



Prof. R K Sivanappan

Prof. R K Sivanappan was born on 4th May 1928, received his B.E degree in Civil Engineering in 1953 from Madras University, and his M.Tech degree in 1962 from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur, India. He was a USAID fellow and was conferred honorary Doctorate Degree by the Linkoping University Sweden and Doctor of Science (Honoris causa) by TNAU (Coimbatore, India). He has received more than 15 awards from different organizations both from India and Abroad. His work on water management and soil and water conservation were very well recognized by three premier national societies of India namely: ISAE Conferred Gold Medal for his outstanding contribution in the field of Agrl. Engineering in 1993-94; Soil Conservation Society of India, New Delhi conferred the Leadership Award; and The Institution of Engineers (India), Calcutta, awarded for the outstanding contribution to the Engineering Fraternity. He was the Founder Director of Water Technology Centre at TNAU, and is very well known for his excellent research in the field of Drip Irrigation. After his superannuation in 1986, he has been serving as Consultant / Adviser to a number of international donar and funding agencies such as World Bank, USAID, World Water International, etc. He worked as a member in State Planning Commission, Tamil Nadu (2005-2006) in-charge of water resources, irrigation, land use etc. He has authored more than 30 books and has published more than 1250 Journal articles in national and international Journals. He has travelled to more than 30 countries for consultancy work and to attend international conferences, seminars /workshops, etc.

In recognition of his contributions to the profession, the Society confers the Mason Vaugh Agricultural Engineering Pioneer Award-2016 to Prof. R K Sivanappan.