

IBB Safety Symposium (3rd Nov 2012)

IBB safety symposium was held on 3rd November 2012 for all IBB students and staff. Dr. Vaijayanti Tamhane compared the program and briefed every one about the objectives and purpose of the safety symposium. Prof. Ameeta RaviKumar informed all the participants about the importance of practicing safety in laboratories. The program was divided into 3 sessions with lectures by 7 eminent speakers and a panel discussion. The first session was chaired by Dr. Vaijayanti Tamhane. There were 4 lectures in this session on different aspects of safety. Dr. Grover in a very special way primed students about importance of safety. He talked about chemical and general safety. Various signs and symbols used for safety. Dr. Paresh Shah talked about levels or categories for viruses and dangers associated while handling viruses and viral vectors. Dr. Pal talked about history of biosafety and also gave an important message that safety practices have to come from within and followed by each individual. Practicing safety has a global significance. Dr K. V. Krishnamurti highlighted the importance of GM plants in industry today. He also guided about the safety practices and disposal of chemicals used in plant transgenic research.

The second session was chaired by Dr. Dhara Sachdev. There were three talks in this session. Dr. Wani briefed about the biosafety regulations for teaching and research set by IBSC and RCGM. He also talked about the biosafety levels, containment facilities and disposal recommendations. Dr. Vaishali Shinde's talk was focused on chemical safety. She discussed about the routes through which chemicals could be taken up by our body and the allergic/hazardous effect they may cause either instantly or eventually. She emphasized on appropriate labeling of chemicals, faithfully following the guidelines for usage/handling and wearing of self protective gadgets. Dr. Ayesha Khan talked about safe use of instruments and equipments in the laboratories. This included safety practices while handling glassware, electrical gadgets, transilluminators, centrifuge, autoclave, vacuum pumps and laminar air flow.

The third session – A panel discussion was chaired by Dr. Rashmi Nair and Dr. Ameeta RaviKumar, Dr. K.V. Krishnamurti, Dr. Wani, Dr. Ayesha Khan and Dr. Vaishali Shinde constituted the panel.



