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**Dr Kaushik Banerjee, Director, ICAR-NRCG, Pune delivered an invited talk at the  
AOAC's Wiley Award Symposium in USA**

Dr Kaushik Banerjee, Director, ICAR-NRC Grapes, Pune delivered a talk entitled "Evolution of the fit-for-purpose residue analysis methods in India for monitoring of multi-class pesticides in food commodities" on August 28, 2023, in the prestigious Harvey Wiley award symposium of AOAC INTERNATIONAL. This award ceremony was held in New Orleans, Louisiana State, USA in the honour of this year's awardee Dr Michelangelo Anstassiades, who is the Head of the EU-Reference Laboratory on Single Residue Methods. In his talk, Dr Banerjee highlighted how the scientific exchange between ICAR-NRCG and the EU-RL is facilitating the trade flow of table grapes between India and the EU countries. In 2010, Indian grape export was affected due to the detection of a plant growth retardant, named chlormequat chloride. And since then, ICAR-NRCG is proactively validating and implementing fit-for-purpose analytical methods for regular monitoring of the residues of such single residue pesticides, e.g, glyphosate, paraquat, diquat, etc. He also presented how the research contributions of ICAR-NRCG has helped achieving an increasing trend in export of fresh grapes from the country.



Incidentally, Dr Banerjee is the only Indian scientist (since this award was constituted in 1957), who had received this prestigious Harvey Wiley award in 2017 for his contributions to food safety and the global analytical community.