

# **Annual Workshop on BAU Research Progress 2012-2013**

The Annual Workshop on Bangladesh Agricultural University Research Progress 2012-2013 was held on 05-06 October 2013. The two days long workshop was organized in six faculties with 12 technical/scientific sessions followed by a formal inaugural ceremony. All the technical sessions were nicely organized with well attended participants. The various observations made in the technical sessions were reported at the concluding sessions for further assessment. The concluding session was chaired by **Professor Dr. Lutful Hassan**, Director, BAURES. Honourable Vice-Chancellor **Professor Dr. Md. Rafiqul Hoque** was present as the Chief Guest and Co-ordinator, CASR **Professor Dr. Md. Abul Khair Chowdhury** was present as Special Guest. **Professor Dr. Md. Zainul Abedin**, Associate Director, BAURES acted as moderator of the concluding session. All Principal Investigators, Chairpersons, Co-Chairpersons, Organizers and Rapporteurs of all 12 technical sessions took part in the discussion. After thorough discussions, the following recommendations were suggested for the future plan.

## **Recommendations**

- BAURES should support demand led research projects
- Interdisciplinary need based target oriented coordinated researches should get priority over individual research
- BAURES should specially allocate funds for teachers who are fresh PhDs recent completed their PhD degree to address emerging national issues
- All the Principal Investigators carrying out their research projects under the facilitation of BAURES should take initiative to publish generated technologies in Bengali and disseminate to the farmers and other stakeholders
- Quick allocations for BAURES own funded research projects and wage of research staff should be increased
- Duration of BAURES funded projects should be extended for at least 3 (three) years
- The position of BAURES Directorship needs to be full time basis in an upgraded form of Director General. In addition, there should be two Directors (Director Administration and Director Research & Publications) appointed with three years of deputation replacing the current position of Associate Director who can carry out administrative works, and look for funds from various sources in efficient way.
- All necessary equipments/facilities and support services should be provided by the BAURES
- The Director of BAURES should be empowered to approve a considerable amount of fund specially for foreign donor funded project

- ❑ The duration of annual research progress workshop of BAURES should be extended for three days and MS & PhD students should attend mandatorily in the workshop
- ❑ BAURES should organize separate workshop for foreign donor projects by allocating more time to present research progress
- ❑ The long term project of three years or more for doctoral research needs to be granted by the BAURES depending on its internal or external budget allocations
- ❑ Young teachers should be encouraged to be involved as Co-Investigators with experienced scientists while considering the projects for funding
- ❑ PCN and PP evaluation and scoring system of BAURES needs to be updated and modified
- ❑ BAURES should invite scientists from other National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS Institutes)/Organizations in the annual workshop

#### **Achievements**

- ❑ The research fund of BAURES has already been increased by 25% from the year 2012
- ❑ BAURES has started publishing “Krishi Projukti Barta” in Bangali to disseminate technology to the end users/farmers from June, 2009
- ❑ The relationships with donors and development agencies has been strengthened
- ❑ BAURES has already prioritized research needs of BAU to a greater extent
- ❑ A common template for Repporteurs to prepare reports for presentation in the concluding session has been developed from the year of 2009
- ❑ MS and PhD students were increasingly encouraged to attend the BAURES workshop from the year 2012
- ❑ BAURES has already started to support demand led research projects from the year 2012
- ❑ BAURES has started to encourage fresh PhDs in their research works through quota system so that young scientists from all the six faculties can contribute to the vision of BAU