

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CILIATE BIOLOGY

WITH

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COORDINATION NETWORK – BIODIVERSITY OF CILIATES

(Affiliate Society of International Society of Protistologists)

April 04 - 06, 2018

Symposium Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India. www.indiahabitat.org

Scientific Content Suggested areas: Biodiversity, Ecology, Evolution, Systematics, Genomics, Epigenetics, DNA Barcoding, Proteomics, Ciliates and Industry, Ciliates as model organisms in UG teaching and in research, other individual specializations

Short Concept Note on the Symposium: The symposium wishes to achieve the following –

1. To provide a forum for the ciliate interest group to exchange information, present latest research findings and establish collaborations
2. To enthuse a large number of Indian and foreign undergraduate and postgraduate students to take up ciliated protists as their preferred research area
3. To provide networking opportunities for students wishing to take up doctoral or postdoctoral research on ciliates

Journal support for special issue/ publication of abstracts/ report – to be requested

Registration Fee

| Registration fee | Up to 16 Nov 2017 | 17 Nov 2017– 18 March 2018 | 19 March- 2 April 2018 |
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| International Delegate | 300 USD | 400 USD | 450 USD |
| International Delegate (ISoP member) | 250 USD | 350 USD | 400 USD |
| International Student Delegate | 250 USD | 350 USD | 400 USD |
| International Student Delegate (ISoP member) | 200 USD | 300 USD | 350 USD |
| International Accompanying person | 150 USD | 200 USD | 300 USD |
| National Delegate | 5000 INR | 7000 INR | 10000 INR |
| National UG / PG Student Delegate | 3000 INR | 3500 INR | 4000 INR |
| National Research Scholar Delegate | 5000 INR | 5500 INR | 6000 INR |
| National Accompanying Person | 3000 INR | 3500 INR | 4000 INR |

The registration fee will include: conference materials; lunch and refreshments on the 3 symposium days; transfer to/from the airport or railway station; transport from the designated guest houses, hostels and hotels to the conference venue prior to the beginning of the first session, and return at the end of the final session, on each day.

Accommodation

The University has two guest houses – International Guest house and University Guest House. These are 45 minutes' drive from the symposium venue. Per night charges (excluding breakfast) are listed below:

| | Single Room | Double room (double occupancy) |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| International Guest House | 900 INR (~13 USD) | 1300 INR (~20 USD) |
| University Guest House | nil | 700 INR (~11 USD) |

The symposium venue India Habitat Centre will be able to provide 20-25 rooms in 3 different categories. Tariffs per day (breakfast inclusive) are:

Standard: 7,000 INR (~110 USD) single occupancy; 9,000 INR (~140 USD) double occupancy

Premium: 12,000 INR (~190 USD) single occupancy; 14,000 INR (~220 USD) double occupancy;

>20,000 INR (>312 USD) suite

Additionally, a specified number of rooms will be available at special rates in hotels. Hotel options will be arranged and prices will be indicated later.

ACCOMMODATION CHARGES ABOVE ARE AS ON DATE AND MAY BE REVISED BEFORE THE FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

PRE AND POST SYMPOSIUM TOURS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY FOR PARTICIPANTS WISHING TO SAVOUR THE CHARMING AND RICH INDIAN CULTURE AND HERITAGE

The venue is in the heart of Delhi and is well connected by public transport (bus, metro) to various parts of the city.

You are requested to send an e-mail to iscb2018@gmail.com specifying the 'category of delegate' and 'preferred accommodation'. The second announcement will provide further details including instructions of how to register, book accommodation and make payments.

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