

DR. D.D. AWASTHI CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches in Lichenology (Hybrid mode)



28-30 September, 2022

Jointly organized by

**Indian Lichenological Society
and**

**CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute
Lucknow**



PREAMBLE

Lichenology has evolved over the years not only in India but also globally by integrating modern tools and techniques. The lichenologists worldwide are engaged in diverse aspects ranging from discovery novel taxa or metabolites to medical, environmental and space science. In India, Dr. D.D. Awasthi who is considered as “Father of Indian Lichenology” initiated research on lichens and his contributions is recognized globally. To honour him on his birth centenary, the Indian Lichenological Society (ILS), a globally recognized scientific society will be organizing a three-day international conference on “Multidisciplinary Approaches in Lichenology”. The primary aim of the conference is to recall the journey of lichenology in India and to explore the future scope. The researchers, professionals from academia, entrepreneurs, and policy makers will deliberate on the advancements in lichenology and extension activities during these three days. The deliberations on ten major themes would certainly enlighten the audience with emerging trends in lichenology in India vis-à-vis the global scenario.

MODE OF CONFERENCE

The participants from India will attend the conference through physical mode only (in person), whereas, foreign nationals will attend through online mode as per Indian Standard Time.

ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The Indian Lichenological Society (ILS) is an association of lichen researchers and enthusiasts which was established in 2014 for the promotion of lichen research in India. The society is registered under Societies Registration Act 1860 at Lucknow. The society provides a platform for the promotion of the modern concepts in lichenology through its official journal the “Cryptogam Biodiversity and Assessment” (www.cbaj.in) and newsletter “ILS eLetter”. The society organizes conferences, training programs and workshops on major topics of lichenology on regular basis. The life members of ILS are located in more than five countries. Please visit ILS website for more information (<https://indianlichenology.com>).

MEMBERSHIP OF ILS

The society offers membership to any interested cryptogam researcher with ‘Life Membership’ fee of Rs. 3500 and ‘Ordinary membership’ of Rs. 1000. We propose to enhance the life membership fee, and therefore those participants who are interested in becoming a life member of the society are requested to take the membership at the earliest.

ABOUT CSIR-NATIONAL BOTANICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

CSIR-NBRI, a premier plant based research institute of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi was originally set up as the National Botanic Garden (NBG) by the state Government of Uttar Pradesh and was later taken over by CSIR in 1953. Since its inception, CSIR-NBRI is engaged in research on lower group of plants with special emphasis on algae, lichens, bryophytes and pteridophytes. The institute is a unique organization where plant taxonomy to bioprospecting studies are carried out under one roof. The Lichenology Laboratory has produced several skilled human resources for lichen research and published more than 500 research articles. The herbarium of the institute (LWG) holds more than 1.5 lakh specimens of lichens and is one of the largest in south Asia. In addition, the Institute has an excellent library and state of the art infrastructure for study of lichens. Therefore, the conference not only offers a great opportunity to meet renowned lichenologists, but also provides access to a huge collection of lichen specimens together with rich literature in the institute's library.

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE?

CSIR-NBRI is located in the heart of Lucknow city, just 1.5 km from Hazratganj metro station, 6-7 km from Lucknow Railway station (LKO and LJN) and about 15 km from Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport. The city is well connected with transportation facilities such as metro, rickshaws, taxis and city buses. The taxi services like Ola and Uber are also available at the railway station, metro station and airport.

THEMES

The conference would accept abstracts related to lichenological research under the following themes.

- Floras and inventories
- Revision, phylogenetic and molecular studies
- Biomonitoring and climate change
- Biodeterioration
- Bioprospection
- Ecology, conservation and phytogeography
- Symbiont culture and application
- Lichenicolous and endolichenic fungi
- Biochemistry and physiology
- Modern techniques

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The abstract (maximum 350 words excluding, title, name and affiliation) for the conference should be submitted through PDF fillable form only. Please contact the conference secretariat (indianlichenology@gmail.com) if you do not receive a confirmation about the receipt of your abstract within 5 days after submission. The Scientific Programme Committee reserves the right to edit or reject any abstract. The abstracts will be printed only after receiving the registration fee.

