

## REPORT

Event: International Conference on Health, Environment and Industrial Biotechnology (BioSangam 2013)

Date: November 21-23, 2013

Venue: Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad, Allahabad-211004

Organized by: Department of Biotechnology

**Objective:** To organize an international conference in the field of biotechnology particularly in thrust areas of the department (Health, Environment and Industrial Biotechnology) and to disseminate the knowledge among budding engineers and researchers.

**Activity:** The conference was attended by more than 600 delegates including 30 participants from abroad. It was ensured that the conference should be an interactive and scientifically vibrant programme. The conference consisted 14 sessions including keynote, plenary and parallel sessions covering all the major areas of biotechnology. Each session was addressed by outstanding experts like Prof. Ananda Mohan Chakrobarty (USA), Prof. E. Peter Greenberg (USA), Prof. John Phil McCoy (USA), Prof. Vasu Punj (USA), Dr. Huu Ngo Hao (Australia), Prof. E. Bezirtoglou (Greece), Prof. A. Koutinas, (Greece), Dr. Joseph Jacob (USA), Prof. K. N. Pandey (USA), Prof. Dr. Tapan Chakrobarty (India), Prof. S.C. Lakhotiya (India), Prof. Amit K Dinda (India), Prof. D. K. Mitra (India), Dr. C. R, Sathees (India) etc.

**Report:** The conference provided stimulating platform to the budding young scientists. The conference organized various competitive categories and 48 awards in oral as well as poster categories in their respective sessions were given. We also offered young students to present their work in front of the eminent experts of their field and compete for BioSangam Young Scientist Awards- 2013. The quality of work and presentation of the students were well appreciated.

**Outcome:** The conference was one of the first of its kind in the region. It was not only grand in all aspects but a fully vibrant interactive conference where students were enthusiastically involved in discussion. In interactive session, students directly interacted with the eminent scientist and resolved their queries.

**Future Action Potential:** It was discussed and proposed that a chapter of the same conference may be organised after every four years. It was also thought that participation from the job providers must be increased in such activities to guide the engineers and researchers for their future prospect.