

# CCRI NEWS

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## Visit of Dr. Neil Forrester Cotton Expert from Australia

Dr. Neil Forrester, Cotton Expert from Australia along with Dr. Ahsan Rana, LUMS, Capt (Rtd) Arif Nadeem, former Secretary Agriculture Punjab; Syed Zafaryab Haider, former DG PWQC Punjab; Khawaja Anees from APTMA and Dr. Shafqat Saeed, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, MNSUA Multan visited CCRI Multan. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan briefed about the cotton research and development activities. The delegation also reviewed performance of Mechanical Boll Picker and visited cotton fields and laboratories at the Institute.



## Delegation of Metrological Department

The delegation of Pakistan Meteorological Department along with Mr. Toshihide ENDO, Department Chief; Mr. Ikuya KAKIMOTO, Manager, Mr. Hisao TAKAHASHI from International Meteorological Incorporation, Japan visited CCRI Multan on February 20, 2020. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan briefed about climatic effects on cotton crop. Later the delegation visited meteorological observatory at the Institute.

## Cotton Connect Pakistan Delegation

Mr. Muhammad Abu Bakar, Assistant Manager and Mr. Toheed Ghani Mahesar, Supply Chain Manager, Cotton Connect Pakistan visited CCRI Multan on 20.02.2020 in connection with exploring possibilities about collaborative activities and linkages for betterment of cotton Sector.



### Visit of Scientists from 'Green Age Plant Me Right'

Dr. Syeda Ambar, Consultant, Plant Pathologist, Ms Adeela Hafeez and Mr. Arslan Ali from 'Green Age Plant Me Right', Islamabad visited CCRI Multan on 18.02.2020. Dr. Muhammad Idrees Khan, Head Plant Breeding & Genetics briefed about activities of the Institute. Later the visitors visited fields and labs at the Institute.



### Third Meeting of BCI Project



The third meeting of the collaborating organizations (BCI Pakistan and CCRI Multan) was held at CCRI Multan on 18.02.2020. The meeting was attended by Dr Muhammad Naveed Afzal, Dr Fiaz Ahmed, Provincial Coordinator (Punjab) and Mr. Abdul Wahab Somroo, Provincial Coordinator (Sindh) and Ms Ayesha Siddique, BCI Senior Coordinator. Dr Fiaz Ahmed stated that CCRI Multan will train farmers to produce environment-friendly and economically better cotton through the latest technology in collaboration with the Better Cotton Initiative (BCI). Ms Ayesha Siddique, BCI Senior Coordinator highlighted that there was a dire need to equip the farmers with the latest technology. She further added that it will result in an improved production of cotton which will increase the demand. She maintained that the ways and means would be decided through this meeting for low-cost cotton growth.



### Certificate Distribution

A short ceremony was organized for appreciating the excellent work conducted by various sections and individuals during organizing of the World Cotton Day event on 7th October 2019. Agronomy Section stood first, followed by Entomology Section and thirdly Cytogenetic Section. Later, cash prizes along with certificates were also distributed among individuals for their contributions during the event.

## Visit of Cotton Classers from PCSI, Multan



A group of 30 Classers from Pakistan Cotton Standards Institute (PCSI) Multan led by Mian Muhammad Nasir Ali, Officer Incharge, PCSI Regional Office Multan visited CCRI Multan. The trainees were briefed about various activities carried out by the Institute. Later the participants visited cotton fields, stores and labs at the Institute.



## Training Program for Field Officers of SWRDO, Rajanpur

CCRI Multan organized one-day training program for the 30 field officers from SWRDO, Rajanpur. The trainees were led by Mr. Naveed Jameel, Quality Assurance Officer, SWRDO. Lectures delivered on various aspects of cotton production technology. Later field and lab visit was arranged. Later the participants visited cotton fields, stores and advanced machinery at the Institute.



## Demonstration of Mechanical Boll Picker



Ms. Rabia Sultan, Cotton Grower, Muzafargarh

Farahatullah Khan, Farmer, Mian Channu

## Visit of Students



110 students of 8th semester (Agronomy) from the Department of Agronomy, University of Agriculture Faisalabad along with Dr. Haroon Zaman Khan, Dr. Rana Nadeem Abbas, Dr. Zubair Aslam, Dr. Fahd Rasool visited CCRI Multan. The class visited field, stores and labs of the Institute. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan briefed about cotton research and development activities at the Institute.

## Retirement

The officers and staff hosted a farewell party in honor of Mr Zakirullah Khalidi, Administrative Officer upon his retirement. Dr. Zahid Mahmood, Director CCRI Multan; Mr. Muhammad Arshad, Ex-Vice President PCCC; Mr. Muhammad TanveerJavaid, Ex-Secretary PCCC, Dr. Dil Baugh Muhammad, Ex-Director CCRI Multan; Mr. Fida Hussain, Secretary PCCC and the scientific and administrative staff of PCCC Headquarters and CCRI Multan attended the party.

