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# Wish You A Happy New Year

# **MEETINGS / IMPORTANT EVENTS HELD**

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ORGANIC FARMING ORGANISED

"National Conference on Organic Farming in Horticultural Crops with Special Reference to Plantation Crops" was held at Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasaragod from 15-18th October, 2008 under the auspices of Indian Society of Plantation Crops, Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasaragod and the Association for the Improvement in Production and Utilization of Banana (NRC Banana), Trichy. The advancement made in organic horticulture was dealt under nine technical sessions viz. 1) Current status of organic farming: National and International Scenario, 2) Current status of organic farming in different states, 3) Technological advancement in organic horticulture, 4) Organic farming in medicinal and aromatic crops, 5) Input management through organic recycling and biofertilizers, 6) Soil health management, 7) Plant health management, 8)



Dr. K.V.A. Bavappa inaugurating the conference

Standards, certification, marketing and export, and 9) Interface with farmers and NGOs.

The papers presented revealed the advancements made in development of package of practices for



Dr. H.P. Singh, DDG (Hort.), ICAR addressing during the valedictory session

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organic cultivation of a number of horticultural crops including coconut, cashew, spices, fruit crops, vegetables, tuber crops and aromatic plants. Vermicomposting technology provided further dimensions in recycling waste biomass of different crops to enable *in situ* generation of organic manure. Vermiwash application proved to be effective to bring about quality improvement in a number of vegetables. The interface with NGOs and farmers served as a forum for discussion of success stories of farmers practicing organic farming in different states. The future strategies for accelerating research and development in organic horticulture were formulated in the plenary session.

The conference was inaugurated by Dr. K.V.A. Bavappa, former Director, CPCRI and FAO Consultant. Dr. P. Rethinam, Former Executive Director, Asia and Pacific Coconut Community presided over the function. Mr. K.R. Viswambaran, IAS, Vice Chancellor, Kerala Agricultural University, Dr. G.K. Veeresh, former Vice Chancellor University of Agriculture Sciences, Bangalore and Dr. M.K. Nair, Former Director, CPCRI also spoke in the inaugural function. Dr. H.P. Singh, Deputy Director General (Hort.), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi in his valedictory address stressed the

need for concerted efforts to address various issues related to production, processing, marketing and export so that there would be accelerated growth of organic horticulture. He emphasized that selection of appropriate crops with high potential for organic farming is necessary for increasing export. Research efforts are to be undertaken to evaluate the specific advantages of organic farming in terms of qualitative differences of produce, long term soil fertility, economic viability and higher returns. More efforts are needed to create awareness among the farmers to encourage the adoption of organic concept of farming. Delineation of specific zones having ideal conditions for development of sustainable organic production systems has to be undertaken. Dr. George V. Thomas, Director, Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasaragod and the organizing secretary of the Conference presented the recommendations emerged during the Conference.

An exhibition on organic farming and a field visit to organic farms were also arranged as a part of the conference. About 200 delegates from different parts of the country including scientists from ICAR Institutes, SAUs, officers of commodity boards, certification agencies, NGOs and successful organic farmers attended the conference.

# RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Hybrid evaluation trials at Minicoy**

In the hybrid evaluation trial planted in 1990, Laccadive Ordinary Tall x Laccadive Green Dwarf (LCT X LGD) recorded highest average yield of 191 nuts/palm/year (10 years mean). In terms of copra out turn, three hybrids, *viz.*, LCT x LGD, LYD x LCT and LYD x LCT were better with 21.18 to 21.28 kg/palm than other hybrids.

Hybrid	Mean nut yieldper ha. (/palm/year)	Copra (grams/nut)	Copra (tonnes/ ha)
LGD X LCT	123 с	172.2 a	3.707 a
LOD X LCT	107 с	169 a	3.164 b
LYD X LCT	121 c	180 a	3.815 a
LCT X LGD	191 a	111 b	3.724 a
LCT X LOD	157 b	122 b	3.340 bc
LCT X LYD	148 b	137 b	3.535 с
SEm ±	12.5	13	0.113
CD 5%	25	26	0.226

The figures followed by same alphabet are statistically at par.

# Molecular marker based characterization of six coconut ecotypes from Southern Kerala

Simple sequence repeat (SSR) analysis was conducted to study the pattern of diversity in 90 selected coconut palms representing six coconut ecotypes (Evoor Green Tall, Evoor Brown Tall, Evoor Brick Red Tall, Jappanan, Green Dwarf and Orange Dwarfs) from three coconut communities *viz.*, Pathiyoor, Devikulangara (Alappuzha District) and Thodiyoor (Kollam District). A total of 61 alleles were detected with an average of 4.35 alleles per SSR locus. The heterozygosity was much high in tall ecotypes (0.387-0.452) compared to the dwarf ecotypes (0.038-0.041). The overall degree of genetic differentiation was high (0.471) indicating a high level of genetic variation among the populations. Genetic similarity was calculated using UPGMA

clustering analysis. Two major clusters were noticed, with tall and dwarf ecotypes clustering separately. Among the talls, 'Jappanan' clustered with 'Evoor Green Tall'.

