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The 16th edition of the Bangalore INDIA BIO concluded after three eventful days. The event was organized by the Department of Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka, Vision Group on Biotechnology and Event Partner MM Activ Sci-Tech Communications.

The sessions in the conference most aptly reflected the overarching theme of WHAT'S TRENDING IN BIOTECH INDIA, with special focus on Internet of things and Healthcare, Regenerative Medicine, Rare Diseases and Orphan Drugs, Proteomics and Bioinformatics, Synthetic Biology, Precision Medicine & Oncology. The Agri-Biotech day in the conference focused on Agri-Biotechnology for Feed, Food, Fuel and Fibre Security and the highlight was a lively interaction of Experts and farmers from various parts of Karnataka.

Besides industry stalwarts and research heads, the conference saw a bevy of Start-Ups who presented their ideas and products, as part of the Bio Invest & Bio Accelerate Program. The BEST-India (Biotechnology Entrepreneurship Student Teams) start-ups incubated at IIT-Kharagpur, Defence and Food Research Laboratory, Mysore, Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, etc. presented their breakthrough ideas.

The Event was graced by National and International personalities from Government and Industry viz. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Government of India; Ms. Matia Chowdhury, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Peoples Republic of Bangladesh; Dr. C. Randal Mills, President & CEO, California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM), Mr. Dominic McAllister, British Deputy High Commissioner, Bengaluru ; Prof. K. VijayRaghavan Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India; Dr. Kiran

Mazumdar Shaw, Chairperson, Karnataka Vision Group on Biotechnology, CMD, Biocon Limited; Dr. Carlos Barreiro, Head of Industrial Process Area, INBIOTEC, Spain; Ms. Heajin Jung, President, Smart Avenue, Seoul, Korea; Dr. P.M. Murali, President ABLE; Dr. Ajit Sapre, Group President, Research and Technology, Reliance Industries; Dr. Paresh Varma, President, Bioseed South East Asia & Research Director - BRI; Dr. C.D. Mayee, Chairman AFC Ltd, Mumbai.

Also present from Government of Karnataka were personalities like Mr. K.J. George, Hon'ble Minister for Bangalore Development and Town Planning, Government of Karnataka; Mr. Krishna Byre Gowda, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of Karnataka; Mr. Roshan Baig, Minister for Infrastructure Development, Information and Haj, Government of Karnataka; Ms. Latha Krishna Rao, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka; Ms. V. Manjula, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of IT, BT, S&T, Government of Karnataka.

The Bio Excellence Awards were presented at a glittering Ceremony. The process of selection of these awards was conducted by Association of Biotechnology-led Enterprises (ABLE). The list of awards presented for respective categories is as follows:

Bio Excellence Awards were given to:

- Bio Pharma & Healthcare - Biocon
- BioAgri - Ajeet Seeds
- BioServices - Ecron Acunova
- BioIndustrial - Novozymes South Asia Pvt. Ltd.
- BioInformatics & Systems Biology - Mitra Biotech

Emerging Company of the Year Awards were given to:

- Bio Pharma & Healthcare - Pandorum Technologies
- BioAgri - Criyagen Agri & Biotech Pvt Ltd
- BioServices - Affigenix Biosolutions
- BioIndustrial - Cellzyme Biotech
- BioInformatics & Systems Biology - MedGenome

KEY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

• Consisted of 25 Sessions with 116 Speakers, over 1000 Delegates participated.

• 92 Poster Presenters presented their Research Ideas in Poster Session - Walkway of Discovery.

• About 80 Exhibitors from various verticals of Life Sciences Industry like biopharmaceuticals, bio- suppliers, bio-informatics, bio-medical devices and Start-ups participated in the Exhibition which attracted over 3000 business visitors.

• International representation this year is from over 10 countries with major delegations from UK, Spain, Korea and delegates from leading countries like USA, Canada, Australia, France, Germany, Poland, Belgium, Taiwan, Malaysia

• The event also witnessed participation from various States like Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh.

• Bangalore INDIA BIO 2016 facilitated over 300 B2B meetings through the B2B Partnering tool - InterlinX out of which over 60% meetings were between Indian and International Companies