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Observance of National Mourning Day 2020

With due solemnity, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council observed *National Mourning Day* on 15th August 2020 marking the 45th death anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, the Executive Chairman, BARC accompanied by the high officials and staffs paid homage to the Father of the Nation by placing wreaths at the statue of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman both in BARC campus and Krishibid Institution. Later, a discussion meeting to commemorate the life and activities of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and a Doa Mahfil were held in BARC conference room.



The Executive Chairman, BARC with his staff placing floral wreaths on 15 August, 2020



BARC Executive Chairman delivering his speech on 15 August, 2020



The National flag being kept half mast on 15 August, 2020

Annual Performance Agreement (APA) Signing Ceremony

A Signing Ceremony on Annual Performance Agreement (APA) between Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) and Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) was held on 29 July 2020 through Zoom platform. Honorable Agriculture Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque MP attended the ceremony. Md. Nasiruzzaman, Honorable Secretary (MoA) from the Ministry of Agriculture and Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman from Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council signed the Annual Performance Agreement (APA). The members of APA expert pool from the Ministry of Agriculture



Signing Ceremony on BARC Annual Performance Agreement (APA) 2020-2021

were also present in the ceremony.

Workshop on Fighting Back Fall Armyworm in Bangladesh with Partnership through Integrated Management

The workshop on *Fighting Back Against Fall Armyworm in Bangladesh with Partnership through Integrated Management* held at BARC on September 22, 2020 was organized by National Task Force Committee. The inaugural session of the workshop was chaired by Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC and Dr. Md Abdur Rouf, Additional Secretary, MoA, Bangladesh was the chief guest. Mr. Kamalaranjan Das, Additional Secretary (Research), MoA, Bangladesh, Dr. Md. Nazirul Islam, Director General, BARI and Mr. Md Asadullah, Director, Field Service Wing were the special guests. A keynote paper titled “Fighting back against Fall armyworm (FAW) response in Bangladesh: partnerships and support to the maize farmers of Bangladesh” was presented by Dr. Timothy J. Krupnik, Country Representative, CIMMYT, Bangladesh. The presentation focused on work undertaken by this Activity in FAW



Launching of Fawligen and Fortenza, a bio-pesticide and low-toxicity seed treatment for FAW

monitoring and integrated pest management, while also highlighting partnerships and USAID and Michigan State University's support.

In the inauguration session, Fawligen and Fortenza, a bio-pesticide and low-toxicity seed treatment for FAW were launched by the chief guest.

The workshop's technical Session was chaired by Dr. Md Abdur Rouf,

Additional Secretary, MoA, Bangladesh and four papers were presented in that session. One from FAO, one from CABI, one from BARI and in the last paper Dr. Syed Nurul Alam, Senior Consultant, CIMMYT showed the future initiatives for FAW monitoring, management and awareness especially during next winter 2020-21 and summer 2021 season. A total of 40 participants attended the workshop.

Annual Review Workshop on Implementation Progress of Work Plan 2019-20 & Future Work Plan 2020-21

A day long Annual Review Workshop on Implementation Progress of Work Plan 2019-20 and Future Work Plan 2020-21

was organized by Planning and Evaluation Division, BARC on 10 August 2020 at BARC auditorium. The objectives of the workshop were to review the progress of approved work plan of FY 2019-20 and the proposed annual workplan in FY 2020-21. The inaugural session was presided over by Dr. Md. Abdus Salam, Member-Director (Planning & Evaluation), BARC. Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC was present as the chief guest of the inaugural session. Two technical sessions were followed by inaugural session where respective scientists of the individual Division/Centre/Unit showed the progress of work plan 2019-20 and presented the proposed Annual Work Plan of FY 2020-21. Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC presided over the



Annual Review Workshop on Implementation Progress of Work Plan 2019-20 and Future Work Plan 2020-21

1st technical session while 2nd technical session was presided over by Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director (Crops), BARC. The Executive Chairman, BARC in his

concluding speech advised all the Heads of the Division/Centre/Unit to revise their work plan according to the recommendations of workshop arranged 10 August, 2020.

