

## **A workshop on “Pilot testing of guidance for the review and updating of National Implementation Plan in India”**

CSIR-NEERI organized a workshop on **“Pilot testing of guidance for the review and updating of National Implementation Plan in India”** during June 18-21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 under Small Scale Funding Agreement (SSFA), sponsored by Secretariat of Stockholm Convention, Geneva. The major objectives of the workshop were to enhance understanding of newly listed POPs; in particular industrial POPs especially, Polybromodiphenyl Ethers (PBDEs), Perfluorooctanesulfonate (PFOS) and its salts; to build the capacity for the assessment of screening, analysis, sound management of these POPs and to fulfill the obligations of Stockholm Convention. This workshop served as a platform to gather and share the information with respect to industrial POPs, their status in India, management strategy followed in India and abroad.

National and International participants (Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand) from various agencies attended the workshop. The workshop was inaugurated at CSIR-NEERI on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 by **Dr. Reiner Arndt, Chairman of the POPs Review Committee, Germany** in the presence of **Dr S. R. Wate, Director, CSIR-NEERI; Dr. Asha A. Juwarkar, Chief Scientist and Head, Eco-System Division, CSIR-NEERI; Dr. Chhanda Chowdury, Director, HSDM, MoEF; Ms. J. Alvarez, Programme officer, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm Conventions, Geneva; Prof. Ivan Holoubek, RECETOX, Czech Republic; Mr. Roland Weber, Consultant, POPs Environmental Consulting, Germany**. The inaugural function was followed with the opening remarks by **Dr S. R. Wate, Director, CSIR-NEERI**, where he extended the warm welcome to all the expert members and participants of workshop and also wished the workshop to be successful. He gave an overview of the workshop and activities to be taken up by the centre for mitigation of POPs. The workshop organizer, **Dr. Asha A. Juwarkar, Chief Scientist and Head, Eco-System Division, CSIR-NEERI**, made a presentation on workshop objectives and also introduced the participants.

The workshop covered various lectures by experts followed by group exercises by participants to share their views and knowledge gained by them on various aspects of POPs during the workshop. The lab visits were also organized to demonstrate various facilities available at CSIR-NEERI for analysis of PBDEs and other POPs and the steps followed by CSIR-NEERI team to analyse samples suspected of containing PBDEs.

The workshop was concluded on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012 by **Dr S. R. Wate, Director, CSIR-NEERI** which was highly appreciated by the participants.



**From Left to Right (Standing)**

Kavita Gandhi, Harsha Kanfade, Sanjay Kashyap, R. B. Andhale, P.C. Gupta, Ashwani Sharma, Subrata Roy, P.K. Barai, R.V. Singh, Irani Mukherjee, Asha A. Juwarkar, C. S. Sharma, Praveen Sharma, S. p. Badholiya, s. K. Singh, Manish Kashyap, S. N. Tiwari, V. K. Rajeevan, G.S. Kanade, Jitendra Sharma, Sanjay Bagde, Sneha Nanekar, Monika Dhote, Durgesh kashyap, R. Karthik

**From Left to Right (Seated)**

Kanchan Kumari, K.M. Nagraj, Rajeev Betne, S. Ganesan, Roland Weber, Gamini Gamage, Ivan Holoubek, S.R. Wate, Chhanda Chowdhury, J. Alvarez, Manorat rittem, Cynthi Indriani, Anjana Pant, Dipanjali Majumdar, Rashmi Misra