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The 43rd National Conference of the Nutrition Society of India will be held at the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, on 11th and 12th November 2011. The theme of the Conference is “Economic Transition in Nutrition – Life Style Diseases & Health and Nutrition Wellness”.

This year, in addition to the National Conference, two pre-conference workshops will be conducted parallelly on the 10th of November 2011.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 43RD ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE:

- **Gopalan Oration:** The Thirty-fifth Gopalan Oration will be delivered by Prof. Barry M. Popkin, Distinguished Professor of Global Nutrition, The Carla Smith Chamblee, North Carolina, USA.

- **Srikantia Memorial Lecture:** The Twenty-third Srikantia Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Dr. B. Sesikeran, Director, National Institute of Nutrition (ICMR), Hyderabad.

- **Dr. Rajammal P. Devadas Memorial Award:** The recipient of the second Dr. Rajamal P. Devadas Memorial Lecture Award will deliver a lecture during the conference.

- **Symposia:**
  
  The two symposia being arranged during the conference are:
  
  Symposium I: ICMR Centenary Symposium on “Bone Health and Nutrition”
  
  Symposium II: “Chemical Basis of Nutrient Function”

- **Young Scientist’s Awards:** Junior and Senior awards under community and experimental nutrition categories will be held during the conference. Members desirous of competing for the same should send full paper along with abstract to the Joint Secretary on or before 31st August 2011. Please visit NSI website for criteria and guidelines for submitting paper for award session.
Free communications – Oral and Poster: Members interested in presenting papers in the free communications oral and poster sessions should submit abstract of the paper with a forwarding letter from the concerned Head of Department / Institute to the Joint Secretary on or before 31st August 2011. Please visit NSI website for criteria for submitting abstract for free communications - oral and poster sessions.

Awards / Prizes in the free communications - oral and postal sessions:
There are two awards (1) NSI Prize (2) Ramanathan Award given for the best oral presentations and three awards (1) NSI Prize (2) Shri Haveli Ram Pasricha Award (3) Dr.K.Seetharam Bhat Award given for best poster presentations in the poster session.

ABOUT PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS
This year, the Society will be organizing two pre-conference Workshops parallelly on 10th November 2011.

Workshop-I: “Methods of assessing nutrient-gene interactions”. This workshop is open only for teaching faculty of nutrition / home science colleges. Participation for this workshop would be limited to a maximum of 30 members on a first-come-first served basis.

Nutrients are known to modulate DNA replication, transcription, translation and post-transcriptional / post-translational modifications. These changes influence the expression and function of proteins which are postulated to cause the global epidemic of non communicable diseases. Understanding these processes require research tools.

Nutri-genomics, considered a cutting-edge area of research, encompasses genomics, transcriptomics and proteomics and deals with modulation of gene expression by nutrients.

This workshop proposes to familiarize the delegates with the methods currently in use to assess the effects of nutrients on gene expression at different levels. This includes demonstration of techniques in addition to lectures on the topics. Scientists with expertise in these areas, both from NIN and sister organizations in Hyderabad shall be the faculty for this workshop.

Workshop-II: “Methodology of nutrition assessment and body composition”. Participation for this workshop would be limited to a maximum of 200 student members pursuing a Master’s Degree / Ph.D. in Nutrition on first-come-first served basis.

This Workshop is aimed at providing an overview on the use of certain basic tools of nutritional assessment such as anthropometry and BMR. Topics covered will include a lecture on Z scores, WHO growth standards, anthropometry techniques such as measurements of height, weight and circumferences to fat-fold. Body composition techniques will include methods of measuring the BMR and the respiratory quotient.
The participants will have the opportunity to listen and discuss with the experts and get trained under the supervision of the experts.

Registration fee

Registration will be confirmed only on receipt of the registration fee. The registration fee covers conference documents, breakfast, lunch, tea and dinner. The last date for payment of registration fee for the conference without late fee is 30th September 2011. Please see the table for registration fee structure.

Participants who intend to participate in the Pre-Conference Workshop should remit an additional amount of Rs.1,000/- for Workshop-I and Rs.500/- for Workshop-II, along with the prescribed registration fee as applicable for the main conference. The registration form can be downloaded from the NSI website.

Accommodation

Please indicate whether the accommodation is required or not in the registration form. Reservation for accommodation will be made on receipt of the advance amount along with the registration fee latest by 30th September 2011. No reservation will be confirmed without deposit. The accommodation form can be downloaded from the NSI website.

The duly filled in registration and accommodation forms along with registration fee, accommodation deposit etc. should be sent to the Joint Secretary.

Mode of payment

All payments should be made only through a Demand Draft or At Par Cheques drawn in favour of “43rd National Conference of NSI”, payable at Hyderabad / Secunderabad in any Nationalized Bank. Cheques and IPO will not be accepted.

Refund

In the case of registered delegates who are unable to attend the meetings, 60% of the registration fee will be refunded on receipt of request by the organizers before 31st October 2011. All the refunds, however, will be disbursed only after the completion of the Conference.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELECTIONS

The elections of the Office Bearers as well as the Executive Committee of the Nutrition Society of India for the term April 2012 to March 2014 will be conducted at the next Annual General Body Meeting of the Society during the 43rd Annual National Conference of the Society scheduled for 11th – 12th November 2011.

