## Dr. K. K. Pandey elected Fellow of the International Academy of Wood Science

Dr. Krishna Kumar Pandey, Scientist G, Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore has been elected as **Fellow of the International Academy of Wood Science** (IAWS). This is regarded as a very high honor in the field of wood science and is in recognition to the scientific contributions made by him. IAWS promotes concerted development of wood science at the international level and recognizes meritorious wood scientists by their election as Fellows, thus honoring distinguished achievements in the science of wood, and also promotes high standards in research and publication.

Dr. Pandey's major contribution is in understanding photodegradation and weathering of wood and its protection through chemical modification of cell wall polymers, heat treatment, and surface coatings. He is also known for his work on characterization of wood polymers using spectroscopic techniques.



## Dr. R. Sundararaj inducted as Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society, London, UK.

Dr. R. Sundararaj, Scientist G, Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore has recently been inducted as **Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society**, London, UK. Basically a whitefly taxonomist, having 25 years of research experience in the field of Entomology, contributed significantly on insect pest management of Indian Sandalwood.

He is also a **Fellow of Applied Zoological Researches**, and Life member of "The National Academy of Science", Allahabad (NASI), "Entomology Academy of India", Chennai, "American Association for the Advancement of Science", USA; "Plant Protection Association of India", Hyderabad, "Professor. T. C. Narandran Trust in Animal Taxonomy", Calicut, "Indian Academy of Wood Science", Bangalore, and "Association for Advancement of Entomology", Trivandrum, India. He guided 9 Ph.D students and to his credit he has 198 research papers both in National and International Journals, co-authored a book and four technical manuals.

