

**National Conference on
NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN MICROBIAL RESEARCH
(MICREC'13) and CENITTERZ 13⁺**

Inaugural function

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India organized two days “**National Conference on New Opportunities and Challenges in Microbial Research (MICREC'13) and CENITTERZ 13⁺**”, sponsored by ICMR, DBT, ICAR, DST-PURSE, UGC and BDU. The conference was inaugurated on 5th September, 2013 with the mission to deliberate and determinate the difficulties in the microbiological

research by means of frontier technologies and novel applications. In this conference various fields of microbiology namely biodiversity, bioprospecting, drug discovery, environment, bioremediation, medical and infectious diseases were concealed in detail during the scientific sessions, (i) Microbial energy resource and bioremediation, (ii) Microbial disease and diagnosis, (iii) Microbial diversity and sustainable agriculture, (iv) Microbial metagenomics and computational biology, (v) Microbes in bio nanotechnology and (vi) Microbial drug discovery and development.



The inaugural function was started with welcome address by Dr. N. Thajuddin, Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, Bharathidasan University. Deliberate explanation about the conference was given by Dr. D. Dhanasekaran, Organizing Secretary/Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Bharathidasan University. Followed by the organizing secretary speech, the souvenir of the conference was released by honorable Registrar Prof. Dr. E. Ramganes, BDU and was received by Prof. Dr. L. Kannan, Former Vice-Chancellor, Thiruvalluar University, Vellore. Presidential address was given by the Registrar, BDU, Tiruchirappalli, during his talk he insisted the importance of microbiological research in modern life system to make the future better. An interesting inaugural address about the



conference and recent trends in microbiology was given by Prof. Dr. L. Kannan. Dr. V. Sivasubramanian, Director-Tech, Phycospectrum Environmental Research Centre, Chennai felicitated the conference, finally the vote of thanks was given by Dr. G. Muralitharan, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, Bharathidasan University.



Participants

Totally 200 participants of PG and UG students from the Bharathidasan University affiliated colleges were actively participated in all the scientific events.

Valedictory function

On the second day of the conference, an intercollegiate scientific event CENITTERZ 13⁺ was successfully organized for science popularization of activities like scientific programme among the biological students of Bharathidasan University constituents colleges (Aided & self-financing colleges) with various



programme like bio express, brain whizz, ori designing, rush hour, freaking seconds, crazy streaking and sculptures wax. For all the scientific events winner and runner up shields were distributed to the student participants. Based on the overall performance best college was selected and awarded as “overall champions” and

rotation trophy was handed over to the overall champions. During the valedictory function Prof. Dr. M. Vivekanandan, UGC Emeritus Fellow, Dept. of Environmental Biotechnology, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli delivered the presidential address and valedictory address was delivered by Prof. Dr.



M.A. Akbarsha, Director and Chair, Mahatma Gandhi Dorenkamp Centre, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli. The above honorary persons distributed the prizes for research abstracts and scientific games. The overall trophy was awarded to Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. Several participants gave their valuable feedback about the conference and the scientific fest, whit this the two days national conference was successfully completed.