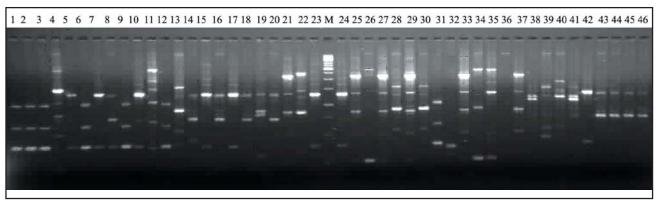
# RAPD analysis of coconut rhizospheric potassium solubilizing bacteria

A total of 46 bacterial isolates showing potassium solubilizing potential were taken up for RAPD analysis. Out of 46 isolates, 17 were isolated from rhizosphere of coconut palms growing in red laterite soil (Manya, Kasaragod) and 29 were isolated from rhizosphere of coconut palms growing in sandy soil (CPCRI Farm, Kasaragod). DNA was isolated from these isolates and RAPD analysis was done. Eight primers of OPA and OPAF series were used for RAPD analysis. All the eight primers exhibited 100% polymorphism. A total of 187 RAPD markers were produced across the 46 bacterial isolates. The isolates showed only 6% similarity amongst themselves.

would like to produce earthworms as a source of protein feed.

# Studies on pest vectors

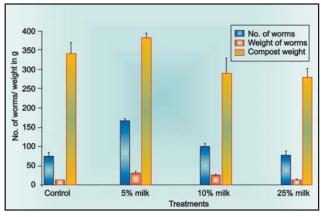
Entomologists from CPCRI, RS, Kayamkulam visited CA Plantations, Cumbum and reported remarkable yellowing of coconut palms on the outer whorls and a few palms with symptoms of root (wilt) disease. Besides the prevalence of erect-winged plant hopper Proutista moesta and lace bug Stephanitis typica observed on younger coconut palms, coconut whitefly, Aleurocanthus arecae, spiralling whitefly, Aleurodicus dispersus and coconut scale, Aspidiotus destructor were also recorded from Cumbum. A. destructor was always associated with lady beetle, Chilocorus nigritus, an effective predator against the pest. Survey conducted at Sullia, Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka and Mavellai, Kannur district, Kerala, insect vectors of coconut root (wilt) disease viz., P. moesta and S. typica were recorded from these



RAPD marker profile of rhizospheric K-solubilizing bacteria from laterite and sandy soils using the primer OPAF 04

# Effect of milk on *Eudrilus* sp. and its vermicomposting efficiency

A 60 day experiment was conducted to study the effect of diluted pasteurized milk (3% fat, 8.5% SNF) on *Eudrilus* sp. and coconut leaf vermicompost production. At the end of the experiment, it was observed that 5% milk addition increased the earthworm numbers and its biomass compared to 10% and 25% milk amended and control (water) treatments. The vermicompost turnover was on par in control and 5% milk amended treatments. Addition of higher concentrations of milk was not beneficial. The results of the study are useful for farmers who



Effect of milk on *Eudrilus* sp. numbers, weight and coconut leaf vermicompost recovery

tracts along with occurrence of coconut root (wilt) disease in limited number of palms. Further, in a survey conducted at Kulasekharam and Colachel areas of Kanyakumari Dist., Tamil Nadu revealed the occurrence of coconut root (wilt) disease and insect vectors.

### **Ball copra production**

A study on ball copra production in selected coconut germplasm was undertaken. The mean ball copra yield per fruit ranged from as high as 288g in the case of Kalpa Pratibha (IND016S) to as low as 92g in the case of MYD. In case of LMT (IND030S) and AYKT (IND073) the ball copra weight was 129g. However, it was observed that all accessions were suitable for ball copra production. Many of the fruits had germinated in storage, while in some accessions though sprouting had not occurred; still the copra had got spoiled due to fungal infection. Hence, the 16 accessions studied could be grouped into three categories: (i) accessions in which the fruits had germinated and also the copra was spoiled; (ii) accessions in which the fruits had not germinated but still the copra was spoiled and (iii) accessions with good quality ball copra. It was observed that only LMT (IND030S) grouped into the third category and is the best suited accession for ball copra production. On the other hand, 10 accessions fell into the first category and the percentage of fruits germinated in storage ranged from 37.5% in FMST (IND0 S) to 6.67% in Kalpa Mitra (IND022S). The second category comprised the remaining five accessions including WCT (IND069S) and AYKT (IND073). Based on the percentage of spoiled nuts, which ranged from 83.33% in the case of Kalpa Pratibha (IND016S) to 0% in the case of LMT (IND030S), it can be concluded that four accessions LMT (IND030S), WCT (IND069S), Kalpa Mitra (IND022S) and AYKT (IND073) are better suited for ball copra production.

