

IANCAS WORKSHOP Report 79

The 79th Workshop was held at Selvamm Arts and Science College, Namakkal, Tamil Nadu, during 26th to 31st March, 2012. The workshop was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Dr. P.R.Vasudeva Rao, Director, Chemistry Group, IGCAR who also delivered a talk on the inherent safety features of Indian reactor systems for safe operation. Dr. P.Selvaraj, Chief Patron & Chairman, Selvam Educational Institutions (SEI) and Chairman of the Workshop Organizing Committee and gave the presidential address. He lauded the efforts of IANCAS and BARC in educating the public by providing detailed information through organizing these workshops. Dr. K.S.Arulsamy, Principal, SASC welcomed the dignitaries, resource persons and the participants for the workshop. He gave an overview about the present projects undertaken by the institute and asked the faculty members to give more thrust on productivity in agriculture and isotope applications and therapeutic effects. Dr. B.Venkataramani, Dean (Sciences), SASC & Convener of this workshop gave an account of the different activities of IANCAS and spoke about the objectives and course content of the workshop. He told that while designing the course, the emphasis was given on applications of radioisotopes in agriculture and medical sciences with the consideration to the background of the host institution. Dr. P.R.Vasudeva Rao, Dr.A.V.R.Reddy, Dr.N.Sivaprasad, Dr.C.R.Venkatasubramani, Dr. Prasad S.Varrier, BARC gave special lectures on various topics and interacted with the participants. There were 45 registered participants from different parts of Tamil Nadu. They consisted of University and College faculty members. The lectures were covered in the forenoon sessions on 6 working days and practicals in afternoon sessions on 5 working days. The books "Fundamentals of Radiochemistry" and "Experiments in Radiochemistry" were distributed to the participants. A questionnaire was conducted for the participants in which thirty objective type questions were to be answered. It was pleasant to observe that seven people got more than 75% marks, while 18 people got more than 50% marks, the total pass was 87%. Dr. C.S.Sundar, Director, Materials Group, IGCAR, Kalpakkam gave valedictory address on the topic "Use of Radiation to Probe Matter" and also handed over the instruments to Dr. P.Selvaraj, Chairman SEI. Dr. S.K.Thulasidas, Co-ordinator of this workshop extended vote of thanks from IANCAS side.