

Proceedings of the Sixth Virtual Group Meeting of ARICARE held on 6th September, 2020

The Sixth Virtual Group Meeting of ARICARE members was held on 6th September, 2020 at 5.00 P.M. through “Google Meet” App. Ten members out of 23 invitees were present in the meeting. The members present were: Dr.K.K.Satapathy, Dr. Mrinmoy Datta, Dr.D.C.Nayak, Mr. Sumitranjan Sarkar, Dr. Asim Kr Pal, Dr.Kanti Ranjan Mahata, Dr. B Maji, Dr. (Mrs.) Utpala Parthasarathy, Shri. G.K. Bhattacharya and Dr.Ramani Kumar Sarkar. Dr. K.K. Satapathy, President of ARICARE, welcomed all members in the informal group meeting. He welcomed specially the new members namely Dr. Asim Kr Pal (Ex-CIFE, Mumbai), Dr.Kanti Ranjan Mahata (EX-CRRI, Cuttack), Dr. (Mrs.) Utpala Parthasarathy (Ex-IISR, Calicut) and Dr.Ramani Kumar Sarkar (EX-CRRI, Cuttack) for joining in our association. He mentioned that this was the informal meet of the ARICARE members in batches as we could not convene physical meeting for long period due to COVID-19 situation and also informed some of the activities done by ARICARE members since its inception. He requested the members present in the meeting to express their views in COVID-19 pandemic situation and invited the suggestions for the future activities of our society.

Dr. Asim Kumar Pal introduced himself and briefed his career from Agricultural University to ICAR system. He is presently staying in Hyderabad, associated in teaching in various Institutes as the Guest Faculty and also engaged in consultancy work in the field of Veterinary and Fishery sciences. He assured that he could help the society in various activities as and when required. President requested to Dr. (Mrs.) Utpala Parthasarathy to share her experience during this period. He added that she originally belonged to Shillong, Meghalaya, served many years in ICAR Complex, Shillong and later on they were serving in ICAR-IISR and staying in Calicut, Kerala. She was very happy to join in our society and enquired about many old colleagues of Shillong. Dr.Kanti Ranjan Mahata told that he was retired from CRRI, cuttack in 2010. After that he stayed at Cuttack for 5 years and deeply associated with social activities like seed production demonstration in farmer’s field, training for cattle and poultry rearing for poor farmers etc. Now he is settled at Kharagpur near IIT, Kharagpur. Dr. Ramani Kumar Sarkar mentioned his service experience from ICAR Institute at Almora to CRRI at Cuttack and served as Emeritus scientist at CRRI, Cuttack. His research work was mainly focused on submerged paddy and carried out many collaborative projects with IRRI, Philippines. After retirement he is now settled at Madhyamgram, North 24 Pgs district. The other members also participated actively in different issues discussed on the day.

The President summarized the day’s whole discussions and informed that the various issues/ points discussed in these virtual meetings would be placed and discussed in detail in next GB meeting. The meeting was ended with vote of thanks.

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