Ball copra yield in selected coconut accessions

Accession	Fruit wt. (g)	Ball Copra wt. (g)	% Spoilt nuts	% Germinated nuts
LMT (IND030S)	455	129	0.00	0.00
WCT (IND069S)	536	181	9.09	0.00
Kalpa Mitra (IND022S)	608	186	13.33	6.67
AYKT (IND073)	380	129	22.22	0.00

# Cocoa germplasm

One cocoa hybrid MCB.C.3 x KKM.22 of Malaysian Cocoa Board and 19 collections comprised of Trinidad, Ghana and UK clones were imported from Reading University, UK and the total germplasm holding enhanced to 230.

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# DEPUTATION ABROAD

Name of staff	Designation	To (Place of visit)	Purpose
Dr. Anitha Karun	Sr. Scientist (Hort.)	PCA Zamboanga Research Station Philippines from 11-12-2008 to 15-12-2008	Expert to the Training and Research Workshop on Coconut Embryo Culture.

# TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

#### **KASARAGOD**

Dr. R.V. Nair, Head, Division of Crop Improvement, CPCRI and Dr. P.M. Jacob, Principal Scientist, CPCRI, Regional Station, Kayamkulam visited CPCRI, Regional Station, Minicoy (Union Territory of Lakshadweep) to assess the performance of six hybrid combinations involving Laccadive Ordinary Tall and three locally available dwarfs (Green, Orange and Yellow). During the visit they also met Mr. P.M. Mullakoya, Director of Agriculture, Union Territory of Lakshadweep at Kavaratti on 15.11.2008 and held discussions regarding the possibility of release of best coconut hybrids.

Dr. Anitha Karun delivered a class on "Hi-Tech Horticulture" on 19.11.2008 in connection with a 21 days training programme held at CIAH, Bikaner. Dr. M.K. Rajesh delivered two classes on "Simple Sequence Repeats" and "Single Nucleotide Polymorphism" on 18.12.2008 in connection with a training programme on "*In silico* analysis and annotation of ESTs" organized by the Bioinformatics Centre, IISR, Calicut from 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

#### Participation in workshops/training

Dr. C. Thamban, Sr. Scientist (Agrl. Extension) participated in the workshop on Leadership for innovation in agriculture at MANAGE, Hyderabad during 17-21 November. He has also attended the participatory learning workshop on coconut farming organized by Kerala Institute for Local Administration (KILA) at Perambra on 30-10-2008.

#### Training programme for extension personnel

The training programme for extension personnel sponsored by State Horticulture Mission-Kerala on

"Horticultural crops for multiple cropping in coconut garden – Importance of integrating innovations and focusing on stakeholder participation" was conducted at CPCRI, Kasaragod during 18-24 November 2008. Officers from Kannur and Kasaragod Districts attended the training programme.

# Special training programme

A special training programme on 'Sustainable coconut production technologies' was conducted on 30.12.2008 for the selected 50 farmers from Alanthatta watershed area under the Western Ghat Development Programme (WGDP) in Kayyur-Cheemeni gramapanchayat.

A special training programme on 'Preparation of Coconut Chips and SBTN' was organized on 31-12-2008 in which entrepreneurs from Kasaragod, Kannur, Malappuram, and Ernakulam Districts participated.

#### **ATIC** activities

Technology inputs and products including planting materials, farm products, farm literature and CD ROMs worth Rs. 95,056/- were sold through ATIC. A total of 1618 visitors including farmers, extension personnel and students made use of ATIC facilities during the quarter October to December 2008.

#### Radio programmes

Dr. C. Thamban, Sr. Scientist delivered a radio talk on 'Drip irrigation for coconut' which was broadcast by All India Radio, Kannur on 06-12-2008.



