



3rd Conference of Asian Society of Arachnology

November 16-19, 2015 Amravati (India)

Third Circular

Dear participants,

We are pleased to announce the third circular of the 3rd Asian conference of Arachnology (<http://asianarachnology.com/asa2015/>), to be held from 16th -19th November 2015 in Amravati, India.

Please check our website (<http://asianarachnology.com/asa2015/>) regularly for updates.

Arrival and Departure

Every participant is kindly requested to inform us about their arrival and departure schedule/flight details so that pick up and drop arrangement can be properly managed.

Airport pickup: The participants will be fetched by the organizers (transportation committee) at the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport (Nagpur). They will be transferred to the venue (Hotel Gauri Inn, Amravati) by car or other similar vehicles. Travel time is about 2 hours. Our transport crew will **Ganesh Vankhede** +91-98222 27738, **Milind Shirbhate** +91-96577 31118, **Shital Deshmukh** +91-87930 85166, **Archana Meshram** +91-94236 22294, 91-99706 83996

Arriving on railway station: Amravati has three railway stations: Amravati (AMI) , New Amravati (NAVI) and Badnera junction (BD), Amravati station is a terminus and it is in the heart of the city. You will be picked up from the train stations. **Ganesh Vankhede** +91-98222 27738, **Atul Bodkhe** +91-98604 32858

Arriving on bus station: Arrival times of buses are not properly predictable, hence we cannot pick you up there and you should take an auto-rickshaw (use the list of useful phrases at the end of the e-booklet to communicate with the driver; however, several drivers will understand English). Do not hesitate to call, **Ganesh Vankhede** +91-98222 27738, **Mahesh Chikhle** +91-94034 14420

Registration

The registration for the conference has now closed. We are delighted to announce 124 currently registered participants from 18 countries. **However, if there are any of you still interested in participating, but haven't registered, please contact us as soon as possible (vganeshan2001@rediffmail.com).** All next circulars will only be sent to the registered participants.

Registration fee payment on spot will be possible in cash (USD or INR only). On-site registration will start at 16:00 on Sunday ([November, 15](#)) at the lobby of Rajwada Hall at Hotel Gauri Inn. Please collect your conference kit here. You will be given a conference badge that you must carry at all times. The registration desk will open at 8:30 in the morning on following Monday ([November, 16](#)).

We are offering free accommodation to all participants who have paid full registration fee.

Welcome Dinner

Welcome dinner is arranged on Sunday ([November, 15](#)) from 19:30 – 21:30 and all participants including accompanying persons are requested to join the reception at the front lawn of the hotel.

Banquet

The banquet (Conference Dinner) will be on Tuesday ([November, 17](#)) from 20:00 immediately after cultural program in Kaalash Lawn at the hotel. Do not miss the traditional Indian dances at the opening of the banquet.

Presentations

Abstract submission: We are pleased to announce an extension to the abstract submission deadline, which is now **5th November 2015**.

Abstracts: Please submit your abstracts for both oral and poster presentations. Abstracts must be in English, font "Times New Roman", size "12", single spaced, with 2.5 cm margins. Please omit any other style indentation. Abstracts must not exceed 300 words. Please submit the abstract in one of the formats: .docx, .doc, .rtf or .txt. Please name the files as "abstract last name of first author.docx/rtf/txt" and submit them to vganeshan2001@rediffmail.com with the subject line "Abstract".

Oral Presentations (Symposium and General Sessions): General oral presentations are allocated 15 minutes (including questions) except plenary speakers. Please take this into consideration while preparing your presentation. All speakers including both, of symposium and general sessions should leave their presentation file at the lobby of Rajwada Hall (1st floor) at least 1 hour prior to your symposium/session begins. Bring your presentation file using USB flash drives, CD-R or DVD-R. Only PowerPoint files (.ppt or .pptx) are acceptable. Please avoid presentations in older versions. Personal laptops cannot be used for presentation. A laptop/PC will be provided for presentation; Windows 7 English version, with Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 and 2013.

Posters: The poster session will be in Rajwada Hall from Monday (November, 16) 8:00 to Wednesday (November, 18) 14:00. All posters should be set up on Monday (November, 16) between 08:00 – 9:30 i.e. before opening ceremony. Size of poster board is 90 cm width and 90 cm high. Please put up your poster on the poster board with your poster number (ID) provided in the abstract book. Poster number (ID) will be marked on each poster board. Materials to put up your poster (thumbtack, drawing pin, double sided-sticking tape) will be provided. Presenters of posters should attend the poster session, explaining their poster to audience on Monday (November, 16) between 17:00 – 18:30. All posters should be removed by Wednesday (November, 18) 14:00.

