

Report on the Visit of the Ethiopian Delegation to CIFE, Mumbai

A delegation from Hawassa, University, Hawassa, Ethiopia visited CIFE, Mumbai on 28th May, 2018 to discuss mutual capabilities and areas of collaborative research and education. The delegation led by Mr. Ayano Barso, President (Vice-Chancellor), HU comprised of Dr. Zeytu Gashaw, Dean, College of Natural and Computational Science, Prof. P. Natarajan, Professor, Aquatic Sciences and Aquaculture, Department of Biology, Dr. Zufan Bedewi, Head of Department of Biology and Mr. Kassaye Balkew, Lecturer in Aquaculture, HU.

Dr. Gopal Krishna, Director, CIFE welcomed the delegates to a meeting attended by all HoDs of CIFE. He apprised the delegation of the fisheries research and education set up in the country in general and CIFE in particular and highlighted the strengths of this Deemed University. In his opening remarks Mr. Barso, President, HU mentioned that although they have 81 under-graduate programs they are offering very few Post Graduate and Doctoral programs due to lack of specialized faculty. He sought collaboration with CIFE in specialized areas for upgradation of their faculty and students through sandwich Ph.D. programs.

Dr. N. P. Sahu, Dean (Academic), CIFE presented detailed achievements of CIFE, while Dr. Zeytu Gashaw, Dean, HU apprised the members of the programs offered at Hawassa, University. Dr. Aparna Chaudhari, Dean External Relations, CIFE informed the members that the draft MoU between the two institutions has been submitted to DARE, ICAR for approval and will be communicated to HU for their signature. The VCs of both Universities exchanged the draft MoU. Director, CIFE clarified that all proposals of academic collaboration discussed during the meeting will be sent to the Council for approval once the MoU is finalized. Dean (E.R.) also informed the delegation of the various fellowships available for African students desirous of studying in India.

The delegation visited various labs and facilities. Mr. Barso expressed his hope for constructive and mutually beneficial collaboration in future. He also invited Dr. Gopal Krishna and other faculty members of CIFE to the International Conference on Sustainable Aquaculture being organized at Hawassa University in Nov 2018.