Participants of special training programme on 'Sustainable coconut production technologies'



Special training programme on 'Preparation of coconut chips and SBTN'

He had also participated in the Phone-inprogrammes which were broadcast by All India Radio, Kannur as per the details bellow:

Topic	Date
Rat control in coconut	07-10-2008
Management of barren nut formation in coconut	20-10-2008
Control of stem bleeding disease of coconut	12-11-2008
High yielding varieties and dwarf hybrids of arecanut	10-12-2008
Mother palm selection and seednut collection in arecanut	10-12-2008
Management of young arecanut palms	17-12-2008
Control of bud rot in coconut	17-12-2008

#### **Television programmes**

An interface programme on coconut farming entitled "Nalikerathinte nattil" involving 150 personnel including selected coconut farmers, entrepreneurs, extension personnel and scientists was organized in collaboration with Doordarshan Kendra, Thiruvananthapuram on 25-11-2008 at



Mr. P. Karunakaran, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Kasaragod inaugurating the interface programme on coconut farming entitled "Nalikerathinte nattil"

CPCRI, Kasaragod. Mr. P. Karunakaran, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Kasaragod inaugurated the programme. The interface programme on coconut farming is scheduled for telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Thiruvananthapuram in six episodes from 26-12-2008 to 30-1-2009.

#### **KAYAMKULAM**

#### **Exhibitions**

CPCRI RS, Kayamkulam has participated in an exhibition organized by Kerala State Department of Agriculture and Onattukara Vikasana Agency at Kayamkulam during 7-8 November, 2008. Also participated in Farm Fest – 2008 organized by AIR and Chaithaya Pastoral Centre at Kottayam during 28-30 November, 2008.

# **Training Programmes**

Dr. N. Srinivasan, Principal Scientist (Plant Pathology) had trained 60 persons from southern districts of Kerala who were engaged by Coconut Development Board, Kochi, for the purpose of undertaking quick survey and assess the status of root (wilt) disease in disease endemic (southern) districts of Kerala state on "Identification of coconut root (wilt) disease" on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

Dr. Regi Jacob Thomas, Sr. Scientist conducted a one day training programme for 35 Officials (Agricultural Officers and Agricultural Assistants) of Department of Agriculture on "Hybridization techniques in coconut" covering aspects like Coconut Seed Garden Development, Mother palm selection, Pollination and Hybridization, Selection of seed nuts and Nursery management in coconut at Hotel Pearl Residency, Trichur on 01-12-2008.

He also conducted another one day training programme for 40 staff (including Asst. Director, Agricultural Officers, Agricultural Assistants and Pollinators) of Seed Garden Complex, Munderi, Malappuram District on "Hybridization techniques in coconut" covering aspects like Seed Garden Development, Pollination and Hybridization and Nursery Management in coconut at Seed Garden Complex, Munderi, Malappuram on 12-12-2008.

Dr. Chandrika Mohan, Senior Scientist conducted a three day training programme on "Parasite

breeding and biocontrol of coconut pests". A total of 15 officials of Department of Agriculture, Kerala attended the programme at CPCRI(RS) Kayamkualm during 23-25 October 2008. She also had organized a seven-day training programme on "Recent advances in crop protection of coconut" during 18-24 November 2008 at CPCRI (RS) Kayamkulam. Eleven participants from various states of the country attended the programme.

Dr. P. Muralidharan handled a training session on "Soil and water conservation measures and water harvesting techniques for increasing productivity" for selected farmers and people's representatives at Bedadka panchayath, Kasaragod district on 31-10-2008. He had delivered a lecture on "Nutritional deficiency disorders in coconut" for the participants of the National Level training programme on "Recent advances in crop protection of coconut" held at CPCRI, Kayamkulam on 24-11-2008. He had also handled a session on "Watershed management for sustainable production" in a trainer's training programme for Officers of Agrl. and soil conservation depts., and NGO and people's representatives conducted at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pattambi, Palakkad district on 12-12-2008.

## **Farmers**

- One day training was given to 47 farmers in two batches under the CDB coconut clusters of Bharanickavu Panchayat on Scientific Management of Coconut on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of December, 2008.
- 2. A batch of 32 farmers from AHADS, Attappady was given one day training on recent advances in coconut cultivation on 11-12-08.

#### Students and teachers:

- 1. A batch of 11 graduate students along with two teachers from Karunagappally were oriented to the Institute activities and achievements.
- Four batches of 152 VHSE students, five batches of 302 HSS / HS students, eight batches of 514 UP / LP students along with 86 teachers were oriented to Institute activities.

# **VITTAL**

Dr. Ravi Bhat, Sr. Scientist (Agron.) attended the following programmes:

- Workshop on Cocoa and farmers training at Idkidu on 03-10-2008 sponsored by Idkidu Service Co-opeartive Bank, Amrita Sinchana Farmers Service Group and CAMPCO Ltd. Mangalore.
- Cocoa seminar and training to farmers at Puttur on 31-10-2008 sponsored by Horticulture Department.
- Agriculture seminar on 01-11-2008 at Nirchal, Kasaragod on the eve of Golden Jubilee Celebraion of the Kasaragod Agriculturists' Cooperative Marketing Society, Nirchal, Kasaragod.
- Puttur Taluk Agriculture Awareness Workshop at Bellippady, Puttur on 21-12-2008 organized by Dharmasthala Rural Development Project.