Training on Methodology of Farming Systems Research & Development

A three day-long *Training on Methodology of Farming Systems Research and Development* was organized by the Planning and Evaluation Division, BARC & Regional Station, BRRI Satkhira under PBRG Sub-projects Climate Resilient Farming Systems Research and Development for the Coastal Eco-system (Project ID:098) during 12-14 September 2020 with funding from PIU-BARC. Dr. Md. Abdus Salam, Member Director (P&E), BARC and Dr. Kabir Uddin Ahmed, Director (AIC), BARC were course director and coordinator respectively. The overall objective of the training was to increase the capacity development of stakeholder on farming system research and development. Total thirty (30) participants attended the training program. Among them, twenty two



Certificate giving ceremony of Methodology of Farming Systems Development Training Program

(22) scientific assistants from NARS institutes (BARI, BRRI & BINA) and eight (8) sub assistant agriculture officers from DAE. Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC graced the training program as chief guest. Dr. Md. Abdus Salam, Member Director (P&E),

BARC chaired the training program and Md. Harunur Rashid, Director, PIU-BARC NATP-2 was present as special guest in the closing and certificate giving ceremony. Senior Officers from BARI, BRRI, BINA & DAE were also present in the closing and certificate giving ceremony.

Annual Review Workshop on Crop Improvement Program of NARS Institutes

A two day long review workshop on *Crop Improvement Program of NARS Institutes* was held at BARC during 20-21 September, 2020. The objective of the

workshop was to review the research progress 2019-20 and programs 2020-21 of the institutes to avoid duplication of research and to review the proposed research programs in alliance with different vision documents and priority research work. In the inaugural session, Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC was present as chief guest while Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director, Crops Division, BARC chaired the session. Dr. Shah Md. Monir Hossain, Principal Scientific Officer (Crops), BARC welcomed participants and briefed on the recommendations previously made for the NARS institutes. The chief guest of the workshop inaugural session, Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar highlighted the importance on high crop productivity with crop diversity towards food security coupled with nutrition security and market development to meet the demand of the country in respect to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, EC, BARC delivering speech on Crop Improvement as chief guest

Four technical sessions of the workshop covering Varietal Improvement through Conventional Breeding of Cereal Crops (rice, wheat, maize, sorghum, millets etc.), Oilseeds and Pulses, Horticultural Crops (fruits, vegetables, spices, tuber crops etc) and mutation breeding were held during the two day's workshop. The technical sessions were chaired by Dr.

Mohammad Jalal Uddin, Former Executive Chairman, BARC; Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director (Crops), BARC; Professor Dr. Md. Shahidur Rashid Bhuiyan, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University; Dr. Md. Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan, Former DG, BRRI and Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC.

Annual Review Workshop on Crop Production Program of NARS Institutes

A two day long review workshop on Crop Production program of NARS Institute was held at BARC during 23-24 September, 2020. The objective of the workshop was to review the research progress of 2019-20 and the research program of 2020-21 NARS institutes to avoid duplication of research. In the inaugural session Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC was present as chief guest while Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director, Crops Division, BARC chaired the session. Dr. Shah Md. Monir Hossain, Principal Scientific Officer (Crops), BARC welcomed the participants stating the aims and objectives of the workshop with a brief on the previous recommendations.

The chief guest, Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar advised the



Pictorial view of annual review workshop on crop production program

scientists to study the National Agriculture Policy 2018, National Agricultural Extension Policy 2020, Country Investment Plan, 8th Five Year Plan, SDGs and other relevant

policy documents prior to designing the research plan. He also urged them to initiate qualitative research work and introduce advanced production technology and newly developed

saline and drought resistant varieties to face the challenges of climate change. The chair of the inaugural session, Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury emphasized to introduce newly developed oilseed crops varieties.

Five technical sessions of the workshop were chaired by Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque, Former Executive Chairman, BARC; Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director (Crops), BARC; Dr. Abdul Jalil Bhuyan, Former DG, BRRI, Dr. Md.

Rafiqul Islam Mondal, Former DG, BARI and Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC. Scientists of BARI, BRRI, BWMRI, BINA, BJRI, BSRI and CDB attended the workshop.

