

XXIX Annual Conference

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IASP organized a three days annual conference at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi during 26-28 October 2007. The main theme of the conference was 'Poverty, Health and Development'. The conference was attended by the galaxy of researchers, demographers, programme managers, partner organizations, distinguished IASP members and the young researchers. Four eminent demographers Prof. K. Mahadevan, Prof. Asha Bhenda, Prof. Vatslala Narain and (Late) Prof. Sukumar Mukerji, were felicitated. Prof. Srinivasan Award for the year 2006-07 for best published paper in Demography India was given to two papers. One paper was on "Do home visits by health workers make a difference in service utilization? Findings from a longitudinal study in rural India"- authored by Dr. R.K. Sinha, Dr.S.K. Mohanty, Dr. T.K. Roy and Dr. Michael Koenig. The other was entitled "Service provision and contraceptive use related morbidity in Thiruvanthapuram, Kerala" authored by Dr.C.V.Sowmini and Dr. P. Sankara Sarma. Chandrasekharan award was given to the best paper presented during the conference.

Dr. Fred Arnold, Macro International, U.S.A. delivered **George Simmons Memorial Lecture** on "Nutrition Landscape of India: Findings from the National family Health Surveys". The conference had seven plenary, twelve technical and three poster sessions. We are thankful to organizations that extended financial support for organizing the conference, namely, MOHFW, ICMR, DST, ICSSR, CSIR, Constella Future Group, WHO-India, UNAIDS, UNFPA, UNICEF, Planned International and the Banaras Hindu University. A historical joint meeting of the Board of Trustee and Executive Committee of the Association held on 25 October 2007 at the venue of the conference where 37 Life and 22 Annual members were admitted.

Announcement-1: The XXX Annual Conference of IASP and Call for Papers/Posters

The XXX Annual Conference of IASP is going to be held at the Institute for Social & Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore during 17-19 October, 2008. The theme of the conference is "Population, Gender and Health" As usual, the conference would comprise of panel discussions and presentation of invited and contributed research endeavours in the form of papers and posters in different plenary and technical sessions.

Now under National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), the need to reduce gaps in health care delivery system has been emphasized where by RCH programme has got thrust. Hence, we consider the following sub-themes of the conference:

1. Population Policy and Programmes
 - National Rural Health Mission (NRHM);
 - Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY);
 - Maternal Mortality and Neonatal Mortality
2. Gender and Health
3. Population Census 2011
4. Urbanization and health
5. Nutrition and
6. Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS.

Your paper/poster is expected to bring out certain emerging issues in line with the main theme of the conference.

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

- Your paper/poster should be on one of the sub-themes. Firstly, prepare the Abstract as per attached format. The abstract should be maximum 250 words. The last date of submission is August 20, 2008. The abstract should be sent to the President/General Secretary, IASP on the Email ID: iasp.nims@gmail.com or the postal address: National Institute of Medical Statistics, ICMR, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi 110 029.
- An expert committee will be constituted to scrutinize and select the papers/posters to be presented at the conference.
- The member whose paper/poster gets selected will be intimated by September, 10, 2008.
- 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 latest by September 30, 2008.
- The authors of selected papers are encouraged to bring 30-35 copies of their paper for distribution during the conference.
- The volume of selected abstracts will be brought out and distributed during the conference.

Other details regarding the conference and stay arrangement will be communicated in due course to the participants of the conference. Prof. K.S. James, Head, PRC, ISEC, Bangalore would be the organizing secretary of the conference.

Format for Sending the Abstract

1. Name of author/s
2. Title of the paper/poster
3. Text of the abstract	[Objective, Source of Data, Methodology and Main Findings]
4. Travel assistance	Required/Not Required
5. Mailing address City.....State..... Pin..... Telephone Number..... Email address.....
6. Date of dispatch

Announcement-2: Chandrasekharan Award

Papers on the conference theme are invited from young members (age below 30 years) for the 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 abstracts by July 31, 2008 and full paper by August 31, 2008 to the President/General Secretary, IASP. The author of the selected paper would be intimated by September 15, 2008. The first and the second best papers will be presented with Chandrasekharan 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. Please note that the paper should not be of joint authorship.

Announcement-3: K. Srinivasan Award for best papers published in Demography India

Two best papers (one technical and one substantive) published in Demography India during January to December issues of 2007, will be presented with the Srinivasan Award. The selection of the best papers will be made by the Editorial Committee of the Journal and communicated by the Chief Editor during the conference.

Announcement-4: General Body Meeting

In the last meeting of the general body of IASP held on 27 October 2008 during the last annual conference at BHU, IASP instituted a Prof. Mari Bhat Memorial Oration to be part of IASP Annual Conference. Hence, this year we shall have two memorial lectures, namely, George Simmons Memorial Lecture and Mari Bhat Memorial Oration. The IASP is seeking sponsorship for Mari Bhat Memorial Oration from the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai. The meeting will be held on October 18, 2008 at ISEC, Bangalore at 19.00 hrs. The agenda items would be circulated in due course.

Announcement-5: Renewal of Annual Membership and Updating the Addresses of IASP Members

The annual members who have not renewed their membership are requested to immediately send their membership fee. As you might be aware the annual membership fee is Rs. 300.00 since 2005-06. Kindly communicate change of address, if any in writing to the General Secretary. All the members are requested to send, if possible, their email address and phone numbers.

Announcement-6: Demography India

The second issue of the association's journal, Demography India (2007), volume 36, is ready to be out. Following to this, Prof. D.C. Nath has been requested to act as the Chief Editor of the journal.

The e-mail of the journal will be same as: demographyindia@yahoo.com, the postal address will be as follows:

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