

## **Pre Bid workshops for UKIERI Call for Research Proposals 2017-18**

UKIERI Secretariat organised series of Pre Bid workshops in India and the UK in September 2017. The aim of these workshops was to help potential applicants understand the application process for Call for Research Proposals 2017-18.

The workshops were targeted at institutions which are new to UKIERI to help them build their capacities for proposal writing and collaborative working. The objective of the workshops was to introduce the audience to the nature of UKIERI Call, Guidelines, Deadlines and Submissions. Applicants were also apprised about the online link to submit the application.

### **Delhi, Friday, 08 September**

Delhi workshop brought together 40 guests from the leading Universities and Technical Institutes of Delhi/ NCR and other neighbouring states. Participants attended the workshop with their project team members to deliberate on activities that can be taken up jointly and develop a proposal under the call. Workshop also had a session from a previous year awardee Professor Indrajit Roy from Department of Chemistry of Delhi University who shared his inputs on the basis of his experience of being an applicant from the previous call.



### **Guwahati and Kolkata- Friday and Saturday, 08 and 09 September**

The first ever UKIERI pre bid workshop in North East was held in Guwahati at the Cotton University, a State Public University with more than 50 faculties from major higher education institutes (like Guwahati University, IIT Guwahati, and Assam Engineering College participating in it. Over the last ten years, UKIERI has supported more than 75 successful partnerships from East India. The region

emphasised in spreading more awareness about this program in North East region. Participants were keen to explore partnership; though they expressed that not having a relevant UK contact could be a challenge.

The workshop in Kolkata was conducted at the British Council premises. 40 plus faculties from major State Universities like Jadavpur University, Kalyani University, Burdwan University, institutes of national importance like IIT Kharagpur, IISER Kolkata, ISI Kolkata and premier research institutes like CGCRI, CMERI of the country had attended the workshop. Both the workshops were opened by Debanjan Chakrabarti, Area Director, East and North East India, British Council.





### **Chandigarh, Tuesday, 12 September**

For the very first time, a Pre Bid workshop was hosted in Chandigarh at the British Council Library. The event was opened by Anupama Ghai, Head – British Council Library, Chandigarh. Workshop had about 40 potential applicants (Scientists and professors) from the Punjab University, CSIR - Central Scientific Instruments Organisation and Punjabi University. Through the two hour session UKIERI team member clarified queries of the potential applicants around themes of application,

IPR and eligibility of Co-partner institutions. UKIERI in the previous phases also has supported partnerships between Indian Institutions of the region like IIT Roorkee, NIFT, Mehar Chand Polytechnic, Ludhiana Polytechnic, Northern India Institute of Fashion Technology, Indian Institute of Petroleum, Dehradun to name of few.

### **Mumbai, Friday, 15 September**

Mumbai workshop was organised at British Council office and was attended by 45 participants from various Higher Education institutions from West India. The session was opened by Nikita Desai, Head – Internationalising Higher Education (West India). The participants were from established institutions like University of Mumbai, University of Pune, Indian Institute of Technology Indore, Government College of Engineering Pune, SVNIT Pune, Goa University, GH Rasoni College of Engineering Pune.



### **Ahmedabad, Monday, 18 September**

Ahmedabad workshop was also organised for the FIRST time in the state at the British Council Library. The workshop was opened by Mr. Geoff Wain, British Deputy High Commissioner Ahmedabad. Thanks to extensive efforts by regional colleagues in promoting calls to in the region due to which the workshop saw a very good attendance considering it was organised for the first time. There were 50 participants from institutions based not only from Ahmedabad but from other cities of state like IIT Gandhinagar, Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat and

Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda.



### **Lucknow, Tuesday, 19 September**

Lucknow workshop brought together 30 guests from the leading Universities and Technical Institutes of Uttar Pradesh and other adjacent states. The Workshop was hosted at Indian Institute of Toxicology Research and was opened by Dr. Alok Dhawan the Director of the institute who also is recipient of UKIERI funding twice in phase and phase two .Event had over 30 faculties from major higher education institutes of the state like IIT Kanpur ,

Lucknow University and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Avadh University.



### **Bangalore and Chennai- Thursday and Friday, 21 and 22 September**

The workshops at Bangalore and Chennai brought together 95 academics from various institutions from South India. Major Institutions like IIT Madras, VIT University, IISC Bangalore participated in workshop. The workshop was opened by Mei-Kwei Barker, Director South India British Council. She spoke about UKIERI contribution in establishing UK India relation.

### **Pre Bid Workshops in the UK**

Similar workshops were held at four locations in the UK, the first workshop in UK was conducted at Cardiff University on 01 September, the second workshop was conducted at Universities UK, London on 04 September, Third was in *University of Edinburgh* on 05 September and last one was held on 06 September in *University of Sheffield*.

These UK workshops had over 70 participants. These workshops were delivered by representatives from Universities UK International, UK.

### **Pre Bid Webinar-Friday, 06 October**

UKIERI Secretariat organised a webinar for the potential applicants who missed to attend the series of Pre Bid workshops in India and the UK. Webinar brought together 30 participants from the leading Universities and Technical Institutes of India and the UK. Participants attended the webinar with their project team members to deliberate on activities that can be taken up jointly and develop a proposal under the call. Participants also raised queries on technical aspects of the online submission.

Overall, the participants found these workshops and the webinar well-structured, comprehensive, rich in content and useful for the submission of their proposal under the call. Views captured post each workshop in India and the UK from the attendees have been incorporated in the FAQ's and uploaded on UKIERI website.