The nominations for the following posts are invited from the eligible members so as to reach the Joint Secretary on or before 10th August 2011:

- President - One post
- Vice-President - Two Posts
- Secretary - One Post
- Joint Secretary - One Post
- Treasurer - One Post
- Executive Committee Members - 13 Posts

Please visit the NSI website for criteria and nomination form.

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The activities of the Local Chapters for the year 2010-2011 will be presented at the 43rd Annual General Body Meeting. Conveners are requested to send the report of their Chapter to the Joint Secretary on or before 31st August 2011.

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS

All the members of the Society are requested to inform their mailing address (including Email-ID) to enable the Secretariat of the Society to update the mailing list. Members who have not renewed their annual membership are requested to pay their membership by remitting the dues through demand draft drawn in favour of the TREASURER, NUTRITION SOCIETY OF INDIA, payable at Hyderabad/Secunderabad in any nationalized bank.
NEWS ITEMS REGARDING MEMBERS

The Life Members of the Society receiving awards and honours etc. are requested to send the relevant information by email to nsihyderabad@yahoo.com or to the Joint Secretary, Nutrition Society of India, National Institute of Nutrition, Jamai-Osmania PO, Hyderabad – 500 007, for incorporating it in the forthcoming issues of the Newsletter.

REMITTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP FEE

In view of the delay in realization of cheques, members are requested to remit their membership fee only through demand drafts drawn in favour of the “TREASURER, NUTRITION SOCIETY OF INDIA” payable at Hyderabad / Secunderabad in any Nationalized Bank.

HONOURS & RECOGNITIONS

- Dr. K. Madhavan Nair, Scientist ‘E’, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad nominated as the Fellow of AP Academy of Sciences.
- Dr. N. Vijaykumar, Kerala received “IMA Special Award to Eminent Medical Men for Distinguished Achievement of Higher Order” at 85th All India Medical Conference held at Jaipur, December 2010.

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LAST DATES FOR IMPORTANT EVENTS

10th August 2011
☞ Nominations for elections

31st August 2011
☞ Full paper for Young Scientist’s Awards
☞ Abstracts for Free Communications – Oral & Poster presentations

10th September 2011
☞ Withdrawal of nominations for elections

30th September 2011
☞ Registration for Pre-Conference Workshop-I & Workshop-II
☞ Registration for Main-Conference (without late fee)
☞ Accommodation

Download the following from www.nutritionssocietyindia.org

- Membership form
- Registration form – Conference & Pre-conference Workshops
- Accommodation form
- Young scientist’s awards - Criteria and guidelines for submitting paper.
- Criteria for submitting abstract for free communications - oral and poster presentations
- Guidelines for abstract
- Guidelines for poster preparation
- Elections - Announcement and nomination form
TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

XXXIII ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE
NUTRITION SOCIETY OF INDIA
11-12 November 2011
Pre-conference Workshop on 10th November 2011
Venue: National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
Theme: Economic Transition in Nutrition – Life Style Diseases & Health and
Nutrition Wellness

Thursday, 10th November 2011 - Pre-conference workshops

Workshop-I: Methods of assessing nutrient-gene interactions
Workshop-II: Methodology of nutrition assessment and body composition

Friday, 11th November 2011

08.00 am – 09.00 am REGISTRATION
09.00 am – 10.00 am INAUGURATION
10.00 am – 10.30 am SPECIAL LECTURE BY
DR. IBRAHIM ELMADFA, PRESIDENT, IUNS
10.30 am – 10.45 am TEA
10.45 am – 12.45 pm ICMR CENTENARY SYMPOSIUM ON
“BONE HEALTH AND NUTRITION”
12.45 pm – 01.45 pm POSTER SESSION – I &
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
01.45 pm – 02.30 pm LUNCH
02.30 pm – 04.30 pm YOUNG SCIENTISTS’ AWARDS – SESSION I
04.30 pm – 05.30 pm FREE COMMUNICATIONS - ORAL PRESENTATION
SESSION–I
05.30 pm – 06.00 pm TEA
06.00 pm – 06.45 pm ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING
07.00 pm – 08.00 pm THIRTY FIFTH GOPALAN ORATION
by: Prof. Barry M. Popkin
The Carla Smith Chamblee,
Distinguished Professor of Global Nutrition, NC, USA
08.00 pm DINNER

Saturday, 12th November 2011

08.00 am – 09.30 am FREE COMMUNICATIONS - ORAL PRESENTATION
SESSION–II
09.30 am – 10.30 am TWENTY-SECOND SRIKANTIA MEMORIAL LECTURE
by: Dr. B. Sesikeran
Director, National Institute of Nutrition
Hyderabad
10.30 am – 11.15 am SECOND RAJAMMAL P.DEVADAS MEMORIAL LECTURE
11.15 am – 12.15 pm TEA & POSTER SESSION – II
12.15 pm – 01.45 pm YOUNG SCIENTISTS’ AWARDS – SESSION-II
01.45 pm – 02.30 pm LUNCH
02.30 pm – 04.30 pm SYMPOSIUM ON
“CHEMICAL BASIS OF NUTRIENT FUNCTION”
04.30 pm – 05.00 pm VALEDICTORY FUNCTION
05.00 pm HIGH TEA