Annual Review Workshop on Three PBRG Funded FSRD Sub-projects

A three day-long *Annual Review Workshop on three PBRG funded FSRD sub-projects-* (i) *Integrated Farming Research and Development for Livelihood Improvement in the Plain land Eco-system (ID: 061);* (ii) *Improvement of Farm Productivity through Intervention with Improved Agricultural Technologies in Char land Eco-System (ID: 096)* and (iii) *Climate Resilient Farming Systems Research and Development for the Coastal Ecosystem (ID: 098)* was arranged by Planning and Evaluation Division of BARC at the Auditorium of BARC during 25-27 August, 2020.

Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman of BARC blessed the workshop as the chief guest while Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Director, PIU-BARC, NATP Phase-II was present as special guest in the inaugural session. Dr. Md. Abdus Salam, Member Director, Planning & Evaluation Division, BARC chaired the inaugural session. Dr. Kabir Uddin Ahmed, Chief Scientific Officer, P&E Division, BARC, Farmgate, Dhaka delivered welcome speech. Principal Investigators and Co-Principal Investigators of the different components of the projects, BARC personnel, and expert members attended the workshop. The workshop included three technical sessions (i) Integrated Farming Research and



Annual Review Workshop under PBRG, FSRD Sub-projects during 25-27 August, 2020

Development for Livelihood Improvement in the Plain land Eco-system (Project ID: 061); (ii) Improvement of Farm Productivity through Intervention with Improved Agricultural Technologies in Char land Eco-System (Project ID: 096) and (iii) Climate Resilient Farming Systems Research and Development for the Coastal Eco-system. Scientists from BARI, BRRI, BINA, BSRI, BLRI and BFRI (Fisheries) participated the workshop. Dr. Md. Rafiqul Islam Mondal, Former DG, BARI, Gazipur, Dr. Md. Abdul Quayyum, Former CSO and Head, OFRD, BARI, Gazipur and Dr. Shaikh Mohammad. Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC chaired the Technical Session I, II and III

respectively. Dr. Md. Abdul Quayyum, Former CSO and Head, OFRD, BARI, Gazipur; Dr. Md. Hazrat Ali, Former CSO & Head, RFSD, BRRI, Gazipur and Dr. Md. Rafiqul Islam Mondal, Former DG, BARI, Gazipur were present as expert members in the workshop. Respective scientists of six NARS institutes (BARI, BRRI, BINA, BSRI, BLRI & BFRI) presented their research progress in the annual review workshop. The expert members of the review workshop discussed the research programmes and achievements in homestead vegetable production, crop and cropping pattern, livestock production, and fishery production and off-farm activities addressed by the NARS institutes.

Annual Review Workshop on Critical Limit

Annual Review Workshop 2020 of PBRG sub Project on *Determination of Critical Limit of Nutrients for Soils and Crops* was held at BARC. In the

inaugural session of the workshop, Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC attended the workshop as chief guest and Dr.

Md. Harunur Rashid, Director, Project Implementation Unit, NATP-2 as special guest. Dr. Md. Baktear Hossain, Director (Manpower and

Training) and Chief Scientific Officer of Soils (Add.Charge) Unit, BARC and Assoc. Coordinator of the project presided over the inaugural session. A total of 60 scientists including Coordinator and Principal Investigators of the project, senior scientists, university teachers and scientists from different research institutes of the country attended the workshop.

Dr. N. I. Bhuiyan, Former Director General, BIRRI and an eminent soil scientist presided over the technical session of the workshop. Dr. M. S. Islam, Former Director General of BARI, Dr. G. M. Panaullah, Former Director (Research) of BIRRI, Professor Dr. Md. Sirajul Haque (Retired), Department of Soil Water and Environment, Dhaka University, Dr. Md. Abu Saleque, Former CASR, BIRRI and Professor Dr. G.K.M.



Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC delivering speech as chief guest

Mustafizur Rahman of Banggabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University attended the workshop as the expert members. The Principal Investigators of the project from BARI, BIRRI, BINA and BAU presented the progress status of their respective components. A fruitful discussion was made by the expert members.

