

Release of Special Issue of Journal of Scientific and Industrial Research (JSIR) at International Conference on New Horizons in Biotechnology (NHBT-11) & VIII Convention of the Biotech Research Society held at Trivandrum during November 21-24, 2011

International Conference on New Horizons in Biotechnology (NHBT-2011) & VIII Convention of the Biotech Research Society, India was organized by the National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, CSIR, jointly with Society during 21st to 24th November 2011 at Trivandrum. The conference was participated and supported by various organisations of international importance such as International Forum on Industrial Bioprocesses (IFIBiop), International Organization for Biotechnology and Bioengineering, Elsevier - UK, Thomson Reuters - USA, etc. and national organizations such as Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR), State Committee on Science, Technology and Environment, Govt of Kerala and State Bank of Travancore.

There were 575 participants, which included 110 overseas delegates, including 70 invitees from United

States, Canada, UK, Greece, Cyprus, France, Italy, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Slovakia, Russia, Chile, Peru, Argentina, Brazil, Uganda, Nigeria, Mexico, Japan, Australia, Korea, Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Malaysia.

The opening session was addressed by Prof C G Dussap, Chairman, International Forum on Industrial Bioprocesses, France; Prof Charles Tweisgye, Chairman, International Organization of Biotechnology and Bioengineering; Prof P Gunasekaran, President, The Biotech Research Society, India; Dr Suresh Das, Director, NIIST-CSIR and Prof Ashok Pandey, Chairman, Organizing Committee.

The Opening session witnessed the release of special issue of JSIR [November 2011: **70** (2011) 895-1006] on "Genomic Sciences: Recent Trends", which comprised selected 16 peer-reviewed papers presented in the *International Conference on Genomic Sciences: Recent Trends (ICGS-2010)*, held at Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai during 12-14 November 2010.



Release of special issue of JSIR during the Opening Session of NHBT-2011