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2nd INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON Plant Taxonomy, Ethnobotany and Botanic Gardens

13-14 February, 2023

Kolkata, West Bengal



About Us

Botanical Survey of India on its 134th foundation day, is organizing a two-days International Symposium on Plant Taxonomy, Ethnobotany and Botanic Gardens. The objective of the symposium is to bring together all botanists, taxonomists, ethnobotanists, conservationists, policy-makers, students and research scholars across the country and global scale to share, discuss and learn the recent trends and developments in the field of plant taxonomy, ethnobotany, ex-situ conservation and botanic gardens.

Taxonomy is indispensable for understanding floristic diversity and for devising effective conservation and management strategies for the sustainable utilisation of natural resources. Botanical Survey of India has been serving the nation by providing the scientific basis of floristic diversity, documentation of floristic resources, creating a database on botanical collections, digitization of herbarium specimens and capacity-building training programmes. Botanical Survey of India has 12 Regional Centres at Solan, Dehradun, Pune, Coimbatore, Shillong, Itanagar, Gangtok, Allahabad, Port Blair, Noida, Jodhpur and Hyderabad with its headquarters at Kolkata. Since its inception in 1890, BSI has been the epicentre of taxonomic studies in the entire SE Asia. The organization has been engaged in exploring, identifying and documenting rich plant resources of our country.

The Botanical Survey of India has the following objectives :

- Exploration, inventorying and documentation of phyto-diversity (incl. non-flowering plants) in general and protected areas, hotspots, fragile ecosystems and sacred groves in particular; publication of National, State & District Floras.
- Identification of Red list species and species rich areas needing conservation; ex-situ conservation of critically threatened taxa in botanical gardens.
- Survey and documentation of traditional knowledge associated with plants.
- Develop a National database of Indian plants, including herbarium specimens, live specimens, Botanical Paintings, illustrations etc.
- Capacity building in plant taxonomy through refresher courses and outreach activities.
- Develop and maintain Botanical Gardens, Museum and Herbaria.
- To undertake Climate Change Impact/Vulnerability study on Indian flora and habitats/ecosystems.

About Symposium

The two-day symposium will have oral and poster presentations. There will be four parallel sessions on a wide range of topics on plant diversity, conservation of endemic and threatened species, Ethnobotany, and botanic gardens by experts and researchers from national and international institutions. The symposium will also include Keynote address, Lead Lectures from eminent invitees and also an exhibition on collection of ethno-botanical artefacts, the legacy of J.D. Hooker and Dr. E. K. Janaki Ammal.

Themes

- Floristics and taxonomic studies including revision and monographs on Indian Flora (including lower and higher plants).
- Biosystematics and phylogenetics, including molecular studies.
- Ethnobotany, traditional knowledge.
- Assessment of threatened plants, Ex-situ conservation and Botanic Gardens.
- Invasive Alien Plants.

Venue

Kolkata (erstwhile known as Calcutta) is the capital city of West Bengal, located on the east bank of the Hooghly River. The city is regarded as the "cultural capital" of India, otherwise known as the "City of Joy". The city is the largest in the East with a population of c.4.5 million people and is famous for grand architecture, art galleries, cultural festivals, and revolutionary heritage. Culturally, Kolkata is adorned with many religious places and heritage buildings, such as Jorasanko Thakur Bari, the Victoria Memorial, the National Library, the Howrah Bridge, Indian Museum, St. Paul's Cathedral, Kalighat Temple and Dakshineswar Temple, etc. The city is also home to Mother Teresa's house and the world renowned Great Banyan Tree in the Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Indian Botanic Garden.

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts are invited on the above mentioned themes from Indian as well as foreign nationals. Abstract should be limited to 300 words (excluding title of the paper, authors name, and affiliations) typed in Times New Roman (font size 12 with 1.5 spacing) on or before 15th December, 2022. The abstract prepared in MS word format should be uploaded along with the online Registration Form available on www.bsi.gov.in. The abstract will be reviewed by the committee and acceptance of papers for either oral or poster presentation shall be communicated to the authors. The size of the posters should be 90 x 120 cm in portrait mode. In view of the green protocol, participants are requested to avoid flex or any plastic materials. The full-length paper of the selected abstracts to be submitted before 31st December 2022.

Registration may be done on the link available at www.bsi.gov.in. Please note that there will not be any Spot Registration.

Category	Early bird (Before 15.12.22)	Normal registration (Till 15.01.2023)
International delegate	\$200	\$300
National Delegate (Including BIMSTEC* countries)	INR 5000.00	INR 6000.00
Research Scholar (Including BIMSTEC* countries)	INR 4000.00	INR 5000.00
Corporate**	INR 25,000.00	INR 35000.00
Accompanying person	INR3000.00	INR 3,500.00

* **BIMSTEC** member countries– Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

** Space of 3x3 sq. ft. will be provided for display

Registration fees including all hospitality of Food and Lodging during the symposium duration.

The Registration Fee may be remitted online to the Bank Account details as given below:

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