

**THIRD ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: XXXIIIRD
CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR
FLUORIDE RESEARCH IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION, INDIAN
COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH,
HYDERABAD, INDIA,
NOVEMBER 9–11, 2016**

On behalf of the organizing committees [listed in Fluoride 2016;49(2):93], I invite all ISFR members and all who are interested in fluoride research, including scientists, clinicians, academics, enforcing agencies for safe water supplies, NGOs, industrial representatives, to attend the XXXIIIrd conference of the International Society for Fluoride Research, in association with the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), on November 9–11, 2016 at Hyderabad, India. The venue is the National Institute of Nutrition, Tarnaka, Hyderabad, India. The conference theme is *Debilitating fluorosis: current status, health challenges, and mitigation measures*.

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Conference Organizing Secretary

PROGRAMME AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The programme will include a reception function and scientific sessions involving theme based symposia, brain-storming sessions, and a field visit. Papers can only be accepted for presentation when at least one of the authors is registered to attend the conference. Abstracts for papers are invited for oral or poster presentation on all aspects of fluoride research including for the following theme sessions:

THEME SESSIONS

- Epidemiology of fluorosis
- Biological and molecular effects of fluoride
- Mitigation of fluorosis (nutrition, education, defluoridation)
- Geology of fluoride
- Fluoride and elemental interactions
- Analytical methods for the detection of fluoride in biological tissues, plants, and food

BACKGROUND

Fluorosis is endemic in over 25 countries across the globe and millions of people are affected by it. About 62 million people, including 6 million children, suffer from fluorosis due to the excessive ingestion of fluoride through drinking water. The spectrum of health hazards of fluorosis range from the milder forms of dental mottling to severe skeletal fluorosis causing paralysis of the lower limbs. The severity of fluorosis is determined by the duration of exposure, the socio-economic status of the community, age, and the intake of locally grown food items, with the severity being increased by a lack of dietary calcium and the presence of vitamin C deficiency. As a measure for reducing the exposure to fluoride, defluoridation of drinking water is seen to have several limitations due to geographical and socioeconomic factors. In the past few decades, the role of tea, jowar, ragi, tamarind, etc., have been explored for modifying the severity of fluorosis. Because of the public health significance of fluoride toxicity, the mitigation of fluorosis has

emerged as a challenging area. The present conference has been organized to address the various factors influencing fluoride toxicity and to help evolve intervention strategies that will be of benefit to the international communities affected by fluorosis.

INFORMATION ABOUT HYDERABAD

Hyderabad is the capital of Telangana State and Andhra Pradesh, India. It is known as the City of Pearls. Hyderabad was established in 1591 AD on the banks of the Musi River at the tip of the Deccan Plateau by Sultan Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah. Hyderabad was once a global center of diamond and pearl trading. During the late 20th and the early 21st century, the city emerged as a major global centre for information technology (IT) and the bio-pharmaceutical industry. The city is home to the Telugu Film Industry, known popularly as Tollywood. Hyderabad is home to many historical sites including the Charminar, Galconda Fort, and Chowmahalla Palace. The city is a regular tourist hotspot and hosts many places of interest. Situated on the cross roads of North and South India, Hyderabad is noted for its unique culture, art, and architecture.

NILOUFER CHINOY AWARDS

Two Niloufer Chinoy Awards, each of €1000, as announced by Professor Jörg Spitz in October 2007 to honor the late Professor Niloufer Chinoy, will be given for the best oral and poster presentations at the conference by researchers, aged less than 35 yr at the closing date for the abstracts, September 1, 2016.

IMPORTANT DATES, REGISTRATION PAYMENTS, AND INFORMATION ON VISAS

Important dates: Last day for registration at the early bird rate: July 31, 2016
Abstract submission closes: September 1, 2016
Notification of acceptance of papers and posters: October 1, 2016
Registration deadline: October 1, 2016

Registration fee payment by bank draft: Payments of the registration fees may be made by demand draft or personal cheques drawn in favour of: Organizing Secretary, XXXIIIrd Conference of the International Society for Fluoride Research. Please give the demand draft number, and the bank's name and location.

Registration fee payments in cash: Cash payments of the registration fee at the time of registration on November 9, 2016, will be accepted if a prior request for this is made, which for paying at the early bird rate requires stating your intention to attend the conference before August 1, 2016.

Information on visas: Early applications for conference visas should be made initially online at <https://indiavisaonline.gov.in/> followed by the submission of documents including an official letter of invitation to the conference.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

A pre-conference workshop, with two sessions, will be held on November 9, 2016 prior to the conference commencing with the reception function that evening.

- Clinical identification of dental and skeletal fluorosis
- Analysis of fluoride in water and urine including an introduction to and standardization of the fluoride analyser

This workshop is separate from the conference itself and attendance at it requires the payment of a separate pre-conference workshop registration fee.

