

Case study — Education Travel Grant

Dr Kishan Gore is the Head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering at Marathwada Agricultural University in Parbhani, Maharashtra. An achiever from the start, Dr Gore is renowned for his contribution in the field of soil and water conservation, and watershed management over the past three decades.

In May 2006, Dr Gore received a pleasant surprise in the form of an invitation to present his research paper titled “Impact and Evaluation of Water Development Works in Maharashtra State – A Case Study” at the CIGR 2006 World Congress to be held in Bonn, Germany. With several hundred papers covering all aspects of agricultural engineering, scheduled to be presented during this event, the occasion was an exciting opportunity to meet renowned experts in the field of watershed management.

Dr Gore approached the Trust in June 2006 with an application for a travel grant, which sanctioned a sum of Rs40,000 towards his international airfare. Whilst thanking the Trust for its support upon his return, Dr Gore submitted a short report on the meet in Bonn, which saw 575 participants from over 47 countries presenting 368 papers over an eight-day period.

Dr Gore’s paper showed how an increase in production could be effected through scientific management of natural resources such as soil and water, as opposed to merely increasing the area under cultivation, which would consequently put a strain on fast-depleting water resources.

With his paper being well received at the Congress, Dr Gore has now decided to circulate the paper to research scientists working in the field of soil and water conservation throughout the country.