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The inaugural function of a Two-Day International Conference on “Recent Trends in Microbiology” was organized by the Department of Microbiology, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 24th Jan, 2019 in the Seminar Hall, of the Science Campus of the University.



Presiding over the function, Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, said that useful knowledge has to be disseminated to the society through effective research and it should be done “not as a fashion but as a passion”. A certain inquisitiveness, a passion for innovation and a thirst for new knowledge are the hallmarks of a researcher. The outcome of all research should ultimately reach people and help industry. He asked the researchers in all disciplines to give importance to quality research rather than the quantity of publications to elevate the host institution and today the researchers have many opportunities as well. It is often said that India has not produced Nobel laureates after Sir. CV Raman. He asked the researchers of India to toil a lot with dedication to stamp their legs as Nobel laureates to get recognition for the country globally.

Dr. M. Sudhakar, Senior Scientist, CSIR-MSM Unit, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, in his inaugural address, said tons and tons of non-degradable plastics are under accumulation everyday which creates environmental hazards affecting the society through formation of microplastics owing to partial chemical degradation that mix with soil and pollute water bodies. Research on Bioplastics to produce degradable plastics which are ecofriendly to the nature shall open up new applications and new avenues for plastic usage. Microbial production of bioplastics

is a thrust area of research today that promises new applications and new avenues. In a thickly populated country like India the production of bioplastics has assumed greater relevance and significance, he added. He asked the students to deepen their knowledge and sharpen their skills so as to thrive well in personal life, professional life and societal life.

The conference abstract manual with ISBN:978-93-88398-26-8 in digital format as CD was released by the Vice-Chancellor, and the first CD was received by the Chief Guest. Participants numbering around 150 from various Universities, Institutions across the country and a few delegates from abroad attended the inaugural ceremony.

Members of the Syndicate, Faculty Members, Research Scholars and Students from various departments of Alagappa University were present on the occasion.

Dr. Arun, Convener and Head (i/c), Department of Microbiology, Alagappa University welcomed the gathering and presented the Thematic Address of the conference.

Dr. T. Kavitha, Organizing secretary, Department of Microbiology proposed a “vote of thanks”.

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