

An interactive meeting for preparing blue print / action plan for Forest Genetic Resources Management Network (FGRMN) was held at Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore on 18/12/2012 with Dr. S. Nagarajan, Chair Designate (FGR) and Ex-chair person of the PPV&FR, Government of India. Scientists, Forest Officers and Research Officers of IFGTB attended the meeting which was chaired by the Dr. N. Krishna Kumar, Director, IFGTB, Coimbatore. Director, IFGTB, welcomed the Chair designate and gave a broad outline on progress made various activities under Forest Genetic Resources (FGR) conservation by IFGTB and the activities being contemplated to be carried out in future. Dr. K. Palanisamy, HoD, FGR Division made a presentation on the establishment of Forest Genetic Resources Management Network (FGRMN) by involving stakeholders across the country. He presented the present status of FGR in the country, shortlisted tree species for FGR conservation and stakeholders identified in the FGRMN programme. Dr. S. Nagarajan, Chair Designate stressed the need for use of only certified seed in future tree planting programmes and also the need for adapting uniform standards in laying field trials, data collection, data analysis and interpretation. He also emphasized the need for evolving All India Coordinated Trails for a few tree species involving a cluster of Institutes similar to the All India Coordinated trials in Agriculture sector. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to Professor Dr. S. Nagarajan, Chair Designate (FGR).



