

Indian Association for the Study of Population

NEWS LETTER – June 2011

Dear Fellow Members

Greetings to all of you! This edition of the news letter provides an idea regarding the academic and professional events to be organized during 2011.

Announcement 1 Thirty Third Annual Conference

The Thirty Third Annual Conference of IASP will be held at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, **Lucknow during November 11-13, 2011**. Prof C M Pandey will be the local organizing secretary.

The preliminary results of the recent Indian Census are a rich source of data and analysis of this would be more relevant. The progress made towards achieving the MDG so far and the challenges ahead including child health and maternal health also need to be discussed and deliberated. NRHM, the flag ship programme of the Indian Government is making good progress but the contribution of NRHM and its impact need to be examined. There is a need to get insights into these issues and suggest policy and programme implications.

The conference would have plenary sessions and presentation of invited and contributed research papers and posters on the sub themes listed below:

1. Census 2011 Results : Challenges Ahead
2. Poverty, Drinking Water and Sanitation : Achievements and Major Challenges
3. Maternal Health : Can India afford to delay MDG?
4. Child Health : Issues and Challenges
5. Fertility and Family Planning in UP and Bihar
6. NRHM in Priority States : Implementation and Implications
7. Urbanisation : Issues and Challenges
8. Aging in India : Psychological, Social and Health Issues
9. Mathematical Methods of Demography
10. Innovations in Demographic Analysis
11. Population, Development and Environment
12. Sexual Behaviour/Health
13. Reproductive Health

The IASP members who have been actively involved in multi disciplinary research on population, development and environment are encouraged to share their thoughts, views and research findings on the sub themes listed above. The members are requested to contribute papers/posters on any of the sub themes. The paper/poster may identify gaps and/ or suggest ways and means to improve the programmes aimed at improving the health status or achieving the MDGs in India. It could be a case study documenting best practices or based on primary or secondary data at district, state or national level or it might raise some of the methodological

issues of significance. It could also be review of the existing policies and programmes. The paper must bring out the emerging issues in line with the main theme of the conference.

The modalities for submission of the papers and posters are broadly as follows:

- Prepare your abstract for paper/poster on one of the sub themes. The abstract should be **up to 250 words**. The abstract **as word document** and e mail attachment should be sent to the General Secretary of IASP on the Email ID: iasp.nims@gmail.com. **PDF attachments will not be accepted**. The last date for submission of abstract is **August 05, 2011**.
- An expert committee will review and select the papers/posters to be presented at the conference
- The authors whose paper/poster get selected will be intimated by **September 10, 2011**.

The volume of selected abstracts will be brought out and distributed during the conference.

- Due to paucity of funds, all authors of the selected papers are requested to try to manage for TA/DA from their parent institutions. IASP will try to mobilize funds to meet the travel expenses of those authors who are not able to manage their travel allowance (TA) from their institution and apply well in advance to IASP. To and fro travel expenses by the shortest train route from their head quarters to Lucknow by AC-3 Tier would be reimbursed to a few selected authors who seek the travel support.
- In case of such travel award, the train booking for both ways will have to be arranged by the awardees themselves. Please note that no claim will be entertained without photocopy of the tickets in support of TA. The members, whose papers are not selected or who have not submitted the paper, but wish to attend the conference, are welcome to do so at their own travel expenses. However, local hospitality will be provided to them.
- The members who desire to come with family will have to get all accompanying members registered so that the food and stay expenses can be borne by the IASP.

The decision to participate in the conference should be intimated latest by October 1, 2011.

Other details regarding the conference and stay arrangement will be communicated to the participants of the conference in due course.

Announcement 2 Dr. C. Chandrasekharan Award

Papers on the conference theme are invited from young members (below 30 years of age) for the Dr. Chandrasekharan award. The papers selected by the Screening Committee would be invited for presentation during the Annual Conference. The eligible members are requested to send the abstract by Aug 15, 2011 (through email as **word document** along with age proof) and full paper by September 10, 2011 to the General Secretary, IASP (iasp.nims@gmail.com). The author of the selected paper would be intimated by September 15, 2011. The first and the second best papers will be presented with Dr. Chandrasekharan Award during the annual conference. The young scholars whose papers are selected will be reimbursed up to maximum AC-3 Tier train fare for their travel if requested in advance. Please note that the paper should not be of joint authorship.

Announcement 3 K B Pathak Memorial Award

The annual award in memory of Prof K B Pathak would be presented in the annual conference of IASP to the author of the best paper in the field of Population and Health with significant contribution in terms of methodological innovation. The papers must have been

published in any refereed journal on Population/Demography and Health in the past two years. The author must be below 40 years of age. The papers along with age proof must be sent to the General Secretary of IASP (Sigma Research and Consulting, C23, South Extension I, New Delhi – 110 049) before September 1, 2011.

Announcement 4 General Body Meeting of IASP

The general body meeting of IASP will be held on November 12, 2011 at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, **Lucknow** at 6 pm. The agenda items would be circulated in due course.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORMAT

1. Name of author/s(**underline presenting author**):

2. Title of paper/poster

3. Sub theme

4. Text of abstract (up to **250 words**) [Objectives, Data Sources, Methodology and Key Findings]

5. Travel assistance Required/Not Required (**MUST INDICATE**)

6. Mailing address

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Looking forward to your active participation in the conference

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