Annual Review Workshop on Disease Management Program of NARS Institutes

A review workshop on the Disease Management Program of NARS Institutes was held at the auditorium of BARC on 27 September, 2020. The objective of the workshop was to review the progress of 2019-20 and the research program of 2020-21. The inaugural session was chaired by Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member-Director, Crop Division and Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC graced the workshop as chief guest. Dr. Shah Md. Monir Hossain, Principal Scientific Officer (Crops), BARC welcomed the participants and briefed on the recommendations previously made for the NARS institutes.

Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, EC, BARC laid down the importance of the workshop with minimum participating scientists due to COVID-19 outbreak. He urged all the



Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC delivering speech as chief guest

presenters to follow the format provided by BARC while presenting their research progress.

Three technical sessions of the workshop were chaired by Prof. Dr. Ismail Hossain Mian, Dept. of Plant Pathology, BSMRAU; Dr. Md. Aziz

Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director (Crops), BARC and Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC. Scientists of BIRRI, BINA, BJRI, BSRI, CDB presented their research progress.

Annual Review Workshop on Insect Management Program of NARS Institutes

A review workshop on *Insect Management Programs* of NARS institutes was held at the auditorium of BARC on 30 September, 2020. The objective of the workshop was to review the research progress 2019-20 and the research programs 2020-21 of the institutes to avoid duplication of research and to review the proposed research programs in alliance with different vision documents and priority research work. In the inaugural session Dr. Md. Amzad Hossain, Director General, BSRI was present as chief guest while Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member-Director, Crops Division, BARC chaired the session. Dr. Shah Md. Monir Hossain, Principal Scientific Officer (Crops), BARC stated the aims and objectives of the workshop with a brief based on the previous recommendations in his welcome address. The inaugural session was chaired by Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member-Director, Crop Division. Dr. Shaikh Md. Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC



Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC delivering speech as chief guest

was present as chief guest.

Dr. Shaikh Md. Bokhtiar, EC, BARC highlighted on the overall objectives of the National Agriculture Policy 2018 to make the nation self-sufficient in food through increasing production of crops and ensure a sustainable food security system for all. Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, the session chair highlighted that safe food production is demand of all from the view point of national priority.

The technical sessions of the workshop were chaired by Dr. M. Nurul Alam, Former Executive Chairman, BARC, Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member Director (Crops), BARC and Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC. Scientists of BRRI, BINA, BJRI, BSRI, CDB presented their research progress (2019-20) and research programs (2020-2021) on Insect Management Program.

Annual Review Workshop on Organic Amendments Project

Annual Review Workshop 2020 of PBRG sub Project on Improvement of Soil Health and Crop Productivity of Major Problem Soils of Bangladesh through organic amendments was held on 29 September, 2020. In the inaugural session, Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC attended the workshop as chief guest and Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid, Director, Project Implementation Unit, NATP-2 as special guest. Dr. Md. Baktear Hossain, Director (Manpower and Training) and Chief Scientific Officer of Soils Unit,(Add. Charge) BARC and Assoc. Coordinator of the project presided over the inaugural session. A total of 60 scientists including Coordinator and Principal



Executive Charman, BARC, Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar addressing on Organic Amendments Project

Investigators of the project, senior scientists, university teachers and scientists from different research institutes attended the workshop.

Dr. M. S. Islam, Former Director General of BARI and an eminent soil scientist presided over the technical session of the workshop. Dr. N. I.

Bhuiyan, Former Director General, BRRI, Dr. G.M. Panaullah, Former Director (Research) of BRRI,

Professor Dr. A J M Sirajul Karim (Retired), Department of Soil Science BSMRAU, Dr. Md. Abu Saleque,

Former CASR, BRRI and Dr. M.A. Satter, Former MD (A&F) attended the workshop as the expert members.