A maximum of two abstracts by each presenting participant will be accepted. The presenting author's full address, including phone and email address, and the subject area may be sent along with the abstract. The PDF fillable form and other details may be submitted on or before 31st August 2022.

MODE OF PRESENTATION

The authors can select their preferred mode of presentation, Oral or Poster in the registration form. However, the final decision regarding mode of presentation will be taken by the organizing committee depending upon the nature of work and number of presenters. The oral presentation should be short and concise with a maximum time of 15 minutes (including discussion time) which may be modified by the organizers depending upon the number of presenters. The poster can be made of flex or paper printed and the size should be not exceeding 36 (width) x 48 (length) inches for the physically attending participants. However, those participants present in online mode will be provided details shortly.

HOW TO REGISTER?

The registration for the conference is through PDF fillable form only. The details of registration fee are given below. The PDF fillable form link is available on our society website (www.indianlichenolgy.com). In case of any difficulty in submitting the registration form, please contact the organizing secretary (indian-lichenology@gmail.com). The PDF fillable form duly filled may be submitted on or before 31st August 2022, along with the registration fee.

REGISTRATION FEE

Following is the structure of registration fees for the conference. There is no registration fee for foreign participants who attend the conference in online mode.

Category of participant	Before 31 st August 2022	After 31 st August 2022
Delegates* (ILS life members)	Rs. 5000/-	Rs. 6000/-
Delegates (non-ILS members)	Rs. 6000/-	Rs. 7000/-
P.G. Students	Rs. 4000/-	Rs. 5000/-
Accompanying person#	Rs. 2500/-	Rs. 3500/-

Registration fee includes conference kit, accommodation and food (breakfast, lunch and dinner).

*Delegates Include-Scientists, Professors, Research Scholars (JRF, SRF, Post-Doctoral Fellows) and officials from industry. No TA/DA is admissible for attending the conference.

#Accompanying persons will not be provided conference kit; only accommodation and food will be provided to them during the conference period.

FEE REMITTANCE DETAILS

The registration fee should be paid through RTGS/NEFT/IMPS in favour of “Indian Lichenological Society” and transaction reference number should be mentioned in google form.

Account No. : 34349534762
Name : Indian Lichenological Society
Bank : State Bank of India
Branch : NBRI Lucknow
Address : National Botanical Research Institute, Rana Pratap Marg, Lucknow
IFSC Code : SBIN0010173
MICR Code : 226002051

Registration fee in cash will only be accepted from the local participants. Besides, cash can be paid for spot registration on the inaugural day of the conference with late fee.

Important dates to remember

Abstract Submission (opens) : July 25th, 2022
Abstract Submission (closes) : August 31st, 2022
Registration : July 25th to September 15th, 2022

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will include keynote lectures by Indian as well as foreign eminent lichenologists. A special lecture on biodiversity conservation will also be organized.

AWARDS/PRIZES IN THE CONFERENCE

In order to felicitate and boost researchers in the field of lichenology, the following three awards have been instituted:

1. Dr. D.D. Awasthi Memorial Lifetime Achievement Award

This award will be bestowed to a senior lichenologist for his/her outstanding contributions to lichenology of India. The candidate for the award will be selected by the Executive Council of the ILS. The award includes a memento and a citation.

2. Dr. P.G. Patwardhan Award

This award will be given for the best oral presentations among students and delegate categories. One person from each category will be selected based on his/her presentation in the conference by the organizing committee.

3. Dr. Ajay Singh Award

This award will be given to best poster presentations in the both students and delegates categories. One person from each category will be selected based on his/her presentation in the conference by the organizing committee.

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