Symposium

We have planned a symposium on **Rearing of spiders for pest control: A green technology**, as a part of the regular program. The reasons are that the rearing of spiders for pest control is quickly gaining popularity from taxonomy to conservation and that a number of international initiatives are ongoing. As the community would gain through consolidating these efforts, we will provide a venue for presentations and discussions on this topic within the ASA. We envision a number of topical presentations about 15 min each, which will introduce the method, the rationale, and certain novel approaches to rearing, which will be followed by demonstrations. I am glad to bring to your kind notice that Indian Science Congress Association, Government of India has sponsored this symposium.

Departure for excursion: After lunch on 18th November, all participants who have paid full registration fee will depart for excursion to Melghats. Vehicles will be available

outside the hotel. No change in excursion program mentioned on our website. At the excursion site (Muthawa Interpretation Centre) tents, bunk beds are available for night stay. After excursion, we will reach hotel on 19th evening, have our dinner and rest for the night.

Certificates: All registered participants will receive their certificates on 19th November evening, at the registration desk.

For exchange of money: You should consider INR for smaller amounts (restaurants, shops, entrance fees, rickshaws and rental cars). It is better to get the currency exchanged preferably at Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata airports. In Amravati, we have a person who will help you with currency exchange. (**Mahesh Kolhe: +91-98231 27473**)

Health care: All participants are kindly requested to bring their own medicines, mosquito repellent creams, sunscreen lotions, etc.

T-shirt: Those who are interested in conference T-shirts can inform in advance about the size (M, L, XL, XXL). Please note that these are Asian sizes. The cost of T-shirt is 10 USD.

Useful phrases and information

When you are in India, you will notice that there are many customs and ways that are quite different to other places. India hosts a great many languages, religions and cultures, which coexist and intermingle.

In India, it is an honor to have a guest. We have a beautiful proverb that says “Atithi-devo-Bhava (अतिथिदेवो भव)” which means “the guest is equivalent to God”.

- Be prepared for noise. One way of ensuring you can have a bit of personal space, albeit in your head, is to have earphones with you to shut out some of the surrounding din – there’s nothing like the sheer clamor of an Indian city.
- Limit open displays of affection.
- What might be considered intrusive in many Western cultures is only a matter of course in India. Also, people will generally be very curious about foreign visitors, and this can take the form of unabashed staring. The concept of personal space as you know it might not exist.
- People will ask seemingly intrusive personal questions that you may find intimidating. Remember that this is a wholly different culture and the questions are merely indicative of the locals’ polite interest in you.

- Always take your shoes off before you enter a place of worship in India, and do not wear revealing clothes.
- The Indian power plugs are different from anywhere else in the world but very similar to what they use in Europe. Bring a couple of these plugs to avoid headache.
- Amravati experiences winters in the months of November to February. The temperature remains moderately cool in the comfortable 15°C - 22°C during these months, carry light winter wear as per your requirement.

Useful Phrases

English	Hindi word/ phrase	English transliteration
Hello/ Good Bye	नमस्ते/ नमस्कार	NA-MAS-TE/ NA-MAS-KAR
Thank You	धन्यवाद	DHA-NYA-WAAD
Please	कृपया	KRIPAYA
Yes	हाँ	HAA
No	नहीं	NAHI
Tea/ Coffee/Milk	चाय / कॉफी / दूध	CHAI/ COFFEE/ DOODH
Drinking water (Cold/Hot)	पीने का पानी ठंडा/ गर्म	PEE-NE KA PA-A-NEE (THANDA/ GARAM)
Spicy Not spicy Little bit spicy	मसालेदार मसालेदार नहीं थोड़ा सा मसालेदार	MASA-LE-DAAR MASA-LE-DAAR NAHI THODA-SAA MAS-ALE-DAAR
Where is the toilette?	शौचालय कहां है?	BATH-ROOM KID-HAR HAI
Where can I find...?	कहाँ मिलेगा	KA-HAN MILAY-GA
I need to see a doctor	मुझे डॉक्टर से मिलना है	MUJ-HE DOCTOR SE MILNA HAI
How much is it?	यह कितने का है?	YEH KIT-NE KA HAI?
At what time?	किस समय?	KIS SAMAY?

We are looking forward to your participation. You are kindly requested to send your suggestions or any questions to the Local Organizing Committee (E-mail: vganeshan2001@rediffmail.com).