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Sr.No.	Lead Speaker/ Chairman details		
1.	Name	Dr. Victor Galan Sauco	
	Designation	Research Professor (retired) Canary Islands Agriculture Research Institute (ICIA).	
	Present Address	Spain, vgalan46@gmail.com	
	Research Area	He worked in Research and development, production and marketing of Tropical and Subtropical Fruits viz, Mango, banana and litchi Avocados, papayas, pitaya, and carambola. He was a Chairperson of International Society for horticultural science (ISHS) mango during period of 2010-2015. He has delivered many lead talks during International mango symposia. He was Adviser of post graduate programs for Universities of Latin America. More than 100 scientific and technical papers written in journal tropical fruits in which 20 papers on mango. He has authored 4 books on mango.	
2.	Name	Dr. Ping Lu	
	Designation	Chairperson , Mango Working Group of International Society for Horticultural Science	
	Present Address	Research Institute for the Environment and Livelihoods, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, Northern Territory 0909, Australia. Ping.lu@cdu.edu.au	
	Research Area	Is an expert in mango physiology, irrigation, and canopy management having 20 years of experience on tropical Horticulture . He was the organiser of the 9 th and 12 th international Mango symposium. Associate editor of International Journal "Fruits". Member of the International advisory committee, ISHS Global Conference on Augmenting production and utilization of mango: Abiotic and biotic stresses. Lucknow, India, June-21-24, 2011. He has published many research articles on mango in International Journals and conference proceedings. He is referee for 28 International journals.	
3.	Name	Dr. A. K. Singh	
	Designation	Deputy Director General Indian Council of Agricultural Research Government of India. New Delhi.	
	Present Address	Indian Council of Agricultural research Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-II, pusa, New Delhi- 110012 ddghort@gmail.com	
	Research Area	A Post Doctorate from saga University, Japan and University of California, USA. He was Managing Director, National Horticultural Board , Chairman, coconut development board and Executive director, National Oilseeds and vegetable Oils Development	




		<p>Board (NOVOD), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Government of India.</p> <p>His major research areas are genetic improvement , plant tissue culture and transcriptome analysis of fruit crops. He has been awarded Monbusho Award, Japan, Gold medal of horticulture Society of India and Gold medal Delhi Agri-Horti Society .</p>	
4.	Name	Dr. Daruni Naphrom	
	Designation	Associate Dean for Administration Department of Plant Science and Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Chiang Mai University, Thailand	
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	Research Area	She has completed Ph.D in Agricultural Science from the University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany She worked on "Effect of cool temperature and Gas – biosynthesis inhibitors on flower induction and related hormonal changes on mango(<i>Mangifera indica</i> L.) trees." Her specialization and interest is flower induction and fruit quality development in tropical and subtropical fruit trees in case of hormones analysis and plant growth regulators applications.	
5.	Name	Dr. Vidya Gupta	
	Designation	CSIR Emeritus scientist NCL, Pune	
	Present Address	Biochemical Sciences Division, CSIR- National Chemical Laboratory, Dr. Homi Bhabha Road, pune-411008(MS), India. vidyagene@gmail.com	
	Research Area	<p>She has research experience of 37 years with publication of 197 research paper, 39 invited research articles, review and book chapter and edited one book. She has been granted 2 Indian patents and 3 U.S.A. patents. She is editor of International : BMC Plant Biology (2004-10), Evolution (open journal) National : Plant cell Biotechnology and Molecular Biology.</p> <p>She has been awarded with Mai Sawarkar Puraskar for outstanding research work on December 3, 2015 by Rani Laxmibai Mandal, Pune. And Late Smt. Pushpalata Ranade National Woman Award for research on October,2017. Lifetime contributions in terms of excellent research and application for the benefit of society.</p> <p>she worked with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metabolomics: Flavour of mango fruit and Omega-3- fatty acids in Linseed: Analysis and engineering. • Development of transgenic crop plants (chickpea and tomato) with biotic stress resistance. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abiotic stress tolerance, especially water stress tolerance mechanism 	
6.	Name	Dr. M. R. Dinesh	
	Designation	Director, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru	
	Present Address	ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru mrdinesh@ihr.res.in	
	Research Area	He has 28 years of experience in the breeding of fruit crops viz, mango guava and papaya. He has collected and conserved 728 varieties in field Genebank He has published catalogues on mango and published 50 research paper and also contributed in book chapter. He is the recipient of "AMARPALI" Award from the 'society of sub-Tropical Horticulture' and 'Girdharilal Chadha Memorial' award for his contribution of fruit science. He also the post- graduate faculty of the several Universities. He also contributed in developing Biodiversity International Descriptor on mango and the development of DUS Guidelines for mango.	
7.	Name	Dr. S. K. Chaudhari	
	Designation	Assistant Director General (Soil & Water Management) ICAR, New Delhi	
	Present Address	Assistant Director General (Soil & Water Management), ICAR, New Delhi	
	Research Area	He has worked in various capacities in IISS, Bhopal: NAARM, Hyderabad ; CRIDA Hyderabad ; DWMR, Rahuri ; ICAR- RCER, Patna; & IIWM, Bhubaneswar. He is fellow of International centre of Theoretical Physics, Italy ; National Academy of Sciences, India ; Maharashtra Academy of sciences, Pune; and Indian society of soil Science, New Delhi. He is recipient of prestigious TWAS Medal of United Nations, ICAR Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award, ICAR Team Research Award, NAAS Recognition Award , Life Time Achievement Award of the Institute of Engineers, 12 th International Congress Commemoration Award of Indian Society of soil Science and many other Society Awards.	
8.	Name	Dr. D. K. Pal	
	Designation	Former Principal scientist and Head, Division of soil resource studies ICAR-NBSS & LUP, Nagpur.	
	Present Address	Division of Soil Resource Studies, ICAR-NBSS-LUP. Amravati Road, Nagpur 440033, Maharashtra. India	
	Research Area	He has completed Ph.D degree in Agriculture chemistry, from Calcutta university. He worked as a DAAD post-Doctoral Fellow at the Institute of Soil Science University of Hannover , West Germany during 1980-81. Dr. Pal have long experience of more than three and a half decades and have focused on the alluvial (Indo-Genetic Alluvial Plains, IGP) red ferruginous and shrink-swell soils of the tropical	


		<p>environments of India. His Work has expanded the basic knowledge in pedology , paleopathology , soil taxonomy, soil mineralogy, soil micromorphology and edaphology. He is the life member of many professional national societies in soil and earth science. He has also been conferred with many awards (The Platinum Jubilee Commemoration Award of the Indian Society of soil science, New Delhi for the year 2012, ICAR Award, Outstanding Interdisciplinary Team Research inn Agriculture and Allied Sciences, Biennium 2005-2006, and the 12th International Congress Commemoration Award, Indian Society of Soil Science, 1997.</p>	
9.	Name	Dr. E. B. Chakurkar	
	Designation	Director ICAR- Central Coastal Agriculture Research , Old Goa.	
	Present Address	ICAR- Central Coastal Agriculture Research , Old Goa.	
	Research Area	He is Expertise in infertility management in dairy animals, Embryo Transfer in cattle, Artificial Insemination in Pigs, Goat reproduction and Rabbit production. He is the recipient of the 'Fakharudin Ali Ahmad Award' for the biennium 1996-97 and has been awarded the 'Fellow' of National Academy of Veterinary Science in the year 2007. He has also submitted a provisional application for patent entitled "Extender for preservation of boar semen" to the Indian Patent Office on 10 th August 2016.	
10.	Name	Dr. N. Kumar	
	Designation	Former Dean(Horticulture),TNAU, Coimbatore	
	Present Address	TNAU, Coimbatore- 641003	
	Research Area	He has rich professional Experience of 36 years with 22 years as a professor. He has published 9 text books, 59 International research paper and Editor of an International journal. He is involved in release of 10 improved cultivars in horticultural crops and developed many improved techniques like fertigation and high density planting techniques in fruit crops like banana and mango. Which formed the basis for launching precision farming scheme by Tamil Nadu Government. He has visited 20 foreign countries to attend International symposia and other events.	
11.	Name	Dr. Zora Singh	
	Designation	Foundation Professor Postharvest Horticulture Curtin University, Australia	
	Present Address	Curtin Horticulture Research Laboratory School of Molecular and life Sciences Faculty of Science and Engineering Curtin University GPO Box U1987, Perth, Western Australia 6845 Australia z.singh@curtin.edu.au	



	Research Area	His research in horticulture primarily focused on postharvest physiology of fruit and other horticulture crop. Regulation of health benefit compounds in ripe mango fruit. (In collaboration with, Mrs. Vithana Mekhala and Dr. Stuart Johnston, Food Science.) and Regulation of fruit softening, colour development and quality in controlled atmosphere stored mango. In collaboration with Mrs. M. F. Sumual and Dr. S. C. Tan, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Agriculture, Western Australia). He has awards recipient of many but most significant award Winner of the 2017 Mitsubishi Corporation Wa Innovator of the Year Award for joint research on development of 'Ethylene Antagonists' with Dr. Alan Payne. This award carries \$ 75000 cash prize. Research publication, Patents, and Technologies: Total publication 360: Edited Conference Proceedings (2), Thesis (2), Book Chapters (20) paper in refereed Journals (120) Refereed Conference Proceedings (63) Paper Presented at National and International Conference (154). And Patents 1. Method of retarding and ethylene response, covers use of lead compounds as ethylene antagonists.	
12.	Name	Dr. N. J. Thakor	
	Designation	Former Dean, College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Dr. B. S. Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth Dapoli-415712. (M.S.)	
	Present Address	B-9, Hridayakash, Vishwashanti Colony, Lane No.2, Near Govind Garden Chowk, Pimple saudagar, Pune-411027 nayan07@gmail.com	
	Research Area	<p>International Exposure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada : Doctoral studies at University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. (1989-1993). • Ethiopia: visiting Professor to Alemaya University, Alemaya under Words Bank fouded ARTP Programme.(2003-2004)4 Months. <p>International Consultant : of EXIM Bank, India for SEDF, Dhaka, Bangladesh for providing training on processing of aromatic rice and management of Rice Mill. He has published 39 Scientific papers and 19 Technical Articles. He has contributed in 17 technical Recommendation on Fruit processing.</p>	
13.	Name	Dr. V. M. Mayande	
	Designation	Former Vice Chancellor PDKV, Akola and Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi	
	Present Address	vmmayande@gmail.com	
	Research Area	<p>Dr. Mayande has more than dozen innovations in farm machinery design and has 11 Patents to his credit. He has published 115 research papers in various National and International journals.</p> <p>Dr. Mayande's professional contribution has been</p>	

		recognized by different organizations with awards and honours which includes: (a) Rafi Ahmed Kidwai Award for outstanding Agricultural Engineering & Technology, ICAR, New Delhi (b) Gold Medal, Indian Society of irrigation by Association of Management Institutions, Mumbai (c) ASPEE Gold Medal, ISAE, New Delhi (d) Best product Invention award during 2001 & 2002 (e) Fellow, Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers, New Delhi (f) Fellow, Indian Society of Dryland Agriculture, Hyderabad (g) Awarded Honorary Rank of Colonel Commandant, 11 th NCC Bn (h) Emeritus Engineer Award, Institution of Engineers, 2009.	
14.	Name	Dr. Y. P. Khandetod	
	Designation	Associate Dean , College of Agricultural Engineering Technology, Dr. B. S. Konkan Krishi Vidhyapeeth Dapoli.	
	Present Address	F-37, Vasant Building, DBSKKV Quarters, Shivajinagar, Dapoli, Dist-Ratnagiri. 415712 ypkhandetod@rediffmail.com	
	Research Area	His interest is on Utilization of natural energy sources. Particularly solar energy. He has written 2 book and published 35 Research articles.	
15.	Name	Dr. Milind Joshi	
	Designation	AGM, Maharashtra state Agricultural Marketing Board	
	Present Address	138, Ashirwad, At. & Po. Palgad. Tal. Dapoli, Dist. Ratnagiri. 415716 joshi.mangoboard@msaamb.com	
	Research Area	His Activities are Related with Mango & Cashew Export & processing. Monitoring APMC work and Export Promotion, Mango Export Europgap Certification, Pack House Manager. For Exporting mango to USA Co-ordination with APMC Training Programs for the farmers. Erection of Market yard, Daily APMC activities Mango festival. Project report of Export Facility Centre Export promotion, Training Programs for the farmers, Protocol for Export of mango and sweetlime.	
16.	Name	Dr. B. R. Salvi	
	Designation	Head, Department of Horticulture	
	Present Address	Department of Horticulture Dr. B. S. konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli brsalvi@gmail.com	
	Research Area	He has wide perience in Horticultural crops. He has developed and released three varieties of mango and involved in development of mango field gene bank at Vengurle and DUS-guideline of mango. He has published 28 research articles related with mango crop. He has published compendium of mango. He has experience of mango nursery production , mango cultivation as well as export of mango fruit.	

17.	Name	Dr. Bhaskar Savani	
	Designation	D.M.D., M.Sc., D.T.C. and President & CEO	
	Present Address		
	Research Area	Dr. Savani is the President and CEO of the India-based Agriculture Produce Marketing Company-SAVANI FARMS working toward uplifting socio-economic structure of farmers by creating new market for their produce while preserving wild life and ecological heritage of India. Dr. Savani has lobbied expensively to lift the ban on Indian Mangoes in the United States. Dr. Savani is the first legal importer of Indian Mangoes to the United States using gamma radiation to mitigate the fruit fly and pest risk. (Google keyword : Bhaskar Savani mango) In 1985 working as an education officer for non-profit conservation organization W.W.F. (World Wild Life Fund-India), Dr. Savani has developed a vision of creating agricultural plantation corridors using native trees like mangoes to connect isolated wild habitats of India and preserving the food chain of wild animals while supporting farm to fork concept to help farming community.	
18.	Name	Dr. M. B. Chetti	
	Designation	Assistant Director General (HRD), Education Division KAB II, Pusa, New Delhi 110012	
	Present Address	Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Pusa, New Delhi 110012	
	Research Area	Education Management, Educational Technology and Human Resource Management, Photosynthesis and crop productivity, Hormonal and Chemical Regulation of Plant Growth, Post-Harvest physiology and value addition, exposure, Pesticide, residue and quality analysis, Guided 16 PhD and 28 Msc (Agriculture) students, Extensive International exposure. Pivotal role in institution building activities.	
19.	Name	Dr. R. T. Gunjate	
	Designation	Associate Director of Research ,RFRS, vengurle (1984-1994) Vice President, (1998-2017) Reliance Industries Ltd, Jamnagar Gujarat.	
	Present Address	6, Nutan Cooperative Hosing Society Sabniswada, Sawantwadi - 416510 Dist-Sindhudurg, Maharashtra. Ramchandra.gunjate@gmail.com	
	Research Area	He was actively involved in Horticulture crop improvement, Production, multiplication, research management. Publication : Research articles-60; Technical articles -26; Papers presented at seminars/symposia-19; Radio and TV programmes-43; Books: contributed 4 chapters in four books. Achievements : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolved mango varieties Ratna, Sindhu and 	

		<p>cashew varieties Vengurla-4, Vengurla-5, Vengurla -6 and Vengurla -7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardized stone grafting in mango, softwood grafting in mango and cashew, epicotyl Grafting in jackfruit, • Standardized large nursery management practices • Perfected use of Paclobutrazol for overcoming alternate bearing in mango. • High density and Ultra high density planting systems in mango and cashew, • Recently developed Reliance Kesar a new mango variety having all quality characters of Kesar but much bigger fruit size averaging 450 g/ fruit. • Developed Bajarang as new off season commercially viable mango variety for drier regions • Attended all the 8 International Mango Symposia so far held. <p>He is recipient following Awards :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hari Om Ashram Award for 1981. • Girilalji Chaddha Memorial National Award 1992. • Fie Foundation Award 1994. • Krishi Bhushan Award was given to the Regional Fruit Research Station Vengurle in 1991 which was headed by Dr. Gunjate for previous 10 years. • Life Time Achievement Award for outstanding R & D on horticulture by Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli in 2014. 	
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20.	Name	Dr. Vikas Jindal	
	Designation	Ph.D. Entomology, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, India .	
