

Call for Papers

Full papers based on original research work carried out on the focal theme (highlighting the environmental aspects) are invited from research students (age below 30 years only) for Young Scientist Award. In the case of multiple authorship, the first author will be considered for the award, and he / she shall present the paper. Certificate to prove age and an undertaking that the work has not been presented elsewhere or has not been submitted for publication / award shall be enclosed with the registration form.

After scrutiny, the accepted papers will be put either in paper or poster category, which will be duly communicated to the authors.

Guidelines for Preparation of Papers and Posters

The soft copy of the full paper shall be submitted by email or in CD. The papers shall not exceed 5 pages (Times New Roman, 10 point normal, single line space and with adequate margins) including figures, tables, etc. The size of the poster shall be 1m x 1 m. Only one poster per person will be allowed.

Key Dates

Receipt of full paper along with registration form:
1st July, 2013
Communication on acceptance of paper:
15th July, 2013
Delegate Registration for Congress participation:
25th July, 2013

Registration Fee

Delegates: ₹ 200/-
Students and research scholars: ₹ 100/-
Additional fee for spot registration: ₹ 50/-

Registration fee includes working lunch and tea during the seminar days and the Proceedings Volume of the Congress. Students and research scholars shall enclose bonafide certificate for availing the concession rate.

Accommodation

Hotel accommodation is available on payment basis. The Organizing Committee will provide the details of the tariff of various hotels, on request. Delegates requiring accommodation may request the General Convener to provide necessary support.

Sponsorship

Any organization/individual paying ₹ 25,000/- will be accepted as a co-sponsor of the event and their names will be published in the Proceedings of the Congress to be released at the venue of KEC. They can also send three delegates without any registration fee.

Payments

All payments towards KEC 2013 shall be made by Demand Draft drawn in favour of "Executive Director, Centre for Environment and Development" payable at Thiruvananthapuram.



KERALA ENVIRONMENT CONGRESS 2013

National Workshop on
Culture and Heritage for Environment Management

12th, 13th & 14th August 2013 at Thiruvananthapuram

For details:

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CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
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Kerala Environment Congress 2013

The Centre for Environment and Development established in 1993 is an independent research and development, training and consultancy organisation focussing in fields related to Environment and Development. The major programme areas of CED are: (i) Natural Resources and Environment Management, (ii) Water and Sanitation, (iii) Climate Change and Energy Studies, (iv) Urban and Rural Studies and (v) Geoinformatics. CED is the Centre of Excellence on Solid Waste and Wastewater Management of Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India and Regional Resource Agency of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. CED is an ISO 9001 – 2008 Certified Institution and has completed nearly 100 projects sponsored by various agencies during the last 20 years.

CED initiated the Kerala Environment Congress in 2005, with the main objective of facilitating interaction and sharing of expertise and experience within the scientific community and policy – decision makers. The Congresses were held with focal themes such as (i) Coastal and Marine Ecosystem, (ii) Forest Resources of Kerala, (iii) Wetlands of Kerala, (iv) Environmental Sanitation Health and Hygiene, (v) Water Resources of Kerala, (vi) Solid and Liquid Waste Management, (vii) Energy and Environment and (viii) Agriculture and Environment since 2005.

9th Kerala Environment Congress (KEC 2013)

The 9th Kerala Environment Congress (KEC 2013) is scheduled to be held at Thiruvananthapuram from 12th - 14th August 2013. The Congress will include invited paper presentations by experts on various sub themes as well as paper and poster presentations by research students for Young Scientist Award.



Focal Theme

“Culture and Heritage for Environment Management”

Culture and heritage can be the basis for innovation and advancement for a healthy living environment. The people living in tune with nature have very strong oral traditions, art, history, indigenous knowledge and performances encoded

with a number of concepts for the conservation and enrichment of the environment. Their knowledge systems – which are part of the Sui generis- about environment impart a lot of registries about their contributions to the ethno sciences. The local myths, ethno music and spiritualist performances are indicators of their intuitive knowledge about nature. The indigenous knowledge of the first peoples and farmers , who were the custodian of genetic resources, can be used to address and find solutions to the current crises like food insecurity, climatic changes, ecosystem degradation etc. Traditional ritual performances are greatly related to fertility ecology while cultural symbology and visual anthropology are connected with the primitive agricultural landscape. The traditional practices also promote a healthy living. The use of alternative medicine continues to grow every year.

Despite the importance of culture and heritage, too often both community and planners do not dedicate sufficient attention and resources to preserving spaces and objects, documenting stories from elders, recording as well as facilitating a community’s contemporary cultural practices and explaining the science behind. There are many policies, ordinances, and regulations on the books intended to identify, preserve, and protect heritage (from national to local). Still, the tangible and intangible culture and heritage frequently are not valued fully until they are in peril. Moreover, most of the activities in this direction are mere superficial and there is no earnest attempt to inquire deep into the environmental/scientific aspects of our culture and heritage.

This national workshop on “**Culture and Heritage for Environment Management**” is intended as a thought provoking process in this direction and will identify the research and policy needs for creating a healthy living environment by investigating on our cultural heritage.

Subthemes

The major subthemes identified are:

- Culture, Heritage and Agriculture
- Culture, Heritage and Forestry
- Culture, Heritage and Traditional/ Modern Industry
- Culture, Heritage and Health
- Culture, Heritage and Education

