

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: XXIXTH CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR FLUORIDE RESEARCH, DECEMBER 2–5, 2010 JAIPUR, INDIA

INTRODUCTION

Twenty-seven years after the XIIIth conference of the International Society for Fluoride Research was held in Delhi, India, in 1983, the Society is returning to the Indian continent at Jaipur for its XXIXth conference on 2–5 December 2010. The host for the conference, Dr. (Mrs.) J. D. Sharma, Associate Professor in Zoology, Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of Zoology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, extends a warm welcome to all to attend.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Conference Organizing Committee comprises:

- ⟨Dr. (Mrs.) J.D. Sharma, Associate Professor, Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of Zoology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur–302055, India.
- ⟨Professor A.K. Susheela, Fluorosis Research Rural Development Foundation, Saransh Block-B, 34, Indraprastha Extension, Delhi-110092, India.
- ⟨Professor Dr. S.S. Sankhala, Dept. of Orthopedic Surgery, SMS Medical College & Hospital, Jaipur, India.
- ⟨Professor M.V. Rao, Head, Department of Zoology, School of Science, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad-9, India.

They will be assisted by two committees:

The International Advisory Committee:

Chaired by: Professor Guifan Sun, China Medical University, Shenyang, People's Republic of China, ISFR President.

The International Scientific Programme Committee:

Chaired by: Professor Emeritus Albert Burgstahler, Lawrence, KS, USA, Editor of *Fluoride*

CONFERENCE THEMES

The themes for the conference will include:

1. Biological effects of fluoride on plants, animals, and human beings
2. Effects of fluoride on endocrine glands
3. Molecular aspects of fluoride toxicity
4. Genotoxicity of fluoride
5. Dental and skeletal fluorosis
6. Amelioration of fluoride toxicity
7. Neurological manifestations of fluoride
8. Occupational hazards of fluoride
9. Defluoridation techniques
10. Environmental pollution

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Papers and poster presentations are invited on subjects, issues, and practical topics related to fluoride including the themes listed above. Papers can only be accepted for presentation when at least one of the authors is registered to attend the conference. All abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings, one copy of which will be given to each participant during registration.

Submission of Abstracts: An abstract of the paper or poster, written in clear, concise English, with 3–5 keywords and a maximum of 20 words in the title and 350 in the text respectively, should be submitted by E-mail as a Word document to Dr. (Mrs.) J.D. Sharma, Organizing Secretary not later than August 31, 2010. The abstracts should be written following, the style of those for the XXVIIIth Conference, as published in *Fluoride* 2008;41(3):233-58, except that 12-point Times New Roman type should be used throughout. *Fluoride* is available at the websites shown at the foot of the announcement. Indicate in bold the name of the presenter and whether an oral (platform) or poster presentation is preferred. Oral presentations are limited to 15 minutes. Presentations will be in English. Computers and projectors equipped for Power Point presentations will be available in all meeting rooms. Poster dimensions should not exceed 1 m in width and 1.2 m in height. Authors of poster presentations will be informed at the registration where and when their posters will be located and when they should be removed. Mounting materials will be provided.

INAUGURAL NILOUFER CHINYO AWARDS

As noted in the report on the XVIIIth conference of the ISFR in Toronto (*Fluoride* 2008;41(3):173-5), the inaugural Niloufer Chinyo awards will be made at the XXIXth conference of the ISFR in Jaipur in 2010. Prizes of Euro 1000, funded by a special bequest by Professor Jörg Spitz, will be made for the best oral and poster presentations by researchers, aged less than 35 at the closing date for the conference abstracts, August 31, 2010. The conference organizer, Dr. (Mrs.) J.D. Sharma, will appoint two teams of three judges to adjudicate for each award. Judging will be based on the quality of the research being reported and of the presentation. The results will be announced at the closing session.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Jaipur, known also as the Pink City and the Paris of India, is the capital of Rajasthan state, India. It was previously the capital of the princely state of Jaipur. It was founded on 18 November 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the ruler of Amber. Jaipur has a population of more than 2 million. It is the first well planned city of India, and is remarkable among pre-modern Indian cities for the width and regularity of its streets which are laid out into six sectors separated by broad streets 111 ft (34 m) wide. The urban quarters are further divided by networks of gridded streets. Five quarters wrap around the east, south, and west sides of a central palace quarter, with a sixth quarter immediately to the east. The Palace quarter encloses a sprawling palace complex, (the Hawa Mahal, or Palace of Winds), formal gardens, and a small lake. Nahargarh Fort, where King Sawai Jai Singh II used to stay, crowns the hill in the northwest corner of the old city. Another noteworthy building is the observatory, Jantar Mantar. (Wikipedia. Available from: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jaipur>). The daytime temperature in Jaipur in early December is about 11–23 °C.

