**Safe Use of Pesticides**

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ICAR-IARI Regional Station, Pune 411607

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- Delegates: Rs. 1000/-(3x3 sq/mtr Stall to display, Full page advertisement and 6 free passes.)
- Students: Rs. 250/-
- Farmers and labourers: No fee
- Pest Control Operators: Rs. 5000/-
- Farm Service Providers: Rs. 5000/-
- Pesticide Dealers: Rs. 3000/-
- Payment should be made through Cheque/ DD in favour of "Entomological Society of India" payable at New Delhi or by RTGS/ NEFT - ICICI Bank, Patel Nagar Branch, New Delhi 110008

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Pesticides are indispensable as inputs in agriculture, veterinary and public health. Their manufacturing and allied industry the world over has increasingly becoming relevant to the current requirements of environmental and human safety. Not only the mandatory regulations catering to environment, plant and human health are being given due importance with nodal registration authorities but also food safety and plant health.

Recently there is lot of hue and cry about safety sometimes even amounting to ban of pesticides, which deserves to be condemned. The pesticides industry is subscribing to stringent regulations and standards, and only after strict scrutiny a pesticide gets registered for commercial use by the farmers. Developing a pesticide is elaborate, tedious, and involves considerable time and financial inputs. It requires active involvement of entomologists/agricultural chemists, besides agencies involved in adhering to standards and ethics. There are lenient safeguards in India which are being strictly enforced. The pesticide industry is sensitive enough to reduce the environmental stress and pollution load and is continuously striving hard to bring out selective, target oriented, less persistent molecules which are used in small quantities on the targeted pests but safe to humans.

Rather than appreciating the goodness behind these next generation insecticides there is an unwarranted condemnation. This blame is due to indiscriminate/injudicious use. Awareness at the users end is unusually limited and requires scaling up. One of the example is insecticides mixing cocktail, without any rational, out of sheer ignorance. The Entomological Society of India in partnership with Indian pesticide industry, and with active participation of all others concerned is venturing into a hand holding with farmers resulting in this Workshop.

Requirements in the Indian context, and engaging farmers in practical demonstration to make them understand the scientific practices to be adopted in pesticides use and their safety will be brought out. Business ethics in pesticide arena will be stressed to start with in the dealers who deal with these farm inputs. Students and research scholars will be involved. This will enable a process of rethinking, sharing and understanding views on this important subject. Awareness and capacity building are the inevitable hallmarks in this process and this is the reason behind the Workshop. The Entomological Society of India is glad that the Crop Care Federation of India is voluntarily getting involved in these Workshops.

Crop Care Federation of India (CCFI) is one of the oldest and foremost associations of the Agrochemicals in India with a member base of over 50 leading companies. As a committed and progressive policy, CCFI has pursued its single minded goal of advancing the cause of Indian Farmers to better Crop Protection. CCFI realizes that the effect of Green Revolution has demised during last decade and the agriculture growth is now stagnating.

Members of CCFI have taken the challenge to have Public, Private Partnership to provide Farmer Training Programs (FTP). The objective is to reverse the widening gap of Rural and Urban income by improving the yield and quality of individual farm's output. The First Workshop on this theme i.e., safe use of pesticides will be conducted on a pilot scale at Ghaziabad on 20th January with 100 farmers focused on wheat, mustard and sugarcane, and a follow up with focus on horticultural crops will be on 31st January at Pune. Twelve such Workshops will held in various places in 2018, and will be focused towards creating awareness and aim that Industry wants all the farmers safe with pesticides. We look forward to hand holding with as many stake holders and end users in this mission.

**Program Objective:**
1. To create awareness on scientific practices for safe use of insecticides at the ground level – farms and households
2. Eradicate the ignorance and ensure that the statutory regulations are made known to all, and take efforts for enforcing these
3. To infuse ethos in the pesticide industry as regards label claim, avoid their indiscriminate use, and ensure strict compliance of regulations
4. Bring all stakeholders on one platform to take this mission forward in an accelerated manner
5. To bring the program in different regions focused on the local requirement and convenience of all stakeholders in the region
6. To reduce the myth that pesticides are not safe by enhancing knowledge and skill of participants

**Program Sessions:**
- **Event 1:** Practical demonstration for farmers – Current Conventional vs Standard Regulation Oriented and Safe Insecticide Use
- **Event 2:** Question - Answer sessions for farmers/ laborers/ dealers/ farm service providers/ pest control operators

**Who should Participate?**

**Programme Pillars/Stakeholders**