



National Conference on Traditional Knowledge Systems, Intellectual Property Rights and their Relevance for Sustainable Development

24-26 November 2008

Conference Venue

National Agriculture Science Complex
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New Delhi 110 012, India
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Several studies have pointed to the increasing significance of knowledge and Traditional Knowledge systems in sustainable development in India. The culture and knowledge systems of indigenous people and their institutions provide useful frameworks, ideas, guiding principles, procedures and practices that can serve as a foundation for effective endogenous development options for restoring social, economic and environmental resilience in many parts of the country. It is therefore essential that Traditional Knowledge Systems in the developing countries should not be overshadowed by the domination of cultures that foster inequality and materialism. Traditional Knowledge is a pluralistic approach for conserving and managing natural resources. Traditional Knowledge is dynamic - new knowledge is continuously added. Such systems innovate from within and will also internalize, use and adapt external knowledge to suit the local situation. These knowledge systems have much to offer to policy-makers, environmental managers, administrators, and stakeholders. The integration of Traditional Knowledge and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) regime in policy formulation and the execution of development programmes and projects will be critically debated during the conference. The conference aims to catalyze a positive change in the minds of policy-makers, administrators and stakeholders in India and the developed world about the importance of Traditional Knowledge and IPR issues in sustainable development and poverty reduction. The main objective of the conference is to facilitate research on Traditional Knowledge, a systematic documentation of information on the subject, and the exchange and sharing of information on the subject.

Scientific Sessions will cover the following areas

- Traditional Knowledge and Sustainable Development (Ethnobotany, Ethnomedicine, Ethnoveterinary Practices, Ethnofisheries, Traditional Foods & Beverages, Traditional Agriculture, etc.)
- Traditional Knowledge Documentation
- Traditional Cultural Expressions (Folklore)
- Traditional Knowledge Related Biodiversity and Genetic Resources in Developing Countries: Issues of Piracy & Protection
- Traditional Knowledge and Intellectual Property Rights: Impact and Implications
- Assessing Existing Legal Framework
- Bioprospecting based on Traditional Knowledge and Related IPR Issues
- Access and Benefit Sharing



Discussion Model

The discussion model of the conference is participatory, interactive and sharing-oriented. The sessions will enable in-depth analysis of pertinent issues. The objective of the adopted discussion model is to enable maximum exchange of experience amongst the participants and the resource persons. The discussion during the conference will be led by experts and qualified researchers, policy-makers and practitioners of Traditional Knowledge Systems. The resource persons shall be drawn from research institutions, universities, Government departments, international organizations, etc.

Presentations

All presentations will be in PowerPoint. Each Participant will get 10 minutes for presentation followed by Q/A session.

Registration

The Registration Form with name, contact details, affiliation, area of research/interest, may be sent to the Conference Secretariat. The last date for Registration is 31st August 2008. Registration fee is Rs 3,000.00. Registration Form may be photocopied or downloaded from the NISCAIR website: www.niscair.res.in.

Abstract/ Paper

The Abstract, not exceeding 250 words, with title, author(s) and affiliation, typed in Times New Roman (font 12 size and 1.5 line space) on A4 size paper, should be submitted along with PowerPoint presentation (including soft copy) by 31st August 2008 along with Registration Fee. Manuscript of the Full Paper to be presented is to be submitted by 15th October 2008. Abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Programme Committee for selection for oral/poster presentation. Size of poster should be 120 x 90 cm.

Language

The official language of the Conference will be English.

Climate

November is very pleasant and cool in New Delhi; light warm clothing is recommended.



Travel and Accommodation

Arrangements for accommodation (twin sharing) will be made for the participants as per their request. Tariff of nearby hotels may be made available on request. Request for accommodation may be mentioned in the Registration Form. Participants will have to make their own arrangements for travel from station/airport to place of stay.

Catering

Session tea, lunch and dinner will be provided during the Conference period.

Transport

Transport will be provided for the participants from their place of stay (if arranged by NISCAIR) to the Conference Venue.

Registration Kit

Registration kit shall be provided only to registered participants.

For further details contact:

Coordinator

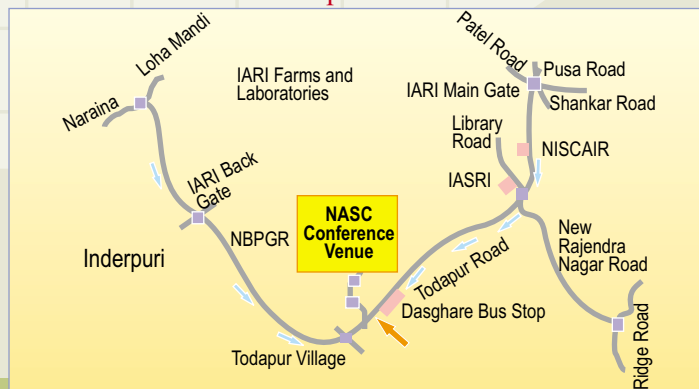
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Name:

Designation..... Sex: M / F

Affiliation/Address.....

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Mobile..... Fax.....

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Title of Abstract/ Paper

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Author(s) (underline the Presenting Author).....

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Food preference: Vegetarian / Non-vegetarian

Accommodation: Required / not required

Tour plan:

Arrival

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Departure

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Registration fee

To be paid by Demand Draft in favour of the NISCAIR, payable

at New Delhi.

Amount.....Bank.....

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