

19 June 2024

Technical Session IV 09.30 – 11.00 hrs

POLICY DELIBERATIONS

Chair : **Dr. T P Rajendran**
Former Asst. Director General (Plant Protection), ICAR, New Delhi

Co- Chair : **Dr. Sachin Suroshe**
Project Coordinator ICAR-AICRP on Honeybees & Pollinators, New Delhi

Agenda

1. Meliponinae breeding and colony production
2. Promotion of Meliponiculture in states for pollination service - Meghalaya, Nagaland, Kerala
3. Processing and marketing of bee products
4. Road map on joint programme for Meliponiculture development
5. FIA proposal for processing & marketing of honey
6. Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) for crop pollination & conservation

Panelists

- **Bee farmers** : Kerala, Meghalaya, Nagaland
- **Meghalaya Farmers' Empowerment Commission**
- **Mr. S.A. John**, Meliponiculturist - Federation of Indigenous Apiculturists
- **Dr. Shashidhar Viraktamath**, former Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Entomology, UAS, Bengaluru
- **Dr. K.S.Premila**, Former Professor & PI , AICRP HB&P KAU
- **Dr. V.S. Amirtha**, Professor & PI, AICRP HB & P, KAU
- **National Pesticide Associations**: CropLife India, Crop Care Federation of India
- **Dr Sachin Suroshe**, General Secretary, Entomological Society of India
- **Mr. Aravind & Manoj**, Marico Ltd.

Tea : 11.00 -11.30 hrs

Valedictory Session 11.30 – 12.30 hrs

Welcome address : **Shri. B. Raveendran Nair**, Joint Secretary, FIA

Overview of the National Conference

Outcome : **Dr. Stephen Devanesan**, FIA - General Secretary

Guest of Honour : **Director, State Horticulture Mission, Kerala**

Felicitation : **Dr. Arthur Jacob**
Former Associate Director of Research, NARP, SR, College of Agriculture, Vellayani

Comments : Stingless bee farmers (Meghalaya, Kerala, Nagaland)

Comments of ICAR-PC : **Dr. Sachin Suroshe**, PC- ICAR-AICRP on HB & P, New Delhi

Comments : **Dr. T P Rajendran**, FIA Patron & Former ADG (PP)

Vote of thanks : **Mr. Biju Sebastian**, Joint Secretary FIA

National Anthem

Lunch : 13.00 hrs

Field visit : 14.00 hrs



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NATIONAL CONCLAVE ON STINGLESS HONEY BEES 2024



**2024 JUNE 18-19
YMCA THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**



Programme

18 June 2024

Inaugural Session 10.00 to 11.30 hrs

- Prayer : **Dr. M. Meera Bai**
Professor of Agronomy, KAU (Retd)
- Chair : **Shri. K.K. Thomas**, President FIA
- Welcome address : **Dr. Stephen Devanesan**
General Secretary, FIA
- About the National
Conclave & Key note: **Dr. T P Rajendran**, Patron FIA
- Inauguration &
Honouring Pioneer
workers in
meliponiculture : **Dr. B. ASHOK IAS**
Agricultural Production Commissioner &
Principal secretary to Government,
Department of Agriculture and
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, KAU
- Guests of honour : **Dr. K. Prathapan**
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, D. Y. Patil Agriculture
and Technical University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra
Dr. Sachin Suroshe
Project Coordinator, ICAR-AICRP on
Honeybees & Pollinators
Dr. Roy Stephen
Dean, Faculty of Agriculture,
College of Agriculture, Vellayani, KAU
Prof. Alex Thomas, President, YMCA
Mr. Saji Nair, Metro Media
- Inaugural address : **Dr. B. ASHOK IAS**
Agricultural Production Commissioner &
Principal secretary to Government,
Department of Agriculture and
Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, KAU
- Vote of Thanks : **Shri. A. Abdul Kalam**, Patron, FIA.
- Tea : 11.30 – 11.45 hrs

Technical Session – I 11.45 – 13.00 hrs

Meliponiculturists (Stingless Bee Farmers) – Scientists Interphase

- Chair : **Dr. Shashidhar Viraktamath**
Former Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Entomology, UAS, Bengaluru

Co-Chair : **Dr. V.V. Belavadi**
Former Emeritus Scientist Department of Entomology,
University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore

Co-Chair : **Dr. Stephen Devanesan**
Former Principal Scientist AICRP on Honey Bees & Pollinators,
College of Agriculture, Vellayani

1. Presentation of FIA bee farmers from Kerala
2. Presentation of bee farmers from Meghalaya
3. Presentation of bee farmers from Nagaland
4. Presentation of bee farmers from other states

Lunch : 13.00 – 14.00 hrs

Technical Session – II 14.00 – 16.30 hrs

Scientific Advances in Indian Meliponiculture

- Chair : **Dr. T P Rajendran**, FIA Patron
- Co-Chair : **Dr. Sachin Suroshe**
Project Co ordinator ICAR-AICRP on Honeybees & Pollinators

Lead papers:

1. Role of Stingless Honey bees in Pollination

Dr. V.V. Belavadi

Former Emeritus Scientist Department of Entomology,
University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore

2. Biodiversity of Indian stingless bees – an overview

Dr. Shashidhar Viraktamath

Department of Entomology, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bangalore

**3. Unlocking Prosperity: Advanced Meliponiculture
Techniques for Agripreneurship**

Dr. Amala Udayakumar

Senior Scientist, National Bureau of Agricultural Resources, Bengaluru

TEA 16.30 : 16.45 hrs

ICAR - AICRP HB&P Centres Bee farmers and scientist interactive discussion

Technical Session – III 16.45 – 18.00 hrs

**Perspectives of GAP to secure Crop Pollinator Service
National Pesticide Industry**

- Chair : **Dr. S Ganesan**, UPL, Mumbai
- Co-Chair : **Dr. Arthur Jacob**, Associate Director of Research, KAU(Retd)

1. Pesticide industry - **Stewardship for pollination of crops**
2. Pesticide industry interaction with Bee farms
Dr. S Ganesan, UPL, Mumbai
Surinder, Crop Life India, New Delhi
Ravi Hegde, Crop Care Federation, New Delhi
Chakradhar Pal, PI Industries Pesticide Manufacturers &
Formulators Association of India, Mumbai
Agri- Chem Federation of India, New Delhi

Dinner : 19.30 hrs