

IPM Innovation Lab Trip Report

Country Visited: India

Dates of Travel: September 25 to October 6, 2018

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Purpose of Trip: To attend the First International Conference on Biological Control in Bengaluru, India.

Sites Visited: Le Meridien hotel (venue) and University of Agricultural Sciences.

Description of Activities/Observations:

September 25th: I left Blacksburg at noon and reached Bengaluru, India on Sept. 27th morning at 2.00 am.

September 27th: 8.00 am – registered for the conference. 9.00 am – participated in the opening session.

2.00 pm: Conducted the IOBC *Parthenium* workshop.

September 28th: 8.30 am – Continued with the *Parthenium* workshop until 10.00 am and at 11.00 am began the *Tuta absoluta* workshop and continued until the evening.

September 29th: 8.30 am – Met with Abhijin Adiga and Promod Jha and discussed plans of the Climate Change and Biodiversity project.

At 10.00 am attended Ms. Mame Fatoumata Goudiaby from Senegal presentation on biological control of pearl millet headminer.

At 11.00 am traveled to the University of Agricultural Sciences and 12.00 noon presented a seminar on Fall Armyworm to the faculty and students of the Entomology Department.

In the afternoon, I participated in the Conference concluding activities.

From October 2nd to 5th I was on annual leave.

October 6: Returned to Blacksburg.

Observations: There were over 250 participants attending this conference. The IPM Innovation Lab conducted two separate workshops on *Parthenium* and *Tuta absoluta* under the auspices of IOBC and IAPPS. The audience in these workshops varied from 30 to 50 participants. In general, the participation of IPM Innovation Lab, Virginia Tech, and USAID in the conference was well recognized. IPM Innovation Lab supported 15 participants from the program. All the participants either participated in oral or poster presentations.