

**Research Advisory Group Meeting at IFGTB, Coimbatore**  
24- 25 October, 2013

The Annual Research Advisory Group Meeting of IFGTB was held on 24-25 October, 2013. The group comprised the following members.

1. Dr. Aruna Basu Sarcar, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Res.), Chennai
2. Dr. A.K. Bharadwaj, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FIMS), Kerala
3. Dr. K. Sudhakara, Dean, College of Forestry, KAU, Vellanikara, Thrissur
4. Dr. Sugato Dutt, IFS, Head of Division (LU), State Planning Commission, Chennai
5. Dr. S.R.Subramanian, Shanthi Ashram, Kovaipudur, Coimbatore – 641 042
6. Shri MuthuSelvam, Manager, Auromira Energy Plantations, Madurai
7. Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, Professor, Agro Climate Research Centre, TNAU, Coimbatore
8. Dr. Z. Abraham, Principal Scientist, NBPGR Regional Station, Thrissur
9. Shri R.C. Pati, CF (Research), Tamil Nadu Forest Department
10. Shri K. Kalidasan, President, OSAI, Coimbatore
11. Mr.G. Madan Kumar, Ambi Ply Panels and Doors, Dasanur(Post), Mettupalayam
12. Dr.V. Ramakantha, Director, IWST, Bangalore
13. Dr. S. Murugesan, IFGTB, Coimbatore
14. Dr.V.Sivakumar, IFGTB, Coimbatore
15. Dr.A. C. Surya Prabha, IFGTB, Coimbatore
16. Shri. R.S. Prasanth, IFGTB, Coimbatore
17. Shri J.Md. Shujauddin, IFGTB, Coimbatore

The Director, Shri T. P. Raghunath welcomed the RAG members. He gave a brief introduction on the various research activities of IFGTB. This was followed by process to be adopted for scoring the new projects put up before the RAG for approval. He also listed out the in-house and externally aided projects taken up at IFGTB.

Dr. H.S.Ginwal the DG's nominee reminded that all the research activities of ICFRE are to be on programme modes. Comprehensive exercise has been done to identify thrust areas and a vision document has also been made and hence new proposals proposed should be in line with the identified themes.

This was followed by presentation of new project proposals by Principal investigators. Ten new proposals in areas of genetic improvement, biotechnology, bioprospecting, application of GIS, entomology and reproductive biology were presented. All the proposals were agreed to in principle with some modifications suggested wherever appropriate.

Three projects for which extension was sought were also presented to the house. Following elaborate discussions, and after ascertaining the need for granting extension, all the three proposals were granted extension within the allotted budget. This was followed by presentations on the ongoing in-house funded projects of IFGTB. Thirty nine ongoing projects were presented. The house suggested improvements as and when felt appropriate for improving the quality of the outputs.

This was followed by the wrap up session, wherein the Director thanked all the members of the RAG for the smooth conduct of the meet.

