

Editorial Foreword

In day to day life, term “research” can be listen from the radio or television news items, discussions or documentary programmes or can be read from the news papers or magazines. All these people are talking about findings of research. Documentary programmes tell us stories about “research findings” and advertisements encourage us to buy products or services as results of research. Is it true that all these researches can be considered as research?

It is a fact that these everyday uses of term “research” are not research in the true meaning of the word “research”. N. Williman on his book “Your Research Project: A step by step Guide for the First Time Researcher” emphasis that the term “research” is used wrongly when just collecting facts or information with no clear purpose, reassembling and reordering facts or information without interpretation and as term to get a product or idea noticed and respected.

Then what are the main features of a real “research”. In a real research data are collected systematically, data are interpreted systematically and have a clear purpose to find out things. Therefore research can be defined as something that people undertake in order to find out things in a systematic way and thereby to increase knowledge.

The articles published in the volume 8 number 2 of the Journal of Agricultural Sciences perfectly show the above features of research.

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