Annual Review Workshop on Biotechnological Program of NARS Institutes: Research Progress 2019-20 & Research Program 2020-21

A review workshop on the *Biotechnological Program of NARS Institutes* was held at the auditorium of BARC on 30 September, 2020. The objective of the workshop was to review the progress of 2019-20 and the research program of 2020-21. In the inaugural session Dr. Md. Amzad Hossain, Director General, BSRI was present as chief guest while Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, Member-Director, Crops Division, BARC chaired the session. Dr. Shah Md. Monir Hossain, Principal Scientific Officer (Crops), BARC welcomed the participants and stated the aims and objectives of the workshop briefly on the previous recommendations. The chief guest highly appreciated the role of biotechnologists. He emphasized on the requirement of the necessary facilities and skilled manpower to carry out the research activities. Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury, the



Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury MD (Crops) addressing the Workshop as chairperson

session chair stated that biotechnology started with the tissue culture program in Bangladesh and played a vital role to address the food security of the nation.

Three technical sessions of the workshop were chaired by Dr. Md. Amzad Hossain, Director General, BSRI; Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury,

Member Director (Crops), BARC and Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, Executive Chairman, BARC. Scientists/Officers from BRRI, BINA, BJRI, BSRI, CDB, NIB, BSMRAU, ACI and BRAC attended the workshop and presented their research progress (2019-20) and research programs (2020-2021) on Biotechnological Program.

Progress Review Workshop on Adoption of Innovative Technology: Seed to Fattening of Mud Crab (*Scylla olivacea*) and Health Management in Bangladesh Condition

The Second Annual Progress Review Workshop of the PBRG Fisheries sub projects on *Adoption of Innovative Technology: Seed to Fattening of Mud Crab (Scylla olivacea)* and Health Management in Bangladesh Condition was held on 29-30 September 2020 at the Training Building of BARC, Dhaka. The workshop was inaugurated by the Executive Chairman, BARC, Dr. S. M. Bokhtiar as chief guest. Director PIU-NATP, BARC Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid attended the session as special guest. The session was presided over



Executive Charman, BARC, Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar addressing as chief guest

by the Member Director of BARC Dr. Md. Monirul Islam. In their valuable deliberations, the hon'ble guests emphasized the implementation of the recommendations of the previous

review workshops/meetings and proper documentation of research activities. The Chair of the session emphasized to enhance the working level of each sub project for

addressing the created progress gap due to Covid-19 epidemic in the country during the last few months.

Annual Progress Review Workshop on Value Addition and Standardization of Nutritional Level in Selected Food Items from Animal and Plant Origin

The Second Annual Progress Review Workshop of the PBRG *Nutrition titled Value addition and standardization of nutritional level in selected food items from Animal and plant origin* was held on 27 September 2020 at the Training Building (Room No 301) of BARC, Dhaka. The workshop was inaugurated by the Executive Chairman, BARC Dr. S. M. Bokhtiar as chief guest. Director PIU-NATP, BARC Dr. Md. Harunur Rashid attended the session as special guest. The session was presided over by the Member Director of BARC Dr. Md. Monirul Islam. In their valuable deliberations, the hon'ble guests emphasized the implementation of the recommendations of the previous review workshops/meetings and



Executive Charman, BARC, Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar addressing as chief guest

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addressing the created progress gap due to Covid-19 epidemic in the country during the last few months.

Land Suitability Assessment & Crop Zoning System of Bangladesh Project

A meeting of Project Advisory Committee of Development of *Upazila Land Suitability Assessment and Crop Zoning System of Bangladesh* project was held on 9 August, 2020 at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council. The Executive Chairman of BARC and the chairman of Project Advisory Committee, Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar chaired the meeting. The committee members and the Principal Investigators of IWM component, Co-Principal Investigator of SRDI component and project personnel also attended the meeting. The main agenda of the meeting was to review the implementation progress and to suggest necessary measures for



The chief guest Dr. Shaikh Mohammad Bokhtiar, EC, BARC addressing on Land Suitability Assessment and Crop Zoning System

achieving the goals and objectives of the project.

Project Coordinator and Member Director (Crops), BARC delivered welcome address. The overall

Dr. Md. Aziz Zilani Chowdhury,

progress and achievement of the project was presented by the Principal Investigator and the Director (Computer & GIS), BARC Mr. Hasan Md. Hamidur Rahman. The Project Manager of Crop Zoning project

demonstrated the mobile apps developed under the project.

