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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

International workshop on "Endeavors in Biotechnology research and Career Prospects – Alumnus Perspective"

A two day International workshop on “Endeavors in Biotechnology research and Career Prospects – Alumnus Perspective” is being held at the Centre for Plant Molecular Biology & Biotechnology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore during December 21-22, 2018. The Centre for Plant Molecular Biology (CPMB) was established in 1990 to take up research in plants based on cues from the science of plant molecular biology. During the formative years, the centre received liberal funding from the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India and The Rockefeller Foundation, USA, in the form of research grants and manpower training.

Dr. S.R. Sreerangasamy, Founder Director (CPMB&B), Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore was the Chief Guest of the inaugural session. In his inaugural address, he emphasized the importance of modern biology, discovery of genome and growth of molecular biology. He also described the inception of Centre for Plant Molecular Biology and emphasized the integration of biotechnology with other disciplines in future.

Dr. S. Sadasivam, Former Director, CPMB & B, the guest of honor, deliberated the importance of alumni in the growth of institution. He also added that it is the duty of alumni to help the alma mater in its growth.

Dr. D. Sudhakar, Registrar, Dr. A. Vijyakumar, Dean (Student welfare), Dr. S. Mahimairaja, Dean (Agriculture), Dr. P. Sivasubramanian, Former Director, CPMB&B, Dr. P. Balasubramanian, Former director, CPMB&B, and Dr. M. Maheswaran, Former Director of Research, TNAU, Coimbatore felicitated the event.

Alumni participated from various parts of the countries like UK, USA, Canada, Japan, Singapore and Malaysia as well as National organizations like Central Institute of Cotton Research and Defense Food Research Laboratory who participated and shared their research experience were felicitated. In connection with this the inaugural ceremony of Society of Agricultural Biotechnology is also planned.

Earlier, Dr. R. Gnanam, Director, CPMB&B, TNAU, welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. Mohankumar, Professor and Head, Department of Plant Biotechnology, proposed the Vote of Thanks. Around four hundred and thirty seven scientists and students across the country are participating in the alumni meet cum technical workshop.

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