

INTRODUCTION

The recent agrarian crisis in India and other parts of this region has many roots, one among them is managing the water and water related problems. More than 70% of water withdrawal is still used for agricultural purposes, keeping the water productivity abysmally low in most of the developing countries. While water storage and its distribution is essential in the monsoonal climate to meet the food security, the environmental problems are to be addressed at a larger context keeping the development and environment to go hand-in-hand. In order to achieve this objective, river basin management at macro level and watershed management at micro level with sound scientific and technological skills are essential to manage land and water resources in a manner to have high productivity. In view of this, the Centre for Water Resources of J.N.T University is organizing an International Conference on “Hydrology and Watershed Management” with a focal theme on ‘Improving Water Productivity in the Agriculture’.

In response to the first circular of this conference an overwhelming response of about 300 abstracts were received and more than a dozen national and international organizations are involved directly or indirectly in organizing this conference. It is expected that around 400 delegates from all over the globe will attend this international event and deliberate on various issues of water and land management under 18 technical sessions spread over three days apart from inaugural, plenary and concluding sessions as detailed in final programme. A colloquium on “problems and prospects of Education in the Hydrological Science and Technology” in 21st century is being organized within this event. An exhibition on water and watershed management technologies will be arranged at the venue.

REGISTRATION FEE

Delegates from India and SAARC countries	: Rs. 3000/-
Spouses accompanying the delegates	: Rs. 1500/-
Students from India and SAARC countries	: Rs. 1500/-
Foreign delegates other than SAARC countries	: US \$ 300/-
Spouses accompanying the foreign delegates	: US \$ 100/-
Foreign students other than SAARC countries	: US \$ 100/-

The Registration fee includes Tea, Snacks and Working Lunch at the Conference Venue apart from Conference kit, Souvenir and proceedings of the conference.

SPONSORSHIP

Governmental Organisations, NGOs, Public and Private Institutions and individuals can sponsor this international event at the following rates:

Patron (Eligible for 5 free delegates)	: Rs.75,000/- and above
Sponsor (Eligible for 2 free delegates)	: Rs.50,000/- and above
Co-Sponsor (Eligible for 1 free delegate)	: Rs.25,000/- and above

SOUVENIR AND EXHIBITION

It is proposed to bring out a souvenir on the conference and an exhibition on Water and Watershed Management Technologies will be organized at the venue. The prospective advertisers and exhibitors of the equipment, hardware and software technologies are invited for the conference. The tariffs are as detailed below:

For Exhibition

8 ft x 8 ft stall	
For Indian Companies	= Rs. 10000/-
For Foreign Companies	= US \$ 500
Commercial presentation in One of the Technical Sessions	
For Indian Companies	= Rs. 5000/-
For Foreign Companies	= US \$ 400/-

For Souvenir

Full page back cover	- Rs.8000/-
For Full page inside front cover	- Rs.5000/-
Full page inside back cover	- Rs.4000/-
Full page inside	- Rs.3500/-
Half page inside	- Rs.2000/-
Inside quarter page	- Rs.1000/-

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

On request, the organizers will arrange reservation of accommodation and travel tickets provided they send the required amount well in advance. We have already reserved certain institutional guest houses and hotel rooms, upon request details will be sent. However, the delegates are requested to intimate their mode of travel and type of accommodation required as early as possible.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

On December 5th, 2006: A Workshop on “Ground Water Modelling” will be organized at the Conference Venue. The Workshop fee is Rs.2000/- per each delegate.

POST CONFERENCE TECHNICAL TOUR

On December 9th, 2006 : A visit to Nagarjunasagar Reservoir will be arranged. The Cost of this tour will be charged separately.

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

On the evening of the December 06th, 2006 Kuchipudi Dance recital will be arranged at College Auditorium, at the Conference Venue.

VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will be organised in the premises of the UGC – Academic Staff College J N T University, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500072. This is about 19 km from Hyderabad Railway Station, 21 km from Secunderabad Railway Station, 23 km from Kachiguda Railway station and 18 km from the Airport. The local transport for Taxi Cabs will cost about Rs. 10/- per kilometer (subject to a minimum of Rs. 80 /- for first four kilometers) and for Autos it will cost about Rs.5/- per kilometer (subject to a minimum of Rs. 10/- per kilometer), for further details contact local Call Taxi Cabs on 091 9246240444, 091 9396777111 and 091 9247248795. During the Conference Days the Hyderabad will be experiencing winter days with day-time temperatures around 26°C and night time temperatures will be around 12°C. Carrying warm clothes is recommended. Important visiting places are Charminar, Golconda Fort, Birla Mandir, Hussain Sagar, Salar Jung Museum and Ramoji Film City. For further details please visit <http://www.aptourism.com> and for Call Taxi

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference is English. All presentations must therefore be made in English.

INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

The Organizers are not responsible for individual medical, travel or personal insurance. Participants are strongly advised to take out their own insurance policies. Furthermore the organizers cannot assume liability for changes in the program due to external disturbances.

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