

XIV Research Policy Committee of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education being convened on 30th & 31st May 2013.

XIV annual meeting of Research Policy Committee (RPC) is being conducted from 30-31 May 2013 under the chairmanship of Dr. V.K. Bahuguna, Director General, ICFRE. Eminent Foresters, scientists, representatives of forest based industries, prominent NGOs working in the field of forestry, representative of farmers, local bodies and Universities along with internal members consisting of Directors of ICFRE Institutes, Deputy Director Generals forms the core committee of Research Policy.

Dr. P.P. Bhojvaid, welcomed all the Research policy committee members, DG ICFRE in his opening remarks emphasized the need of address the problems of tribal land and livelihood issues. Also he emphasized that ICFRE will work for global level problems of biodiversity and climate change and proper documentation of the data. Linkages are to be established with industries. A book "**Atlas of Wood Decaying Fungi of Central India**" was released in the inaugural session of RPC 2013 meeting by Dr. V.K. Bahuguna, IFS, Hon'ble Director General, ICFRE, Dehradun on 30th of May 2013. This book authored by C.K. Tiwari and colleagues, published by Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur (M.P.) is a comprehensive document enlisting 191 species of fungi with colourful illustrations of their fruiting bodies as well as microscopic taxonomic details taken from the field and critically examined in the laboratory, respectively. These details are handy in identification of specific wood decaying fungi in four states of Central India i.e. M.P., Chhattisgarh, Orissa and Maharashtra.

Research on advance areas like nanotechnology which can enhance the composite wood properties, enhance faster drug delivery and help absorption of nanoparticles by species from mined and degraded sites will also be researched upon.

ICFRE has identified four Research Thrust Areas for research steered by 4 National Project Directors. The Directors and Group Coordinators and Scientists of nine institutes of the council namely Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, Himalayan Research Institute, Shimla, Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur, Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur, Rain Forest Research Institute Jorhat, Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore, Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree breeding Coimbatore and Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi, Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad participated in the discussions.

Eminent scientists, foresters and NGOs like Dr. Anil Joshi from HESCO, Dr. S.K. Singh, CCF, Haldwani, Dr. A.R. Nautiyal, HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar, Dr. S.P. Singh, (Formerly Vice-Chancellor, HNB Garhwal University), Dehradun, Dr. O.P. Chaturvedi, Central Soil & Water Conservation Research & Training Institute, (ICAR), Dehradun attended the meeting. The meeting was arranged by Research Planning Division, Directorate of Research, ICFRE.