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The Inaugural function of a Two-Day 2nd International Conference on “Recent Trends in Microbiology (RTM 2018)” was organized by the Department of Microbiology, Alagappa University, Karaikudi, on 11.01.2018 at the Science Campus Seminar Hall.



Presiding over the function, Prof. H. GurumalleshPrabu, Registrar, Alagappa University, highlighted the contributions of Louis Pasteur and Antonie van Leeuwenhoek in the field of Microbiology. He mentioned the role of microbes in polymer chemistry, food industry and in the discovery of medicine. Microbes play a important role in synthesis of biodegradable plastics, polyamides, polyesters and also find application in phytoremediation and bioremediations, he added. He emphasized that the student and scholars have to pay more attention on doing novel research using the cheap raw materials. The interaction among the participants may give chance for creation of new ideas in research and can be used for the benefit of this society. Dr. NatanamurugarajGovindan, Faculty of Industrial Science and Technology, University of Malaysia Pahang, Malaysia in his inaugural address, said that the current research is going on the discovery of drug for diabetics and cancer. Microalgae can be used for the synthesis of biofuel - as an alternate for the conventional energy.



A book (ISBN 978-93-87102-50-7) containing the Seminar abstracts was released by the Registrar and the first copy was received by Dr. NatanamurugarajGovindan, Faculty of Industrial Science and Technology, University of Malaysia Pahang, Malaysia. More than 123 research articles are to be presented in the conference. Besides over 180 participants (Scholars from various Universities, Institutions from across the country, Alagappa University Faculty Members, Research Scholars and Students from Science Departments) attended the inaugural function.

Three Eminent Scientists from South Africa, U.K. and Mexico speak on the recent developments in Microbiology research through video conferencing. Dr. A. Arun, Head (i/c), Convener and Organizing Secretary-RTM-2018, Department of Microbiology, Alagappa University, welcomed the gathering and delivered the thematic address of the conference. Dr. V. Balasubramanian, Assistant Professor and Co-Organizing Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

Registrar
Prof. H. GurumalleshPrabu