

Dear Fellow Members

Greetings. Hope you are in receipt of the News Letter of May 2009 . We wish to update you on the activities of IASP.

As informed in the previous news letter, we could successfully organise the Thirtieth Annual Conference of IASP at the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore during 17-19, October, 2008. We appreciate and acknowledge with thanks the immense contribution made by Dr K S James, organising secretary and his dedicated team under the guidance of Dr Deshpande, Director, for the success of the same.

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Announcement 1: Thirty First Annual Conference of IASP and Call for papers

We are happy to inform that the Thirty First Annual Conference of IASP will be held at **Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati during November 3-5, 2009**. The main theme of the conference is "**Population and Disease**".

The Millennium Development Goals to be achieved by 2015 relate to specific targets in terms of child health and mortality, maternal health and mortality, adolescent health and reduction of burden of HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis. In the light of several efforts being made towards improving the health status of various sections of the population, there is a need for the Demographic fraternity to focus on the health and disease related aspects in terms of current status, differentials, trends, determinants, and policy and programme initiatives as well as implications. We also need to understand the disease burden classified by communicable and infectious disease besides the others.

The conference would comprise panel discussions and presentation of invited and contributed research papers and posters on the sub-themes listed below:

1. *Reproductive health including maternal mortality*
2. *Child care, morbidity and mortality*
3. *Adolescent and adult health*
4. *Infectious and Non communicable diseases*
5. *Epidemiological transition*
6. *Disease burden – methodological issues*
7. *Sexual health*
8. *Methodological issues related to large scale sample surveys*

The IASP members who have been actively involved in multi disciplinary research on population and disease are encouraged to make use of this rare opportunity of the annual

conference 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. Your paper may identify gaps and or suggest ways and means to improve the programmes aimed at improving the health status. Your paper/poster could be a case study or based on primary or secondary

data at district, state or national level or it might raise some of the methodological issues of significance. Your paper/poster 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, as per the attached format. The abstract should be upto 250 words. The last date for submission is **September 5, 2009**. The abstract should be sent to the President/General Secretary, IASP on the mailing address: National Institute of Medical Statistics, ICMR, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110 029 or on the Email ID: iasp.nims@gmail.com.

·An expert committee will scrutinise and select the papers/posters to be presented at the conference

·The authors whose paper/poster get selected will be intimated by **September 30, 2009**

·The complete paper including the abstract, tables and annexure, if any, should not exceed 15 pages in 1.5 line space. The full papers of the selected abstracts should reach us latest by **October 20, 2009**.

·The selected authors should bring 30 copies of the paper for distribution during the conference.

·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. Those authors who are not able to manage their traveling allowance (TA) from their institution may apply well in advance to IASP. The TA may be reimbursed to the selected authors for to and fro travel expenses by shortest train route from their head quarter to Tirupati by AC-3 Tier. The train booking for both ways should be arranged by members themselves. Please note that no claim will be entertained without photocopy of the tickets in support of TA. It may further be noted that if a paper/poster have more than one author, only one of the author (who presents the paper) will be reimbursed of his/her travel expenses.

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 accorded to them.

·The members who desire to come with family will have to get all accompanying members registered in order that the food and stay expenses are to be borne by the association.

The decision to participate in the conference should be intimated latest by October 10, 2009.

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

Announcement 2: Chandra Sekharan Award

Papers on the conference theme are invited from young members (below 30 years of age) for the Chandra Sekharan 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 abstracts by **Aug 16, 2009**

(alongwith age proof) and full paper by **September 5, 2009** to the General Secretary, IASP. The author of the selected paper would be intimated by **September 30, 2009**. The first and the second best papers will be presented with Chandra Sekharan Award during the annual conference. The young scholars whose papers are selected will be reimbursed up to maximum AC-3 Tier sleeper charges for their travel if requested in advance. Please note that the paper should not be of joint authorship.

Announcement 3:General Body Meeting of IASP

The general body meeting of IASP will be held on November 4, 2009 at Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati **at 1800 hrs**. The agenda items would be circulated in due course.

Announcement 4:Prof K.B. Pathak Memorial Award

The EC in its last meeting held on April 26, 2009 has resolved to constitute an annual award in memory of Prof K B Pathak. The award 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 before September 15, 2009

Announcement 5:Appeal for Generous Contributions

The printing charge of Demography India is increasing and in view of this, an appeal was made earlier for generous contributions to the corpus fund of IASP so as to ensure timely publication of Demography India. Many members have informed their willingness to contribute for this generous cause. Prof P. M. Kulkarni and Sri C. V. S. Prasad have contributed Rs 10,000 each while Sri Muniappan contributed Rs 1,000 for the corpus fund. The members of Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee request all the members to contribute to the corpus fund and strengthen IASP. Members are also requested to inform us about any organizations that are willing to donate money for the corpus fund.

Format for Sending Abstract

1. Name of author/s
2. Title of the paper/poster
3. Sub theme
4. Text of the abstract
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