



Dr. Rishi Tyagi has been appointed as APCoAB Coordinator, APAARI and will join the secretariat in the middle of August 2017. He is the Head and Principal Scientist, Division of Germplasm Conservation, Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBPGR), New Delhi, India and served as the Coordinator, Consortium Research Platform on Agrobiodiversity. He holds a Ph.D. in Botany and worked as Post-Doctoral Research Associate in University of Illinois, USA. He has more than 31 years of experience in managing plant genetic resources (PGR). He provided leadership and made significant scientific contributions in the related field of specialization and executed several projects and organized trainings/symposia, both nationally and internationally. He was Co-organizing Secretary of '*1st International Agrobiodiversity Congress*', which was inaugurated by Prime Minister of India, in November 2016. He has been Vice President, General Secretary and Editor-in-Chief of the Indian Society of Plant Genetic Resources. He has 334 publications to his credit, including 78 research papers in internationally reputed journals.