The Executive Chairman of BARC suggested for organizing the workshop in October 2020 for

demonstrating the mobile apps named 'Khamari' with participation of stakeholders and policy planners in agriculture especially representatives of 14 DAE agricultural regions, NARS institutes and Ministry of Agriculture.

Coordination Meeting on PBRG Sub-projects 108, 110, 138 & 139 under Livestock Division

Livestock Division, BARC conducted *Online Coordination Meetings* through Zoom platform during Corona Pandemic with the Principal Investigators, Co-Principal Investigators and scientists of the PBRG sub-projects (ID-108, 110, 138 & 139) under NATP-2, BARC. The meeting was chaired by the Member Director, Livestock Division and the scientists of the division were present. Zoom Meeting started with the welcome remarks of Dr. Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, CSO, Livestock Division, BARC. Principal Investigators presented their activities during Corona pandemic. Discussions on the points of the past activities and



Project ID- 108



Project ID- 110



Project ID- 138



Project ID- 139

Pictorial view of the online coordination meetings on PBRG Sub-projects

the activities during Corona Pandemics and the future plan were held. Finally, few recommendations were taken. Minutes of the meeting were prepared

and sent to the Principal Investigators and Co-Principal Investigators for necessary actions following the recommendations.

Monitoring & Evaluation on PBRG Sub-projects 110, 138 & 139 at BLRI by Livestock Division



Monitoring and Evaluation on PBRG sub-project (ID-110, 138 & 139) at BLRI by Livestock Division

BLRI component of *PBRG sub-projects (ID-110, 138 & 139)* was monitored by Livestock Division, BARC on 29 July 2020. Monitoring team comprised of associate coordinator, consultants and scientists from the project. Monitoring team visited the experimental fields and

laboratories activities along with the Principal Investigators and Co-Principal Investigators of the projects. PIs and Co-PIs explained their activities during Corona pandemic. Discussions on the points of past activities, the activities during Corona pandemics and future plan

were held. Finally, few recommendations were taken. Minutes of the meeting were prepared and sent to the PIs and Co-PIs for necessary actions following the recommendations.

ASIA Open Access Meeting 2020

The 5th virtual meeting of Asia Open Access was hosted by Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information (KISTI) from September 9-15, 2020. The objective of Asia OA Meeting is to learn about global trends, share information across Asian countries, and help with local strategies for increasing the adoption of open access and open science in the region.

In the research world, open science is getting more attention than open access and open data. The conference discussed the latest trends in open science, and served as a venue for information exchange between Asian

countries. This conference held online due to Corona 19, to broaden knowledge of open science and discuss ways to develop it.

Dr. Susmita Das, Principal Documentation Officer presented the paper on OA status of Bangladesh. Kathleen Shearer, Executive Director of COAR (Confederation of Open Access



Dr. Susmita Das presenting Open Access status of Bangladesh in Asia OA Meeting

Repositories) was the keynote speaker. She presented paper on Open Science in the post COVID-19 Era.

cOAlition S: Ambassador Group Meeting 2020

The cOAlition S Ambassadors' Group video conference was held on Monday the 21st September 2020. The overall purpose of this meeting was to provide cOAlition S Ambassadors with an update on the activities on Plan S and answer questions from Ambassadors. cOAlition S Ambassadors are group of independent experts active in the research community, act as local points of contact for discussions and advice about Plan S and its implementation. Ambassadors will also listen to the concerns of the research community and relay these back to the cOAlition S leadership team.

Dr. Susmita Das is one of the Plan S Ambassadors who is advocating OA initiatives in the Asian region attended via zoom platform and she shared on the challenges and



Virtual view of cOAlition S: Ambassador Group Meeting 2020

opportunities of Asia of this policy as she perceives, based on interactions with her communities.

The meeting was chaired by Johan Rooryck, Executive Director, cOAlition S. Robert Kiley, Head of Open Research and interim cOAlition S Coordinator & Members of the

cOAlition S Executive Steering Group and members of the cOAlition S Expert Group also discussed on current trends of Open Access to research publications.

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