

**Second Edition of  
Dr. E. G. Silas Endowment Lecture delivered by Dr. Ram C. Bhujel**



*Dr. Ram C. Bhujel, Director, Aqua-Centre, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand delivering the 2nd edition of the Dr. E.G. Silas Endowment Lecture*

Dr. Ram C. Bhujel, Director, Aqua centre, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand delivered the second edition of Dr. E. G. Silas endowment lecture during “India Tilapia Summit 2014” held at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh on December 18, 2014.

Dr. Bhujel presented the overview of tilapia farming in SE Asia and globally, with special emphasis on AIT’s tilapia hatchery technology which is spreading all over the world benefiting many countries and their farming communities. He posed a question why India was not taking benefit of it. He also highlighted the revenue generating potential of modern tilapia farming giving examples of some hatcheries in Thailand that generate up to US\$10,000 per day.

RGCA organises Dr. E. G. Silas Endowment Lecture each year by bringing reputed International/National Scientists to speak on current issues or topics that are highly relevant to the Aquaculture Industry in the country. This Annual Lecture is a tribute to the invaluable contributions of Dr. E. G. Silas, one of the most revered personalities in the field of Fisheries and Aquaculture Research sector in India. Dr. Silas, in his illustrious career has served as the Director of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute and as Vice Chancellor of Kerala Agricultural University and is currently the Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee of RGCA. The First Edition of Endowment lecture was delivered by the renowned Shrimp Pathologist Dr. Donald V. Lightner during 2013.