### **MINICOY**

Dr. V. Arunachalam, Senior Scientist CPCRI, Regional Station, Minicoy participated in kitchen gardening / vegetable cultivation training programmes organized by Syndicate Bank during 15-11-2008 at Aoumagu village and on 19-12-2008 at Bada Village. Mrs. Amina Alibebege, Chairperson, Village Dweep Panchayat, Mincoy, Mr. Ibrahim Koduge, Plant Protection Officier, Dept of Agriculture and Mr K.V. Atmadas, Branch Manager, Syndicate Bank and villagers attended the programmes.

#### **MOHITNAGAR**

Two on-campus and two off-campus training programmes were arranged in and around Jalpaiguri and Dakshina Dinajpur districts on different aspects of plantation crops and plantation based mixed cropping for about 130 farmers.

Dr. Gobinda Ch Acharya, Sr. Scientist delivered a lecture on "Integration of black pepper in arecanut based farming system" on 29th November in the ICAR sponsored winter school on "Recent advances in rainfed horticulture based farming systems in plateau and hilly region" at HARP, Ranchi.

# **KAHIKUCHI**

Three 'On Campus' and two "Off Campus" training to the farmers and extension workers were conducted.

Training on arecanut & coconut based cropping system and vermicompost technology was conducted on 29-10-2008 in the Centre. Another



Participants of the National training programme on "Recent advances in crop protection of coconut " with the resource persons



Training programme on"Parasite breeding and biocontrol of coconut pests"



Saudi Arabian delegates in CPCRI (RS) Kayangulam farm

training on scientific production technology of arecanut, coconut, black pepper and other related crops, arecanut based HDMSCS and vermicompost technology was conducted on 10-11-2008. Third training on scientific production technology



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Training programme at Bada Village

practices of arecanut, coconut, black pepper and other related crops, arecanut based HDMSCS and vermicompost technology was conducted on 28-11-2008. A total of 103 participants attended these trainings.

Two off campus trainings were also conducted on the above topic. A total of 110 participants attended these trainings.

### **KVK, KASARAGOD**

**Training:** KVK at Kasaragod organised a total of 13 training programmes and trained 465 participants (Men 199 and Women 266 which includes 23 SC/ST) comprising farmers, farm women, members of women self help groups, rural youth and extension personnel.

KVK faculty had undertaken 196 extension activities and interacted with 1087 farmers and 58 extension personnel on various aspects of agriculture and allied sectors and suggested suitable technologies and clarified farmers' doubts in their farming situation.

## Radio and Doordarshan programme

Mr. R. Sanal Kumar SMS (Plant Pathology) attended phone in programmes on 'Pest and disease management in mango trees' and 'Cultivation of tissue culture banana' in Jalakam programme of AIR Kannur broadcasted on 03-10-08 and 12-11-2008, respectively.

Mr. R. Sanal Kumar SMS (Plant Pathology) attended a radio talk on 'Management of stem bleeding disease in coconut' broadcasted in Kissan Vani programme of AIR Kannur on 18-12-2008.

Dr. Neelofar Illiaskutty SMS (Home Science) attended live programme in 'Kootukari programme' telecasted from Dordarshan Kendra Thiruvananthapuram on 18-11-08.

## **KVK, ALLEPPEY**

### **Training programmes / Seminars**

KVK Alleppey has conducted 15 on campus trainings, 14 off campus and 5 sponsored trainings during this quarter. In these trainings, a total of 364 male and 570 female participated.

Training type	No. of Trgs.	Men	Women	Total
On Campus	15	140	192	332
Off Campus	14	175	280	455
Sponsored	5	49	98	147
Total	34	364	570	934

#### Vocational trainings

A two months duration vocational training programme on "Broiler farming" as livelihood vocation for educated rural youths was organised during October, 2008 in which 13 participants attended.

# **Training for VHSE students**

On the Job Training programmes were conducted for seven batches of Vocational higher secondary students from various schools of Alappuzha district in which 579 students participated.

**Seminar** on "Importance of agriculture in School campus" was conducted in November in which 200 students attended.

**Agri – Quiz** programme sponsored by All India Radio in connection with Farmfest was conducted by KVK.

## **External funded programmes**

Ten days training programme on 'Fresh water fish culture' sponsored by National Fisheries development Board (NFDB) during Oct 2008 in which 32 farmers participated. They were exposed to the theory and









Off campus and on campus training programmes conducted by KVK Kasaragod

practical sessions on pond management and maintenance, aquaculture practices, food and feeding, acqua farm management, health management in aquaculture and harvesting, fresh water prawn culture and post harvesting/marketing and economics along with field visits.