Visas for entry to India: Most foreign participants will require a visa for entry and should make enquiries from the Indian Embassy, Indian Consulate, Indian

High Commission, or a travel agent in their own country. A letter of invitation is usually required and is available by writing to Dr (Mrs.) J.D. Sharma, Conference Organizing Secretary. Completing a visa application form, supplying a letter of invitation and a recent photo of the size used in passport, and paying the appropriate fee is required. Participants and accompanying persons from outside India are strongly advised to apply for the visa in their own country at least two months prior to departure.

Insurance for travel and health is strongly recommended and should be arranged before departure.

The currency unit in India is the Rupee (INR) and foreign currency may be exchanged at the airport, in hotels, and in banks at the current daily exchange rate.

Programme for accompanying persons. No organized programme for accompanying persons is being arranged apart from the evening functions. Guidance about sight seeing options for accompanying persons during their free time will be available from a tourist agency. The registration fee for accompanying persons does not cover the cost of these tours. Further information on these options will be given in the second announcement.

Accommodation can be booked at the conference venue which will be named in the second announcement. The tariffs for hotels in the area are approximately:

Category	Tariff /night in INR	Tariff /night in USD
A	5,000–10,000	110–215
B	3,000–5,000	65–110
C	500–1000	11–25

Airport transport is available from Jaipur International Airport to the conference venue by taxi and coach. Jaipur Airport is the only international airport in the state of Rajasthan. The airport is located near the town of Sanganer, 13 km from the city of Jaipur.

Registration. Please complete the Conference Registration Form, after photocopying the page or downloading it from the websites www.fluorideresearch.org or www.fluorideresearch.com, or write a letter containing the information, and submit it, before August 31, 2010, to Dr. (Mrs.) J.D. Sharma. Confirmation of registration will be made by E-mail. A list of recommended hotels and information for making hotel reservations will be given in the second announcement.

Payment should be paid, after the final fees are fixed, in India Rupees, US Dollars, Canadian Dollars, United Kingdom Pounds, Japan Yen, or Euro by Cheque or Bank draft (payable to “ISFR-XXIX”), accompanied by the Conference Registration Form or a letter containing the information and sent by registered mail, to Dr. (Mrs.) J.D. Sharma, Organizing Secretary. If advance notice is given to the Organizing Secretary, participants may also pay the registration fee, at the

early bird or full rate depending on when the registration form was sent, by cash, cheque, bank draft, or travellers cheques, at the registration desk at the time of registration.

Registration Fees (Provisional, please do not pay until the final fee is fixed)

Category	Early bird rate, on or before August 31, 2010	Full rate, on or later than September 1, 2010
Participants*	Rupees 5,000 [‡]	Rupees 7,000 [‡]
Students*	Rupees 2,500 [‡]	Rupees 5,000 [‡]
Accompanying persons [†]	Rupees 2,500 [‡]	Rupees 5,000 [‡]

*Entitled to attend the welcome reception, opening ceremony, scientific sessions, exhibition, coffee/tea breaks, lunches, the conference banquet, and to receive a copy of the conference proceedings.

[†]Entitled to attend the welcome reception, opening ceremony, exhibition, coffee/tea breaks, lunches, and the conference banquet but not the scientific sessions and will not receive a copy of the conference proceedings.

