

Proceedings of **Symposium on Plant Health Management in North East India** held at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam-793103 Meghalaya on 15-16 January, 2016

Symposium was jointly organized by Zonal chapter, North Eastern Zone, Indian Phytopathological Society and ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya.

Chief guest Dr. M.B. Chetti (ADG, Human Resource Development) during the Inaugural session stressed on climate change aspects which are going to influence plant health and commended the efforts by organizing committee for including very pertinent technical sessions like disease management in organic agriculture and plant diseases and climate change. Dr. J.S. Chauhan (Scientific advisor to Honourable Union Minister of Agriculture) addressed the gathering and emphasized on intensive research inputs required for tackling climate change scenario. Dr. S.V. Ngachan, Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region stressed on soil health aspects in respect to influence of soil microbes on plant health and urged the gathering for developing a holistic approach of tackling plant diseases. Dr. R. Bhagawati, Joint Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Basar, Arunachal Pradesh emphasized on modern approaches in detection and diagnosis of plant diseases as well as their management. Dr. L. Daiho, Professor, SASRD, Nagaland University, emphasized on cultural methods which can be used harmlessly for managing some very important diseases in this region. Welcome address was given by organizing secretary, Dr. Pankaj Baiswar and vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Satish Chandra, HOD, Plant Protection, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region.

Total thirty nine abstracts were received (Fifteen oral and twenty four poster presentations). Poster and oral presentations were attended by several participants during the sessions. Sessions were chaired by Dr. SV Ngachan, Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Zonal President, IPS, North Eastern Zone and Organizing Chairman of the Symposium), Dr. R. Bhagawati, Joint Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Basar, Arunachal Pradesh, Dr. L. Daiho (Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, SASRD, Medziphema, Nagaland University), Dr. N. Tiameren Ao (Associate Professor & Head of the Department, Department of Plant Pathology, SASRD, Medziphema, Nagaland University). Very informative lead lectures were also presented by Dr. N. Tiameren Ao, Dr. L. Daiho and Dr. Pranab Dutta (Scientist, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat). Presentations were mainly focused on molecular characterization, nanotechnology, management of pathogens in organic agriculture, mass multiplication and formulations of bioagents and compatibility studies, etc.

Posters and oral presentations were evaluated by Dr. Satish Chandra, Dr. L Daiho and Dr. Pranab Dutta. Best oral presentation award was given to Dr. Amrita Banerjee and Ms. Merilina Marak. Best Poster awards were given to Mr. B. Karmakar, Ms. Sarodee Boruah and Dr. D.M. Firake.

Valedictory session was presided by Dr. Satish Chandra and Dr. L. Daiho. Certificates were distributed for lead lecture presentations, best poster and oral, oral and poster presentations, participation and MJN award contest participation. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Amrita Banerjee.

MJ Narasimhan Merit Academic award nominations for North Eastern Zone (IPS) were done by a committee - Dr. S.V. Ngachan (Chairman), Dr. Satish Chandra (Member) and Dr. N. Tiameren Ao, Associate Professor and HOD, Department of Plant Pathology, SASRD, Nagaland University (Member). Total five participants made the presentations during this session. Ms. Diganggana Talukdar and Ms. Himadri Kaushik were nominated from this zone by the committee.

Souvenir and abstract compilation (Print) was also distributed during the symposium.

A meeting chaired by Dr. SV Ngachan, President North Eastern Zone, Indian Phytopathological Society was also convened in the presence of members and participants. Strengthening this society, efforts for increasing the impact factor of the Journal- Indian Phytopathology, inclusion of proceedings in printed form, inspiring students for quality research and increasing membership of this society were discussed in detail.

Dr. SV Ngachan
Organizing Chairman

Symposium on **Plant Health Management in North East India**, 15-16 January, 2016- Glimpses



Dignitaries on the dais during inaugural function



Chief guest Dr. M.B. Chetti (ADG, Human Resource Development), Lamp lighting the lamp during inaugural function



Dr. J.S. Chauhan (Scientific Advisor to Honourable Union Minister of Agriculture) being welcomed by Dr. S.V. Ngachan, Director, ICAR RC for NEH Region



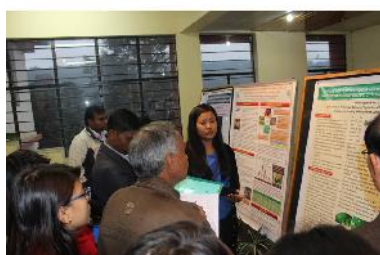
Chief guest Dr. M.B. Chetti (ADG, Human Resource Development) addressing the delegates



Dr. J.S. Chauhan (Scientific Advisor to Honourable Union Minister of Agriculture) addressing



Dr. S.V. Ngachan, Director, ICAR RC for NEH Region & Zonal President (NEZ) Indian Phytopathological Society delivering the Presidential address



Poster session in progress



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Delegates during the symposium



Dr. S.V. Ngachan, Director, ICAR RC for NEH Region & Zonal President (NEZ) Indian Phytopathological Society convening the meeting of North Eastern Zone of Indian Phytopathological Society



MJN merit academic award contestant (North Eastern Zone)



Group photograph during symposium