## **Sponsored training**

**Screw Pine products** -39 women participants were trained in this programme which was sponsored by Oachira block. Practical session in making bag, carpet , purse and various other products were organised by screw pine.

# The following frontline demonstrations (FLD) were conducted during the period

- **♦** Demonstration of Krishnashree amaranthus
- ◆ Demonstration of Sheath blight management in paddy using *Pseudomonas fluorescens*
- ◆ Demonstration on Cultivation of high yielding cassava variety Sreejaya
- **♦** Demonstration of Stingless bee
- **◆** Demonstration on cultivation of saline tolerant rice variety

◆ Demonstration on Drought management practices in coconut gardens

# The following on farm trials (OFT) were conducted during the period

- ◆ Management of bacterial wilt of Solanaceous vegetables
- ◆ Prophylactic measures for preventing mammary infection in dairy cattle
- **♦** Improving shelf life of coconut vinegar
- ◆ Comparison of different types of coconut climbing machine

## Other Extension activities

During this period the Krishi Vigyan Kendra organised the extension activities as given below:

Extension activities	Number of activities
Agro clinic	108 Nos
Helpline Services	45 Nos
Press Release	6 Nos
Field Visits	34 Nos
Students group visit	5 Nos
Exhibitions	3 Nos

Inputs provided through KVK: Good quality planting materials, vegetable seeds, layer chicks (Gramasree & Kalinga brown), broiler, medicinal plants, mushroom spawn, M.E. trap, etc. were provided through KVK revolving fund activities during the quarter.

# ATMA - Alleppey activities

The KVK participated in the ATMA – BTT meetings of Muthukulam block. The trainings, FLDs and OFTs are being taken up as proposed by ATMA.

# WOMENS' CELL

A visit was arranged to the plot of Dr. Chandrashekhara Chowta, a progressive farmer. The members went round the field to get first hand information on the technologies such as *in situ* water conservation, organic farming, *in situ* vermicomposting, *etc.* adopted by the farmer.

SYMPOSIUM/WORKSHOP	P/SEMINAR/ MEETINGS A	TTENDED
Name of Personnel and Designation	Name of the programme	Place & duration
Dr. George V. Thomas, Director Dr. C.P.R. Nair, Head, Dr. Kasturi Bai, Dr. Chandramohanan, Sri. P. Rajan, Dr. RV Nair, Dr. R. Dhanapal, Principal Scientists, Dr. K. Muralidharan, Dr. C. Thamban, Dr. Chandrika Mohan, Dr. V. Krishna- kumar, Dr. H. P. Maheswarappa, Dr. Murali Gopal, Dr. C. Palaniswami, Dr. D.V.S. Reddy, Dr. P. Subramanian and Dr. Regi Jacob Thomas, Sr. Scientists & Dr. V. Selvamani, Scientist	National Conference on Organic farming in horticultural crops with special reference to plantation crops.	CPCRI, Kasaragod 15-10-2008 to 18-10-2008
Dr. George V. Thomas, Director Dr. S. Arulraj, Project Coordinator (Palms) Dr. K.V. Kasturi Bai, HoD, PB & PHT Dr. K.S. Ananda, Pr. Scientist Dr. K. Muralidharan, Dr. A.C. Mathew, Dr. T. Vidhan Singh, Dr. Ravi Bhat, Dr. H.P. Maheswarappa, Dr. V. Krishna-kumar, Dr. C.T. Jose, Dr. S. Sujatha, Dr. V. Niral, Dr. C. Thamban, Dr. A. B. Jerard, Sr. Scientists Dr. M.K. Rajesh, Dr. C. Jayabose, Scientist (SS)s Smt. E. Radha, Technical Officer	Plantation Crops Symposium XVIII (Placrosym XVIII)	NRC for cashew, Puttur, (D.K) 10-12-2008 to 13-12-2008
Dr. H. P. Maheswarappa, Sr. Scientist (Agronomy)	17 <sup>th</sup> Group meeting of AICRP on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants	College of Horticulture KAU, Vellanikkara Thrissur 15-11-2008 18-11-2008
Dr. George V. Thomas, Director Dr. H. P. Maheswarappa Sr. Scientist Dr. D.V.S. Reddy, Sr. Scientist Dr. Gobinda Ch Acharya, Sr. Scientist	National Seminar on Piperaceae	IISR, Calicut Kozhikode 20-11-2008 to 21-11-2008
Dr. P.M. Jacob, Principal Scientist	Workshop on "Agricultural Development of Kollam District - Problems and Prospects" and presented a theme paper on "Coconut cultivation with special reference to elite coconut seedling production for the root (wilt) affected areas"	Kristu Jyothi Animation Centre, Kottiyam Kollam 21-12-2008

