

Third Consortium Implementation Committee (CIC) meeting (NAIP-04) held at Meeting Room, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Mohanpur on 20.10.2008 Consortium Leader, Vice-Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya Chaired the meeting.

There present were

- 1) Dr. R.K.Samanta, Vice Chancellor, BCKV and Consortium Leader
- 2) Prof. S. K. Sanyal, Director of Research & Co-PI, BCKV, Kalyani, Nadia
- 3) Prof. S. Sarkar, CPI, BCKV, Mohanpur, Nadia
- 4) Mr. S.N.Mukherjee, Comptroller in Charge, BCKV
- 5) Prof. S. Sarkar, CCPI, WBUAFS, Belgachia, Kolkata
- 6) Prof. T. K. Mandal, Co-PI, WBUAFS, Belgachia, Kolkata
- 7) Dr. A. K. Bera, CCPI, IVRI (ERS), Belgachia, Kolkata
- 8) Dr. S. Samanta, CCPI, CIFRI, Barrackpore, 24 Parganas (N)
- 9) Dr. D. Mukherjee, CCPI, UBKV, Pundibari, Cooch Behar
- 10) Dr. N. Ghosh, Co-PI, DNGMRF, Kolkata
- 11) Dr. S. Bhattacharya, Co-PI, BCKV, Kalyani, Nadia
- 12) Dr. K. Bhattacharyya, Co-PI, BCKV, Kalyani, Nadia
- 13) Dr. C. K. Kundu, Co-PI, BCKV, Kalyani, Nadia
- 14) Dr. D. Mazumder, Co-PI, BCKV, Kalyani, Nadia
- 15) Shri A. Sarkar, Comptroller, BCKV, Mohanpur, Nadia

Professor S. Sarkar, CPI, NAIP (Component 4) welcomes all the participants and requested Professor S. K. Sanyal, Director of Research, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya to introduce the theme of the research programme under NAIP.

Professor S. K. Sanyal has also made a warm welcome to all the participants and made a special mention about the presence of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya who is also the Consortium Leader of the project, despite his very busy schedule. Prof. Sanyal narrated a brief history of working in the field of arsenic and the contribution that Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya has made in last one decade. He also emphasized the necessity of sustained research activities for investigations of arsenic contamination to human through food-chain and the present scenario of global concern in this issue. Prof. Sanyal also mentioned about the genesis of the consortium and formulation of the present research programme to fulfill the prerogatives of a wholesome study to characterize the overriding problem from the viewpoints of agriculturist, animal scientist, fishery experts and medical experts in an end-to-end approach. Prof. Sanyal concluded thanking everybody.

Dr. Ranajit Samanta, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya and Consortium Leader, NAIP-04 made a warm welcome to all participants and conferred 'BIJOYA' greetings to every body. The Vice-Chancellor categorically mentioned the importance of the project and the expectations build-up at World Bank and ICAR Levels for the Project. He also shared his experience at ICAR Regional Committee Meeting where the Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Dr. Mangala Rai made special mention of the project, with all the participants. The Vice-Chancellor also mentioned the importance of the project and the expectations build-up at World Bank and ICAR Levels for the project. He also shared his experience at ICAR Regional Committee meeting where the DG, ICAR Dr. Mangala Rai made special mention of the project, with all the participants. The Vice-Chancellor also mentioned the uniqueness of the project and explained that the project is not merely a research project, but it is an attempt to provide solution to a serious problem.

The Vice-Chancellor expressed his satisfaction about the contribution of Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya in identification of the problem and conferred a kind of appreciation and recognition at national level. He also advised the consortium scientists to work hard to tryout a solution to the problem. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor assured everybody of his co-operation whenever sought for any problem encountered in properly implementing the project.

Dr. S. K. Samanta, CIFRI, mentioned about problems relating to scarcity of appropriate fund and manpower.

(Vice-Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya intervened and proposed to talk to the Director, CIFRI for addition manpower from the Institute itself)

Dr. Bera, IVRI also reported about shortfall of fund

(Vice-Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya expressed surprise why fund is short)

(CPI, explained)

Prof. T. K. Mondal, WBUAFS talked about their inconvenience to take over the entire workload (Mandated programmes) with a substantial curtailment of sanctioned fund.

Mr. Mitra, DNGMRF instead of the assurance from PIU-NAIP about availability of fund and CAC recommendation of reallocation of funds, still DNGMRF is sufficient of fund constraints, even the less the programme is being duly implemented.

Dr. Arup Sarkar, UBKV reported allow shortage of manpower, constraints of access to the experimental area (360 km away from Headquarter), particularly during floost in last year.

(CPI disagreed with the reporting of UBKV about shortage of manpower)

Prof. Sanyal suggested accommodating University Research Scholars in the Project Programmes.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks given by Dr. D. N. Guhamazumder, CCPI, DNGMRF.