

FAO - ICAR recognize SDAU as collaborating center for Project “Indian Network on Fisheries and Animal Antimicrobial Resistance (INFAAR)”

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has been recognized as a global problem and is the third issue discussed in UN general assembly, only after HIV and Ebola. As a follow up work on national action plan, ICAR conceptualized a “Indian Network on Fisheries and Animal Antimicrobial Resistance (INFAAR) under the technical support from FAO. Under this project ICAR institutes working on Animal Health as well as three state agricultural universities working on bacterial isolation, identification and antimicrobial susceptibility testing have been included in this project. Our institute is one among the three state agricultural universities included in the said project. It’s a pride moment for us to participate in such a national project which will work on a global problem of AMR under the aegis of FAO.

An official launching of INFAAR was made in the auditorium hall of IVRI, Izatnagar on 23rd July,2018 by Dr.J.K.Jena, DDG (Animal Science), ICAR, New Delhi in the presence of Dr.Rajesh Bhatiya, FAO Advisor, New Delhi, Dr.Rajesh Duby, Technical Officer, FAO, New Delhi, Dr.R.K.Singh, Director, IVRI, Dr.Jyoti Misri , Nodal Officer on AMR , ICAR New Delhi, Joint directors of IVRI, Scientists of IVRI, Principal Investigators and other scientists of Participating institutes. Dr. H. C. Chauhan Professor and Head, Department of Veterinary Microbiology, College of Veterinary Science and A. H. participated in this ceremony and underwent the initial training on AST and application of WHONET5.6 software.

Earlier to this event, Dr. Jyoti Misri, Nodal officer on AMR and Dr. Smita Singhal, FAO consultant of ICMR visited our Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Animal Biotechnology and appreciated the facilities for implementation of work on AMR. Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of SDAU Prof.(Dr.) Ashok A. Patel assured both the officials to extend full fledge support of University administration in execution of work. The assurance was especially mentioned during the launching ceremony of INFAAR.

