

ACCOMMODATION

The delegates will be provided accommodation on payment basis in Guest House/Hotels. The current tariff of various Guest Houses/Hotels in Lucknow ranges from Rs 500/ (non AC) to 2000/ (AC non-luxury). Delegates are advised to send their accommodation requests well in advance. The month of November being a mild winter season, the delegates are advised to bring light winter clothes.

THE PALAEOBOTANICAL SOCIETY and BIRBAL SAHNI INSTITUTE OF PALAEOBOTANY

On 3rd June 1946, Prof. Birbal Sahni formed the Palaeobotanical Society with seven other members- Prof. K. N. Kaul, Dr. K. R. Surange, Dr. R. N. Lakhanpal, Dr. S. D. Saxena, Dr. R. V. Sitholey, Dr. B. S. Trivedi and Dr. S. Venkatachary. On 10th September, 1946 Society established the Institute of Palaeobotany and Prof. Birbal Sahni was appointed as the first Director of the Institute in an honorary capacity. The Foundation Stone of the building was laid by Shri Jawahar Lal Nehru, Prime Minister of India on 3rd April 1949. Unfortunately Prof. Sahni died on 10th April 1949, just after a week of Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of the Institute. After the death of Prof. Sahni, the institute was renamed as the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany in honour of its illustrious founder and Mrs. Savitri Sahni shouldered the responsibility of the Institute functioning till 1969. On 25th August 1969, the Society authorized to direct the Trustees to transfer the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany and its assets to a new Society Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany. This transfer was completed on 12th November, 1969. Since then the Palaeobotanical Society is functioning as a professional body whereas the BSIP is functioning as a well known Research Centre in the disciplines of Palaeobotany and allied sciences as an autonomous institution under Department of Science & Technology, Government of India.

LUCKNOW

Lucknow is well connected by Air, Rail and Road. The railway station is about 7km from the Institute and the Airport is about 20 km.

I am sure participants of the Conference will have fruitful scientific deliberations and comfortable stay.

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PREAMBLE

Prof. A. C. Seward discussed the Geological and Botanical retrospect under a book “*Plant Life Through The Ages*” in the year 1931. Prof. Birbal Sahni, during the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany (BSIP) in the year 1949, described “Palaeobotany as the common ground between Botany and Geology - it is in fact the botany of rocks.” The Palaeobotanical Society and BSIP after completing sixty years of their existence, dwelt upon the crucial perspective of fundamental and functional aspects of Botany/Palaeobotany/Geology in resonance with the competitive world of science and decided to hold a Conference on age old title of Prof. Seward’s book “*Plant Life Through The Ages*” in modern discernment.

INVITATION

The Conference **Plant Life Through the Ages** will be organized jointly by the Palaeobotanical Society and Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow. The Organizing Committee cordially invites all the scientists to participate and present their research findings at the Conference. Different scientific sessions of the Conference will discuss the origin, evolution, succession and development of the flora in geologic past, their continued existence in modern flora and their survival through modification, alteration and extinction. Since the geological phenomenon has played a major role in plant survival, the conference will deal at length the geological correlations *vis a vis* biological diversifications.

THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

- ◆ Colonization, Development and Evolution of Early Life on Earth
- ◆ Floral Succession, Survival, Extinction and Rejuvenation in Geologic Past
- ◆ Morphology, Taxonomy and Biotechnological Advancement in Living Plants
- ◆ Palaeobotany: Systematics and Biodiversity
- ◆ Coal Forming Vegetation, Coal Types and Coal Seam Correlation
- ◆ Palaeopalynological Succession and Spatial Relationship
- ◆ Tertiary Flora and Evolution of Angiosperms
- ◆ Quaternary Vegetation and Forest History
- ◆ Micropalaeontology and its application in Hydrocarbon Exploration
- ◆ Biostratigraphy and Relative Sea Level Changes
- ◆ Phytogeography and Environmental Impact of Plants
- ◆ Microbial and insect interaction in plants
- ◆ Dendrochronology and Palaeoethnobotany
- ◆ Geological and Biological factors responsible for Ecosystem Dynamics
- ◆ Relevance of Palaeobotany in modern context

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee is Rs 2000/- (Rs 1000/- for Research Scholars and Students). Registration Fee is to be paid by Demand Draft favouring Secretary, Palaeobotanical Society payable at Lucknow before 30th September 2008. The registered delegates will be entitled to participate in the scientific programmes and will receive abstracts volume, tea/coffee, luncheons and dinners.

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VENUE & DATE

The Conference will be organized at the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeobotany, 53 University Road, Lucknow from November 16th to 17th, 2008.

PRESENTATION

The Conference shall include both oral and poster presentations. The oral presentation will be restricted to 15 minutes. Each poster presentation will be restricted to 120 x 90 cm area.

ABSTRACT

Abstract for both oral and poster presentations, highlighting salient points in not more than 500 words should be sent to the Organizing Secretary before 30th September, 2008 preferably by email to confplta@hotmail.com

The abstract should be typed in 12 point Times New Roman font in double space, mentioning the title, name(s), of the author(s) with their affiliation(s) and email ID.

PUBLICATION

The papers presented in the Conference will be published in the in the regular volume of Palaeobotanical Society’s journal *Geophytology* after normal procedure of reviewing. Participants may submit their papers during the Conference.

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