

Appreciation Award to NEIST Scientist

Dr BG Unni, Scientist G received "Appreciation Award- ICCE 2009" for his research paper "Environmental health implication of pollutants from oil drilling site: An epidemiological and biochemical studies" presented at the 4th International Congress of Chemistry and Environment 2009 (ICCE-2009), in association with Ubonrathchathani University and PACCON (The Pure and Applied Chemical International Conference) organized by Chemical Society of Thailand held at Sunne Grand Hotel Ubonrathchathani, Thailand from 21-23 January, 2010.



Dr BG Unni

NEIST Scientist Visited Thailand



Dr BG Unni, Scientist G attended a meeting with Dr (Mrs) Napavarn Noparatnaraporn Director - Agricultural Research Development Agency (Public Organization), Miss

Veerasuda Theeradech, Chief-General, Administrative Division-ARDA and Ms Mullika Kulsiripruck, International Affairs Officer-ARDA, Thailand on 19 January, 2010 at Novotel Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand and proposed for having an MOU with ARDA Thailand and CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat. This programme was in continuation of the development initiated earlier by Dr PG Rao, Director-NEIST during his visit to Thailand. The following points were discussed

- (1) Research Cooperation and Collaboration in the areas of Life sciences, Agricultural sciences and Chemical Sciences.
- (2) Need based training for a short period in the above areas in India and Thailand.
- (3) Fellowships for PhD and PDF programs against the collaborative projects in the above areas funded by ARDA.
- (4) Exchange of Scientists/Professors between the Institutes/ Countries.
- (5) Joint international workshops and Conferences in the relevant areas of both the Institutions.

- (6) To facilitate creation/development of new experimental and research/training facilities through mutual co-operation of CSIR-NEIST, India and ARDA, Thailand through exchange of experts, etc.
- (7) The intellectual property (IPR)/publications/technology know how generated through the collaborative research programmes will be jointly and equally owned by CSIR-NEIST and ARDA, Thailand. The MOU is now under preparation.

Seminar/Workshop/Meeting Attended

Dr PG Rao, Director, NEIST attended the Assessment Committee meeting of NEIST Scientists at RAB, CSIR on 15 January, 2010

Dr BG Unni, Scientist G attended the ICCE-2009 organised by Research Journal of Chemistry and Environment, India and Ubonrathchathani University, Thailand and delivered a lecture "Biochemical and Molecular Characterization of few Phytopathogenic Fungal Strains from Indo-China border and Antifungal activity of Piper betel L. extract towards the strains" on 23 January, 2010

Honours/Recognition

Dr (Mrs) Puja Khare, Scientist

- acted as reviewer for the Journal *Fuel Processing & Technology* (Elsevier publication)
- has been listed as reviewer for the Journal of Hazardous Material (Elsevier publication)

Congrats !

The following members of the staff have been promoted to their next higher grades as per recommendation of their respective Assessment Committees with effective dates shown against them:

Name	Grade to	Effective date of Promotion
1) Mr Probin Baruah	Gr III(7)	01.02.09
2) Mrs A Goswami	Gr III(7)	01.02.09
3) Ms Dilara Begum	Gr III(7)	01.02.09
4) Mr Ananta Sharma	Gr III(7)	01.02.09
5) Mr Gobin Ch Borah	Gr III(7)	01.02.09
6) Mr D Bordoloi	Gr III(7)	01.10.08
7) Mr MG Pathak	Gr III(7)	01.02.09
8) Mr P Baruah	Gr III(7)	01.02.09
9) Dr T Borah	Gr III(6)	07.04.08
10) Mrs Kuin Baruah	Gr III(6)	16.08.08
11) Mr AC Kakoty	Gr III(6)	27.08.08
12) Mr Paresh Saikia	Gr III(6)	08.11.08
13) Mr KC Lekhok	Gr III(6)	15.01.09