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS					
Name of personnel & Designation	Date of visit/ Place	Purpose			
Mr. Saud A. Aleyyad, Vice Director Gen., Min. of Agriculture,  Mr. Abdulhadi Yaseen Al Abbad, Deputy Manager and Head, Department of Crop Protection,  Mr. Abdullah Al Shagag, Crop Protection Expert,  Mr. Sami Ahmed Al Sarouj, Crop Protection Expert and Mr. Mansour Mohammed Al Baqshy, Crop Protection Expert,  National Date Palm Research Centre,	21-10-2008 to 24-10-2008 CPCRI, RS, Kayamkulam.	An exposure visit to get first hand information on ongoing research programmes under different disciplines at the Station.  IPM for major insect pests of coconut with special emphasis on Red Palm Weevil was explained in detail to the delegates. #			
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Sri. Rajaji Mathew Thomas, MLA, Sri. CK Padmanabhan, MLA and	21-11-2008 CPCRI, RS,	Kerala Assembly Subject Committee-I for studying the problems in coconut sector.			
Sri. Muhammadunni Haji, MLA	Kayamkulam.	g and g and g			
Sri A.K. Upadhyay, Secretary ICAR and Addl. Secretary DARE, New Delhi	22-12-2008 Kasaragod 23-12-2008 CPCRI, RS, Vittal & CPCRI, RC, Kidu	To review the Institute activities			
Dr. V.S. Korikanthimath Director, ICAR Research Complex for Goa	28-12-2008 CPCRI, RC, Mohitnagar	To get aquinted with the ongoing research activities.			
Dr. R.P. Medhi, Director NRC for Orchids Pakyong, Sikkim	CPCRI, RC, Kahikuchi	To review MM - I activities.			

# Saudi Arabian delegation visited India as a part of FAO sponsored programme to acquaint with the latest technologies on the management of red palm weevil. They held discussion with Dr. HP Singh, DDG (Horticulture) at Krish Anusandhan Bhavan, New Delhi, visited IARI, New Delhi, NCIPM, New Delhi, CPCRI Regional Station, Kayangulam, PDBC, Bangalore and ICAR Research Complex for Goa during October 19-31, 2008. Dr. A. Joseph Rajkumar, Sr. Scientist (Entomology) was the programme coordinator for the deligation.

## **AWARD/ HONOURS**

#### **Awards**

The poster entitled "Large scale field validation of biocontrol strategy for management of coconut leaf eating caterpillar *Opisina arenosella* Walker utilizing indigenous parasitoids" presented by Dr. (Mrs.) Chandrikamohan in the *National Conference on Organic farming in Horticultural Crops with special reference to Plantation Crops* held during 15-18 October 2008 at CPCRI, Kasaragod bagged one of the best research paper (poster) awards.

Dr. R.L. Narasimha Swamy Memorial Award was presented to Mrs. Radha, E., Dr. Anitha Karun, Dr. Rajesh, M.K. and Ms. Nancy J. Mariya for the best original paper displayed at the Poster Session of PLACROSYM XVIII held at National Research Centre for Cashew, Puttur, Karnataka from 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> December, 2008.

Dr. S. Elain Apshara, Senior Scientist (Horti.) was conferred with Dr.C.S.Venkataram Memorial Award for the best original research paper entitled 'Comparative studies on elite cocoa progenies in the initial years of growth' co-authored by Vivek R.Bhat and R.V.Nair at the Poster Session of PLACROSYM XVIII.

#### Ph. D. Guides

Dr. H.P. Maheswarappa and Dr. (Mrs.) V. Niral have been recognized as Research guides by Mangalore University in the Department of Applied Botany. Further, Dr. (Mrs.) V. Niral has been recognized as a Research guide by the Kannur University in the Department of Botany.

## **CELEBRATIONS**

#### **KASARAGOD**

New Year Eve was celebrated by the CPCRI Recreation Club on 31-12-2008 from 6:30 PM onwards. Dr. George V. Thomas, Director, CPCRI presided over the function and Chief Guest was Sri Soopy Vanimel, President, Press Club, Kasaragod and Bureau Chief, Madhyamam Daily, Kasaragod. There were variety entertainments programmes in connection with the celebrations.



