

Proceedings of the Fifth meeting of the Consortium Implementation Committee meeting for the NAIP sub-project on “Arsenic in Food-Chain: Cause, Effect and Mitigation” under Component 4 held on 13.11.2009 at ARIP Room, Directorate of Research, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Kalyani, Nadia at 10:30 a.m.

Prof. S. K. Sanyal, Director of Research and Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor (Acting), Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya Chaired the meeting

Members present in the meeting

1. Dr. S. K. Sanyal, Director Research & Vice-Chancellor (Acting), BCKV
2. Dr. S. K. Samanta, Joint Director of Research, BCKV
3. Prof. S. sarkar, CPI, BCKV,
4. Prof. T. K. Mondal, Co-PI, WBUAFS
5. Dr. S. Samanta, CCPI, CIFRI, Barrackpore
6. Dr. A. K. Bera, CCPI, IVRI
7. Dr. (Mrs.) N. Ghosh, Co-PI, DNGMRF
8. R. N. Guha Majumder, Co-PI, DNGMRF
9. Mr. S. B. Mitra, FCAAO, DNGMRF
10. Dr. D. Mazumdar, Co-PI, BCKV
11. Dr. S. C. Kole, Co-PI, BCKV
12. Dr. C. K. Kundu, Co-PI, BCKV
13. Dr. K. Bhattacharyya, Co-PI, BCKV
14. Dr. S. Bhattacharyya, Co-PI, BCKV
14. Mr. M. Rahaman, OA, BCKV
15. Mr. Shyamal Kumar Chowdhury, Assistant Comptroller, BCKV

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The meeting started with the welcome address by Dr. S. K. Samanta, Joint Director of Research, BCKV. In his deliberation, Dr. Samanta has suggested for exploring possibilities of encouraging floriculture in arsenic endemic areas.

Prof. S. Sarkar, CPI has made the presentation of the technical programme of the project for the coming six months (up to March, 2010).

Dr. K. Bhattacharyya, Co-PI, BCKV has made a presentation relating to the status of fund available with the Consortium at September, 2009 and the requirement of fund beyond the sanctioned budget as well.

Dr. D. Mazumdar, Co-PI, BCKV has placed a detailed report relating to the operations and possibilities of the Consortium Website.

Prof. S. K. Sanyal, Director of Research & Vice-Chancellor (Acting), in his brief remarks, emphasized on up keeping coordination among Consortium partners. He also initiated a thorough discussion about the technical programme of the project and contributed meaningfully in fine-tuning the mandate.

IVRI, Kolkata has placed a proposal for inclusion of Dr. S. Bandyopadhyay, Sr. Scientist as Co-PI replacing Dr. S. K. Das, Ex-Principal Scientist, I/C, ERS, IVRI, Kolkata, retired on March 31, 2009.

The meeting has been concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. T. K. Mondal, Co-PI, WBUAFS.

Resolutions and recommendations

The proposed technical programme has been largely accepted with proposals of minor modifications, subject to detailed discussion and approval of the CAC

CIC has taken up the suggestion for trying floriculture in endemic region

The proposed mandate under objective- 3 (To characterize the path of arsenic in food chain along with mitigation options.) will be fine tuned by Dr. K. Bhattacharyya, BCKV and Dr. D. Mukhopadhyay, UBKV in consultation with Prof. S. K. Sanyal, Director of Research and Co-PI

The CIC has fully agreed to the demand of the Consortium for additional fund for successful implementation of the programme and unanimously resolved to put up the issue of utilizing the fund left with the Consortium, to the CAC, for consideration and onward transmission to PIU-NAIP for necessary approval.

The CIC has accepted the proposal, raised by IVRI, Kolkata, for inclusion of Dr. S. Bandyopadhyay, Sr. Scientist as Co-PI replacing Dr. S. K. Das, Ex-Principal Scientist, I/C, ERS, IVRI, Kolkata, retired on March 31, 2009