging field, so I have interacted with the researchers across the world that helped me to strengthen my research thought process and motivated me to achieve my goal. The presentation at the symposium helped me to know the advanced technology; especially the genome editing, molecular phylogeny research in global perspective. At present I am doing research on molecular mechanism of insecticide resistance through functional genome approach and also the DNA barcoding. Interaction with the researchers helped me to understand the methodology for DNA extraction, especially from the museum specimens.

Date: 29.10.2019

Place: Bangalore

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