POST GRADUATE STUDIES/ HRD/ TRAININGS			
Name of personnel & Designation	Programme	Place Duration	
Mr.K.Manikandan, SMS (Agronomy)	5 days training on LAN and WAN technology in connection with e-linkage project of KVKs	TNAU, Coimbatore 09-10-2008 to 13-10-2008	
Dr. Neelofar Illiaskutty, SMS (Home Science)	-do-	19-10-2008 to 23-10-2008	
Dr. M.K. Rajesh Scientist Sr. Scale (Biotechnology)	21-days training on "Innovative approaches for increasing productivity in oilseed crops: A crop improvement perspective" organized by Director of Oil Seeds Research	Hyderabad 4-11-2008 to 24-11-2008	
V. Niral & Dr. S. Elain Apshara Sr. Scientists	Short course on "Germplasm Exchange Policies and Procedures in India" conducted by NBPGR	New Delhi 17-11-2008 to 26-11-2008	
Er. K. Madhavan, Pr. Sci.	Training programme on "Leadership for Innovation in Agriculture" IIM, Lucknow	Lucknow 3-11-2008 to 7-11-2008	
Dr. V. Krishnakuar & Dr. C. Thamban, Sr. Scientists	Workshop on "Leadership for Innovation in Agriculture" at MANAGE,	Hyderabad 17-11-2008 to 21-11-2008	

# OTHER INFORMATION

### **IMC Meeting**

The first meeting of reconstituted Institue Management Committe was held on 27-11-2008 at CPCRI, Kasaragod. Dr. S.N. Pandey, ADG (Hort. I), ICAR, New Delhi was present during the meeting.

# **IJSC Meeting**

The Institute Joint Staff Council meeting was held at CPCRI, RC, Kidu on 24-11-2008. Various

developmental and management issues were discussed and action points evolved for smooth running of the Institute.

# **Public Information Officer Incharge**

Sri. Muralikrishna H. Technical Information Officer has been designated as Public Information Officer in charge during the period in which Sri. T.K.N. Nambiar, AO, PIO is on leave at the institute. Sri A.K. Upadhyay, Secretary ICAR and Addl. Secretary DARE, New Delhi visited CPCRI, Kasaragod on 22-12-2008 to review the Institute activities. He attended staff meeting organised during his visit, visited various laboratories and experimental fields. He has visited CPCRI, RS, Vittal on 23-12-2008 and reviewed activities of the Station. On the same day, he visited CPCRI, RC, Kidu and got acquainted with the activities.



Dr. D. Balasimha, Dr. George V. Thomas, Dr. M.G. Bhat, Shri A.K. Upadhyay and Dr. K.S. Ananda discussing at RS, Vittal

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Name of staff	P R O M From (designation)	O T I O N  To (designation)	Date (w.e.f.)
Sri T.E. Janardhanan	Assistant CPCRI Kasaragod	Asst. Admin. Officer, CPCRI, RS, Vittal	27-10-2008
Sri K.V. Kunhikannan	Assistant CPCRI Kasaragod	Asst. Admin. Officer CPCRI Kasaragod	28-10-2008
Sri Mohammed Haneefa	SS Grade I CPCRI Kasaragod	SS Grade II CPCRI Kasaragod	12-11-2008
Sri T.K. Gangadharan	-do-	-do-	-do-
	TRAN	SFER	
Name of staff	Designation	From (Place)	To (Place)
Dr. M. Gunasekaran	Scientist (SG) Pl. Pathology	CPCRI, Kasaragod	CICR, RS, Coimbatore
Dr. T. Arumuganathan	Scientist SS (AS & PE)	NRC for Mushrooms, Solan, H.P.	CPCRI, Kasaragod
Smt. K. Prabhavathy	Assistant	CPCRI RS Vittal	CPCRI Kasaragod
Dr. Shyam S. Salim	Scientist (SS) Agri. Econ.	CPCRI, Kasaragod	CMFRI, Kochi
	RETEI	RMENT	
Name of staff	Designation	From (Place)	On account of
Sri K. Bhaskaran	SS Grade IV	CPCRI, Kasaragod	Voluntary retirement on 15-10-08
Sri Mukum Paul	SS Grade III	CPCRI, RC, Mohitnagar	Superannuation on 31-10-08
Sri Manglu Paul	SS Grade III	CPCRI, RC, Mohitnagar	Superannuation on 31-10-08
Smt. R.M. Sarasamma	Supporting Staff Gr. I	CPCRI, RS, Kayamkulam	Superannuation on 30-11-08
Smt. K. Khadeeja	Supporting Staff Gr. II	CPCRI, RS, Kayamkulam	Superannuation on 30-11-08
Smt. Gopi	SS Grade III (Mazdoor)	CPCRI, RS, Vittal	Superannuation on 30-11-08
Sri A. Janardhana Naik	UDC	CPCRI, RS, Vittal	Compulsory retirement on 10-12-2008
Sri Arun C. Sarmah	SS Grade IV (Lab. Attender	CPCRI, RC, Kahikuchi	Superannuaton on 31-12-2008
Sri Punaram Das	SS Grade IV (Mazdoor)	CPCRI, RC, Kahikuchi	Superannuaton on 31-12-2008

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