



**(Dr Ravi Khetarpal)**

Dr Ravi Khetarpal has been appointed as Executive Secretary, APAARI and he will take up this challenging assignment effective first week of August 2017. He served CABI – South Asia (India) as Regional Director and also as its Regional Advisor on Strategic Science Partnerships over a span of seven years. Prior to this he worked for National Agricultural Research System in India for three decades. He holds PhD in Life Sciences (Virology) from University of Paris and was a Visiting Scientist in an EU Collaborative Project at INRA, Versailles, France for three years. His areas of interest includes research, development, policy issues and capacity building in areas of biosecurity, biosafety, seed certification and biodiversity. He has worked as consultant of twelve FAO/World Bank Projects notably in Indonesia (as Team Leader), India, Nepal, Mauritius and Cambodia. He represents Asia as Developing Country SPS Expert in STDF Working Group in WTO. He has published 110 research papers, 19 books, 56 book chapters, 12 review articles and 3 policy papers. APAARI welcomes him and looks forward to enhanced APAARI progress under his dynamic leadership.