[‡]The rates have been set in Rupees, in which the accounts for hosting the conference have to be paid. However payment will be accepted in both India Rupees (INR) and other currencies including US Dollars (USD), Canadian Dollars, United Kingdom Pounds, Japan Yen, and Euro, using the exchange rate current at the time the payment is made. A universal currency converter is available at <http://www.xe.com/ucc/>. (At present, December 13, 2009, 1 USD = 46.52 INR, and 1INR = 0.02149 USD, 2,500 INR = 53.74 USD, 5,000 INR = 107.48 USD, 7,000 INR = 150.47 USD).

Conference programme (Provisional)

Date	Time	Participants	Accompanying persons
Thursday, December 2	1000–1800	Registration	
	1800–2100	Welcome reception	
Friday December 3	Morning	Opening ceremony	
		Scientific session	Free time
	1300–1400	Lunch	
	Afternoon	Scientific session	Free time
	Evening	A visit to some of the attractions of Jaipur	
Saturday December 4	Morning	Scientific session	Free time
	1300–1400	Lunch	
	Afternoon	Scientific session	Free time
	Evening	Cultural programme and banquet	
Sunday December 5	Morning	Scientific session	Free time
	1300–1400	Lunch	
	Afternoon	Valedictory function	

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

(Please photocopy, download from www.fluorideresearch.org, .com, or .net, or give the information in a letter or E-mail. Type or print clearly. Please fill out the entire form.)

First name: _____ Initial _____
Last name: _____ Title: _____
Nationality: _____ Organization: _____
Mailing address: _____
Postal code: _____ Country: _____
E-mail: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
Names of accompanying persons: _____
Do you wish to present a paper? _____
If yes, what is the title? _____

Do you prefer an oral or poster presentation? _____

(Abstracts need to be sent as a Word document attachment by August 31, 2010. Late abstracts will be accepted if accompanied by payment of the registration fee at the full rate, on or after September 1, 2010.)

	Category	Early bird rate on or before August 31, 2010 (Provisional)	Full rate, on or after September 1, 2010 (Provisional)
The provisional registration fees as listed in the adjacent table Please do not pay until final rates are fixed. The rates have been set in Rupees, in which the accounts for hosting the conference have to be paid. However payment will be accepted in both India Rupees (INR) and other currencies including US Dollars (USD), Canadian Dollars, United Kingdom Pounds, Japan Yen, and Euro, using the exchange rate current at the time the payment is made. A universal currency converter is available at http://www.xe.com/ucc/ .	Participants	Rupees 5,000	Rupees 7,000
	Students	Rupees 2,500	Rupees 5,000
	Accompanying persons	Rupees 2,500	Rupees 5,000

Total registration fee due (Provisional) = _____

Send information to Dr. (Mrs.) J.D. Sharma, Organizing Secretary: Dr. (Mrs.) J.D. Sharma, Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of Zoology, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur–302055, India.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for abstract acceptance:	August 31, 2010
Deadline for early registration:	August 31, 2010
Welcome function:	December 2, 2010
Opening of the conference:	December 3, 2010



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The Palace of the Winds, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India.



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Bada Bagh, Rajasthan, India.

INTERNSHIP IN FLUOROSIS FOR TEACHING FACULTY OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOLS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, JANUARY 18–22, 2010, DELHI, INDIA

In response requests by several eminent medical and dental professionals from the developed world, I have made arrangements for an internship programme in fluorosis. I invite applications from the faculty of medical and dental schools and colleges in the developed world for attending a 5-day internship programme, January 18–22, 2010, at the Fluorosis Foundation of India, Delhi, India. Further details are given in *Fluoride* 2009;423(2):158.

Details may be obtained from the Fluorosis Foundation of India's website: www.fluorideandfluorosis.com. During January, in North India, it is winter and weather will be cold with the temperature ranging from 10 to 15°C.

Enquiries should be made to Prof. (Dr.) A.K. Susheela at E-mail: susheela@bol.net.in.

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