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## Workshops, Conferences, Meetings, Seminars and Annual Day Organized

Workshop of “Broad Subject Matter Areas” (BSMA) Committee on Statistical Science to discuss curricula and syllabi for Statistical Sciences at the Institute on 28 May 2008. Participants were from various ICAR



A view of Workshop on 'Broad Subject Matter Areas'

Institutes and State Agricultural Universities. Dr. VK Gupta, National Professor, ICAR and Chairman, BSMA Committee presented the objectives of the workshop. Two meetings of BSMA committee were also organized on April 28, 2008 and May 26-27, 2008 before the workshop.

A two days workshop on “Forecasting Future Technological Needs for Rice in India” under NAIP Project V-PAGE: Sub programme II – Technology Forecasting in collaboration with Central Rice Research Institute (CRR), Cuttack during July 28-29, 2008. Prof. M.P. Pandey, Director CRR, Cuttack welcomed the participants and outlined the purpose and importance of the workshop. This was followed by comments by Dr. S.D. Sharma, Director, IASRI, New Delhi; Dr. Viraktamath, Project Director, Directorate of Rice Research (DRR), Hyderabad and Dr. (Mrs.) Krishna Srinath, Director, National Research Centre on Women in Agriculture (NRCWA), Bhubaneswar and Prof. S.C. Mani, Eminent Rice Breeder, GBPUAT, Pantnagar.

Dr. Ranjana Agrawal presented the overview & objectives of the workshop and questionnaire for forecasting future technological needs for rice. Detailed presentations were made on various issues related to rice cultivation by speakers from CRRRI, DRR, IASRI, NAARM and NRCWA.

A one day workshop on “A sensitization workshop on content management for eLearning systems using MOODLE” on 30 January 2009 at IASRI, New Delhi as a part of one of the objectives of the Institute project “An eLearning Solution for Agricultural Education” for the course instructors/ faculty members of the PG School, IARI under the disciplines of Agricultural Statistics and Computer Applications in Agriculture and also for other scientists of IASRI.

An interactive workshop for all scientist and technical staff of the Institute on “Consortium for e-resources in Agriculture (CeRA) to bring awareness in facilities, features and potential of Portal on 06 January 2009.

### Seminars

Salient outcomes from the completed research projects undertaken in different aspects of Agricultural Statistics and Computer Application were presented in the seminars organized regularly at the Institute. Open seminars were also organized for new research projects proposals. Outline of Research Work (ORW) seminars, Course seminars and Thesis seminars were delivered by the students of M.Sc. and Ph.D., Agricultural Statistics and M.Sc., Computer Application.

During the period under report, a total of 77 seminar talks were delivered. Out of these, 54 were student seminars, 13 by scientists of the Institute and 10 by guest speakers as follows:

1. Sh. Ajesh Averachan and Sh. Sumit Sukmaran, Software Engineer, Focuz Infotech. Office automation software tech focus R-governance on 25 July 2008.
2. Prof. Raj S. Chikara, Visiting Professor, University of Houston, Claire Lake (U.S.A). Modelling and estimation of states variances for designing area face sample surveys on 01 December 2008.
3. Prof. J.N. Srivastava, Professor Emeritus, Colorado University, U.S.A. (i) Some Thoughts in Latin Square Experiments on 02 December 2008; (ii) Two Seminars on “ Some Thoughts in Factorial Experiments” on 23 and 27 January 2009.



A view of Seminar by Dr. J.N. Srivastava

4. Prof. Bikas Kumar Sinha, Professor, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata. Statistical surveillance: Issue models and methods with applications on 26 December 2008.
5. Prof. Ravindra Khattree, Professor of Applied Statistics, Oakland University, Rochester, MI, U.S.A. Anti eigen values and anti eigen vectors in statistics on 27 December 2008.



Dr. Ravindra Khattree receiving the Memento from Director, IASRI

6. Prof. Prem Narain, Former Director, IASRI. Quantative genetics in modern era on 09 January 2009.



Director IASRI presenting the Memento to Dr. Prem Narain

7. Prof. Alope Dey, ISI, Delhi. Some aspects of analysis of block design on 24 January 2009.
8. Dr. Pitam Chandra, Assistant Director General, ICAR. A perspective on expanding frontiers of agricultural statistics on 28 February 2009.



Dr. Pitam Chandra delivering the Seminar Talk on National Science Day

## ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Annual Day of the Institute was celebrated on 2 July 2008. Dr. Nawab Ali, Deputy Director General (Ag. Engg.), ICAR was the Chief Guest of the programme. Dr. A.K. Sikka, Technical Director on behalf of Dr. J.S. Samra, Chief Executive Officer, National Rainfed Area Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, New Delhi delivered the Nehru Memorial Lecture entitled, "Challenges and Opportunities in the Rainfed Agriculture".



A view of Annual Day celebrations of the Institute

Nehru Memorial Gold Medals for the year 2005-07 were awarded to Sh. Sandip Shil, M.Sc. (Computer Application) student and Ms. Yogita Gharde, M.Sc. (Agricultural Statistics) student.

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