



CONFERENCE REPORT

The **National Level Conference in Life Science on "Status, Opportunities and Challenges in Life Sciences"** was held during 17th to 19th September 2013 by Department of Life Sciences (Botany and Zoology) at **Radhabai Kale Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Ahmednagar**. The Combined effort of Principal, Organizing Committee and staff of the College has made the Conference a grand success. About 50 participants were initially expected when the proposal was submitted. The Conference kit, Certificates, breakfast, lunch and dinner was provided to participants. The outstation participants were provided lodging facilities. The Organizing Committee included Prin. Dr.B.K. Karale (Organizing Secretary), Dr. B.K. Auti (Convenor), Dr. Mrs. S.L. Pawar (Coordinator- Animal Science), Dr. Mrs S.A. Kulkarni (Coordinator-Plant Science), Ms. V.S. Dighe, Ms. U.R. Jagdale, Prof. L.J. Gaikwad, Prof. G.M. Garule and all the Science faculty.

There were total 227 participants from all over India who had come for the conference. There were 202 participants, 17 resource persons and 8 members of organizing committee. 14 participants out of the total were outside Maharashtra mostly from U.P., M.P. Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. All the participants actively participated in the conference by presenting their research work in the form of oral presentations and poster presentations. About 204 abstracts and 129 full length papers have been received for the Conference and publication of papers in Special Issue of International Journal "Flora & Fauna".

The Conference started with Inaugural function and keynote addresses by Prin. Dr. D.K. Mhaske (Topic: Role of Biologist in Human Welfare) and Prin. Dr. B.N. Zaware (Topic : Conservation of Nature-special reference to biotic components).

The **I day** included Lead lectures of eminent resource persons – Prin. Dr. C.J. Khilare (Topic: Status and Opportunities in Life Sciences), Prof. Dr. B.B. Nath (Topic : Status and Opportunities in Life Sciences- Related to Drosophila), Prof. Dr. S..S. Deokule (Topic: Status, Opportunities and Challenges to Botanists), Prof. Dr. T.D. Nikam (Topic: Insight into recent line of research in secondary metabolite production in *In vitro* cultures), Prin. Dr. S.D. Pingle (Topic : Algal Taxonomy). There was a technical session I including the oral and poster presentation of the participants in two separate halls. The chairpersons gave their views regarding the lead lectures as well as the technical sessions for oral and poster presentations.

The **II day** included Lead lectures of eminent resource persons – Dr. Vijaya Kerkar (Topic: Studies on some lesser attentive plant groups of Goa), Dr. S.A. Bhalerao (Topic: Phytotechnology: A cost effective green approach for management of environment), Prin. Dr. A..K. Srivastav (Topic: Taxonomic study of Tapeworm species), Prin. Dr. P.C. Singhal (Topic: Natural products), Dr. M.M. Sardesai (Topic : Carnivorous Plants of India). Prof. H.S. Giddanvar (Topic: Biodiversity of Jamkhandi taluka), Dr. Vipul J. Somani (Conservation of



Biodiversity). There was a technical session II including the oral and poster presentation of the participants in two separate halls. The chairpersons presented their views regarding the 1 sessions.

The **III day** included Lead lectures of eminent resource persons- Dr. Milind Sirbhatte (Topic: Conservation of Tigers), Dr. Ganesh Wankhede (Topic: Spider diversity), Dr. Milind Jadhav (Topic : Biodiversity Conservation).

The Valedictory function included the Resource personalities. The participants presented their views regarding the conference. The feedback forms were also collected from the participants. Three prizes of poster presentation were declared and certificates were given. 1st Prize: Ms. Rupali Gaikwad – Mumbai, 2nd Prize : Ms. Supriya Salve, Ahmednagar, 3rd Prize: Ms. Bhagyshree Karle, Ahmednagar. The participants thanked for the hospitality.

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