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## International Awards and Visits



Fulbright-Nehru Academic Administrator, **Amitava Mitra**, Prof. in Economics and Finance Officer (Acting) was selected as one of the Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators in October-November, 2014 which aims to provide exposure among mid to senior level Indian faculty and administrators from the institutions of higher education in India. He along with other participants travelled to Washington D.C, Baltimore, New York and Miami and visited several universities and community colleges for first-hand experience in skill generation courses.

**Prof. Tana Showren**, an awardee of Baden-Wurttemberg Fellowship at South Asia Institute of Heidenberg University under Indo-German Cultural Exchange Programme 2014 has visited the university during October-December 2014.

**Prof. J. Chakravorty** has attended as a chairperson in the international conference on *Insects to feed the world* in Netheland, 2014.



**Dr. Sumpam Tangjang**, Associate Prof. & Head, Dept. of Botany has been awarded a postdoctoral associateship at the University of Florida, Gainesville,

USA.

Dr. Tangjang had his education from RGU. He serves as a JRF in NERIST and started his teaching career since July 2003, as a Lecturer in Botany at the Jawaharlal Nehru Government College, Pasighat. After he earned his Ph.D from RGU, Dr. Tangjang joined RGU in Sept. 2005 as an Asst. professor. He has published papers in reputed journals and presented in various conferences, seminars and symposiums.

He has been a recipient of CSIR independent Junior Research Fellowship, GOI, New Delhi (2002). He has been conferred with Rashtriya Gaurav Award (2011) by India International Friendship Society, New Delhi and Best Citizen Award (2011) by International Publishing House, New Delhi. Dr. Tangjang is currently pursuing a Post Doctorate in the University of Florida, Gainesville, USA.

**Dr. Kh. Kabi**, Associate Prof. & Head, Dept. of Mass Comm. attended a training program on *Peace Studies and Conflict Transformation* during 1st to 15th September, 2015 organised by International Institute of Peace and Development Studies in cooperation with Asian Resource Foundation, Bangkok.

**Dr. Soubhagya Ranjan Padhi** and **Mr. Bikash Bage** presented papers in the international seminar on *Society and Humsnin* held in Phuket, Thailand during December, 2014.



**Dr. Armendra Tripathi**, Department of Zoology attended the 9th International Symposium on Fish Parasites, the most recent in the ISFP series, held at Valencia in Spain from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 04<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, organ-

ised by Prof. J. Raga (University of Valencia, Spain).

The theme of the symposium was entitled on "New challenges in fish parasitology". The symposium began with a historical viewpoint on biodiversity of fish parasite studies, and then moved to their taxonomy and systematics, aquaculture, pathology, evolution and co-speciation, epidemiology, ecology and biogeography and life cycle. There were 33 topical sessions comprising of eight plenary lectures, over 150 contributed papers and 200 poster presentations. Besides, four workshops were also organised for the participants: "The biodiversity of trematodes of fishes", "Epidemiology, prophylaxis and control of parasites in aquaculture", "Myxozoa" and "Biobanking: a new approach for improving research on fish parasite biorepositories". The key scientists invited for plenary lectures includes, Jerri L Bartholomew (USA), Tim Littlewood (UK), Frank Nilsen (Norway), Barbara Nowak (Australia), Tomas Scholz (Czech Republic), Bernd Sures (Germany), David Thieltges (Netherlands), and Juan Timi (Argentina).

The symposium ended with the consensus recommendation that the molecular, geography, habitat and host specificity are all keys to unambiguous assignment of species, but there exists a continued need for morphological descriptions of fish parasites as they relate to basic structure and function.