



KMTC, KSHEC & SCTIMST CONDUCT HANDS-ON WORKSHOP FOR RESEARCHERS TO FURTHER TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH OUTCOMES IN MEDICAL DEVICES held on 21 March 2023

Kerala Medical Technology Consortium (KMTC), partnered with the Kerala State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) and the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology, organised a one-day Hands-On Workshop for researchers in the state, where experts and stakeholders came together to help impart practical knowledge around Translational / Applied Research in Medical Sciences & Technology. Participated more than 100 senior researchers, students and faculty, from across the state from various institutes. universities, involved in the area of Translational or Applied Research in the complex domain of Medical Sciences and Medical Technology. An expert in the area from Germany, Dr Harald Peter, Head of IvD-Platform / Point-of-Care Technologies, Fraunhofer Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology, Porsdam, Germany actively participated in the program. The Fraunhofer Society-led Fraunhofer group of institutions are best known for their cutting-edge applied research and close partnerships with industry, developing many technologies like Lab-on-a-Chip diagnostic devices and mp3 digital files system for music. During his sessions and during his interactions with the participants, Dr Peter, drawing from his years of experience first-hand with Fraunhofer's industry-facing applied research model, emphasized on the role of both industry and researchers in developing innovations that are useful to society, and the need for closer collaboration between them. Dr R Bindu, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and Social Justice, and Chairperson, Kerala State Higher Education Council, Government of Kerala inaugurated the workshop. Dr Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chairman, KSHEC, Dr Saji Gopinath, Vice Chancellor, Digital University of Kerala, Prof Samir Kumar Brahmachari, renowned Biophysicist and former Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Director, SCTIMST and Mr C Padmakumar, Special Officer, KMTC were also part of the Workshop and delivered their insights and inspired the participants to go above and beyond just academic research



