

Inauguration of Short term training programme on “Fish Cell Culture Techniques” at PMFGR Centre, Kochi during 12 - 17 February 2018

Inauguration of a six day short term training programme on “Fish Cell Culture Techniques” held at peninsular Marine Fish Genetic Resources centre, ICAR National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Kochi on 12 February 2018. Dr. V. S. Basheer, Principal Scientist and Scientist in Charge, PMFGR Centre welcomed the participants and detailed about the training programme to the participants. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan, Director, ICAR Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi and he addressed about the importance and different applications of cell culture to the participants. In his address he emphasised to utilise the available resources in the PMFGR Centre for learning the technical programmes on cell culture. Three guest faculties, Dr. Sanil, N.K., CMFRI and Dr. R S Krupesha Sharma from ICAR CMFRI and Mr. Murali S from ICAR NBFGR were invited to give lectures on different topics like Disease management in cage aquaculture, viral diseases in marine cage culture and National Repository of Fish Cell Lines (NRFC) at ICAR-NBFGR, Lucknow respectively during the training programme.





A training manual, which contains compiled information on basics and protocols related to development of cell culture from finfish, was given to the participants. In the morning session an overview of the NBFGR activities was delivered by Dr. V.S.

Basheer to the participants. Dr. T. Raja Swaminathan, Principal Scientist and ICAR National Fellow, PMFGR Centre proposed vote of thanks. Thirteen theories classes and 22 practical are planned during the training programme. It is planned to divide the participants into four groups each group comprising of 3 - 4 persons and the practical sessions in two different parallel sessions' viz., cell culture techniques and molecular techniques to the different batches. A total of 11 participants are attending the training programme from different colleges and research institute including Colleges, ICAR Institutes, Cochin University of Science and Technology, KVM College of Engineering & Information Technology, Culcutta University and Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies.