

**Programme Schedule**  
**New Vistas in Invertebrate Research: Student – Scientist Interface**  
**ICAR-Indian Institute of Spices Research, Kozhikode**  
**January 25, 2017**

**Inaugural Session (10.00 am to 10.45 am)**

- 10.00 am : ICAR Song  
10.02–10.07 am : Welcome address - Dr. S. J Eapen, Head, Crop Protection, ICAR-IISR  
10.07 am : Lighting of lamp  
10.10 –10.25 am : Inaugural address – Dr. K. Nirmal Babu, Director, ICAR-IISR  
10.25 –10.45 am : Special lecture – Dr. S. Devasahayam, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IISR  
: Emerging concepts in biological control of insect pests  
10.45 –10.50 am : Vote of thanks – Dr. T. K. Jacob, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IISR  
10.50 –11.00 am : Tea Break

**Student – Scientist Interface (11.00 am – 2.15 pm)**

- Chairperson** : Dr. C. A. Jayaprakas, Head, Crop Protection, ICAR-CTCRI  
11.00–11.30 am : Dr. M. Nasser, Head, Department of Zoology, University of Calicut  
**Topic** : Gall insects – Specialized herbivores  
11.30 am–12.00 : Dr. Bhaskara Rao, Associate Professor, Calicut Medical College  
Recent advances in the field of vector control and a brief note on  
**Topic** : forensic entomology  
12.00–12.30 pm : Dr. Sabu K Thomas, Associate Professor, St. Joseph's College  
**Topic** : Coleopteran diversity: Challenges and opportunities  
12.30–1.00 pm : Dr. Tony Grace, Assistant Professor, Central University of Kerala  
**Topic** : Next Generation Sequencing technologies; Revolutionizing insect science research  
1.00 – 1.45 pm : Lunch Break  
1.45 – 2.15 pm : Dr. Sachin James, Assistant Professor, Malabar Christian College  
**Topic** : Semio-chemicals and its role in pest management

**Plenary Session (2.15 pm – 3.00 pm)**

- Chairperson** : Dr. K. Nirmal Babu, Director, ICAR-IISR  
2.15 – 2.55 pm : Dr. Abraham Verghese, Ex-Director, ICAR-NBAIR  
**Topic** : Decline in insectivorous birds consequent to agrarian expansion and an increase in insect pests: a case study in North Bengaluru  
2.55 – 3.00 pm : Vote of thanks – Dr. C. M. Senthil Kumar, Senior Scientist, ICAR-IISR  
3.00 pm : Tea