REGISTRATION FEES

The conference registration fee includes the reception function, scientific sessions, field trip, coffee breaks, lunch (but not the pre-conference workshop lunch), high tea, and dinner for delegates, associate delegates (persons accompanying delegates), and student delegates. Student delegates are required to provide documentation from their institution certifying that they are a student. The conference kit for associate delegates will not include any scientific material. The lower rates for Indian participants reflect the Indian economic conditions. Indian participants can pay in Indian rupees and the approximate equivalents in US\$ are given in parentheses to allow a comparison to be made with the rates for the international participants. The pre-conference workshop registration fee includes a delegate kit and lunch.

Category	Early bird rate, on or before July 31, 2016		Full rate, on or after August 1, 2016	
	International participants	Indian participants	International participants	Indian participants
Conference fee for delegates	US\$200	Rs. 4,000 (US\$60)	US\$250	Rs. 5,000 (US\$75)
Conference fee for associate delegates and student delegates	US\$100	Rs. 2,000 (US\$30)	US\$125	Rs. 3,000 (US\$45)
Pre-conference workshop fee for delegates, associate delegates, and student delegates	US\$100	Rs. 2,000 (US\$30)	US\$100	Rs. 2,000 (US\$30)

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

The Hyderabad Marriott Hotel and Convention Centre and the Courtyard by Marriott Hyderabad, opposite Hussain Sugar Lake, have agreed to provide 50 rooms for the nights of 9 and 10 November 2016 with checking out on 11 November. The group check-in time is 1500 hr and the check-out time is 12 noon. Early check-in and late check-out will only be given subject to availability and at an additional charge. Special rates are available for the nights of 9 and 10 November for the 50 rooms but the hotel reserves the right to change the rate should there be any change in the dates or the room requirements. (If less than 50 rooms are booked, the rate per room may be increased). The special rates are non-commissionable. The special rates include the applicable taxes of 5% luxury tax on the rack rate and 10.15% service tax on the special rate. The special room rates below include buffet breakfast at the designated venue and the applicable taxes. The rates are quoted in Indian rupees. The equivalent shown in US\$ is an approximate guide and the actual amount will depend on the exchange rate on the day. Photographs of the hotels, maps of their locations, approximately 5 km west of the NIN on the campus of Osmania University, Jamai-Osmania, Tarnaka, Hyderabad, and other details are available on the hotel websites: www.hyderabadmarriott.com; www.courtyardmarriothyderabad.com. Online brochure: <http://www.tlcgroup.com/sls/marriott/> Less expensive accommodation is available for students and other delegates at hostels, a guest house, and a dormitory. If you would like this, please give us your name in advance and we will arrange it. Information on travel by bus or taxi from the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad, to the hotels is available from www.hyderabad.aero/

traveller.aspx. Information on the locations of the airport, the hotels and the National Institute of Nutrition is available on Google maps.

Hyderabad Marriott Hotel and Convention Centre (9 and 10 November 2016)

Occupancy	Rack rate per room per night*	Special rate per room per night for conference*	Room allocation
Deluxe single	Rs. 9,000 (US\$135)	Rs. 5,500 (US\$83)	20
Deluxe double	Rs. 9,000 (US\$135)	Rs. 6,500 (US\$98)	

Courtyard by Marriott Hyderabad (9 and 10 November 2016)

Occupancy	Rack rate per room per night*	Special rate per room per night for conference*	Room allocation
Superior single	Rs. 8,000 (US\$120)	Rs. 4,500 (US\$68)	30
Superior double	Rs. 8,000 (US\$120)	Rs. 5,500 (US\$83)	

*The rates include buffet breakfast at the designated venue and the applicable taxes. The rates in US\$ are an approximate guide. The actual rate is the one in Indian rupees (Rs).

REGISTRATION FORM

(PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY E-MAIL TO THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZING SECRETARY)

- Name (please circle): Prof. / Dr / Mrs / Mr; First name:
Last name:
- Category: delegate / associate delegate / student delegate
- Attendance at pre-conference workshop: yes / no
- Entrant for Niloufer Chinoy awards (aged less than 35 yr on Aug 1): yes / no
- Organization:
- Postal address:
- Phone number: ; Mobile phone number:
Fax number: ; E-mail:
- Presenting a paper: yes / no; Preferred mode of presentation: oral / poster
- Accommodation required: yes / no (Please circle type required: Hyderabad Marriott Hotel and Convention Centre; Courtyard by Marriott Hyderabad; Hostel; Guest house; Dormitory. Payment for accommodation is the delegate's responsibility).
- Official invitation letter required for visa application: yes / no

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information: www.societyforfluoridresearch.org

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