	Present Address	Assistant Entomologist Department of Entomology Punjab Agricultural University Ludhiana-141004, Punjab, India. vikas_ento@pau.edu	
	Research Area	<p>Research Projects Handled :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fund for Improvement of S&T Infrastructure (FIST-2015) sponsored by DST, New Delhi (Co-ordinator) 2. RNAi mediated gene silencing for identification of novel and potential targets in whitefly, Bemisia tabaci for its management (Co-PI) sponsored by DBT, New Delhi 3. Molecular Cloning and Characterization of hydrophobin genes from local isolates of Beauveria bassiana, an entomopathogenic fungus, for improved biocontrol potential. Bio-CAReDBT for women scientists (Mentor) 4. Molecular systematics and barcoding of spiders from arid and semi-arid regions of northern India sponsored by UGC, New Delhi (Mentor) <p>Awards/scholarship/medals/Honours :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. P. Kameswara Rao award presentation (2nd) during XVI AZRA international conference on “Applied Zoological Research for Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security” held at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi on Feb 9-11, 2018. 2. Raman Postdoctoral Fellowship for research work in Department of Entomology, Kansas State University, USA for one year sponsored by University Grant Commission, New Delhi from July 18, 2016 to July 17, 2017 3. Awarded travel grant to attend, “First International Whitefly Symposium” at Kolymbari, Greece held on May 20-24, 2013 by Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology India in 2013. 4. Awarded Dr. Sardar Singh Gold Medal for obtaining highest OCPA of 8.45/10.00 during M. Sc. Programme. 5. Awarded travel grant to attend, “XXIII International Congress of Entomology” at Durban, South Africa, by Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, India in 2008. <p>Foreign Visits : Raman Post Doctoral Fellow for</p>	

		<p>research in USA for one year sponsored by UGC, New Delhi at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, USA from July 18, 2016 to July 17, 2017.</p> <p>Publications : (a) Original research articles- 44, (b) Papers presented at symposium/Conference etc. (Abstracts)-50, (c) Text book-1, (d) Chapter papers-3, (e) DNA barcodes/ gene sequences submitted to Gen Bank/BOLD-200.</p>	
21.	Name	Dr. J. C. Rajput	
	Designation	Eminent Horticulturist	
	Present Address		
	Research Area	<p>He is an eminent horticulturist with wide experience at National and International levels in Research and Development. He also had one year course of Tree Breeding and Genetics in Mississippi State University, MS. USA in 1990.</p> <p>He served as a Vegetable Specialist (KKV, Dapoli), Horticulturist and Associate Director of Research at Regional fruit Research Station Vengurle (KKV) Since 1998, he is working as a director of research in Nirmal seed Pvt. Ltd. Pachora Maharashtra. He has widely traveled for research and business purposes in almost 30 countries.</p> <p>He had released 11 Vegetable in Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth Dapoli. Dist-Ratnagiri (MS) and 55 varieties & 114 hybrids have been developed under his leadership in Nirmal Seed Pvt Ltd. Dr. Rajput is the author of 8 books/bulletin's. He has published more than 120 research/technical papers in renowned national and international journals. He also worked on mango at Dr. BSKKV. Dapoli. He has formulated unique breeding programme for mango and cashewnut especially for export purpose.</p> <p>He is recipient of HSI Award, Gold Medal from Horticulture Society of India, New Delhi in 2006; Vasantao Naik Memorial Gold Award from Vasantao Naik Smriti Pratishthan, Pusad (MS) in year 1992; Abasaheb kupal Horticultural Award at Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth , Dapoli Dist- Ratnagiri(MS) in 1993; Baliraja- Dr. Rahudkar Grantha Paritoshik Award from B. R. Grantha Poritoshik Sameeti , Pune in 1995.</p>	
22.	Name	Dr. K. H. Pujari	
	Designation	Associate Dean	
	Present Address	Post Graduate Institute of Post Harvest management, Killa, Roha, Dist- Raigad.	
	Research Area	<p>Research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution in variety development – 7 variety of different crops • Recommendation -6 (Research project) • Project handles- 6 (Amounting more than 80 crore) 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed technology for mango high productivity and export protocol to USA • “RFRS” acclamation cash prize award of Dr. B. S. Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli for the year 2016 for contribution in Horticultural research • Life Time Achievement Award, Awarded by the Society to Tropical Agriculture, New Delhi on 6th International conference i. e. 6th ICRAAHS-2017’ for the contribution in mango research and post harvest management. • Patents applied- 14(Nos.) Granted -3 (Nos.) <p>Total Service Experience (Teaching Research & Extension) 33 years. Total Experience in Professor and above cadre (Administration and technical field) 11 years.</p> <p>Education Student Guided: 1) M.Sc. –More than 100, 2) Ph. D. -5, and Established Post Graduate Institute of Post Harvest Management under Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli first of its kind in India. Extension Publication (Research Articles, Conference papers-100 (Nos.), International seminars papers -16 (Nos.)</p> <p>International exposure : Participated in international seminars, conferences and symposiums- Israel, Australia, Shri lanka, China, Singapu.</p>	
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