

**Proceedings of the Meeting regarding “Intellectual Property Rights Day” on
28th April, 2015**

IPRs have become important parameters influencing trade, and the transfer and exploitation of technology. Under such scenario it has become imperative to understand the different regimes of IPR, its intricacies and the provisions given under Intellectual Property Rights to protect the knowledge and innovations. Agricultural sector in India has huge stake in the development of the country. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is constantly working in the development of productivity of crops, animals and fish to fulfil the country's food requirement. During the course, it has generated many innovative technologies with huge investment which need to be protected and best utilized also. Keeping this in view, **ICAR-DCFR has organized one day workshop on the occasion of “Intellectual Property Rights Day” on 28 April, 2015** to sensitize scientists, researchers and other associated members of R&D sector towards IPR issues and rights provided under the law.

The workshop was organized by the Institute Technology Management Unit (ITMU) under the Chairmanship of Dr. A. K. Singh, Director DCFR, Bhimtal. A total of 70 participants from DCFR, Bhimtal, CITH and NBPGR Regional station, Bhowali, attended the workshop. Dr. R. S. Patiyal, Senior Scientist and Incharge, ITMU welcomed the Director and participants. He explained the purpose and objective of this workshop highlighting the importance of IPR and its various facets in the areas of agriculture and fisheries.

In his opening remarks, Dr. A. K. Singh, Director, DCFR mentioned about the importance of IPR and protection of intellectual property through various means and also highlighted the different elements which provided opportunities for the protection of technologies and its best utilization. He also reiterated about identification and short listing of protectable technologies to be generated by DCFR.

On this occasion series of lectures were also delivered on the fundamentals and emerging issues of IPR. An introductory lecture on “Technology Marketing” was given by Dr. Prem Kumar, Senior Scientist, DCFR. He made aware the participants about the Marketing and commercialization of technologies and different elements involved in technology development, its life cycle and important issues in commercialization. Lecture on “Fundamentals and basics of IPR” was given by Dr. Biju S. Kamalam Scientist, ICAR-DCFR. He explained different provisions under IP regimes for the protection of developed technologies. He also highlighted various indigenous technologies in fisheries which has been patented and also commercialized in India. Dr. S.K. Verma, Principal Scientist and Station Incharge, NBPGR, Regional station, Bhowali, discussed about the “Conservation and Registration of Plant Genetic Resources”. He highlighted the issues of breeders right and farmers; right regarding crop varieties. He also explained about the process and provisions of registration of plant varieties and the agencies involved in the process. Dr. S. Ali, Scientist (SS), ICAR-DCFR, Bhimtal, presented a detail description of “Material Transfer Agreement (MTA)” and guidelines and provisions made in the ICAR Guidelines for Intellectual Property Management and Technology Transfer/ Commercialisation, 2006. An interactive session was also held for open discussion on the emerging issues of IPR. All the participants took part enthusiastically in the discussion and also exchanged their ideas and understanding of

Intellectual property rights. The workshop ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair by Dr. S. Ali, Member Secretary, ITMU, ICAR-DCFR.

