

**First Announcement
& Call for Papers**

WORLD BIODIVERSITY CONGRESS

December 9-12, 2008 Chiang Mai, Thailand



Organized by: Century Foundation, India

Background:

Biological diversity is the variety of life on Earth, from the simplest bacterial gene to the vast, complex rainforests of the Amazon. Human beings are an integral part of this diversity, as is the food, medicine, clothing and other biological resources that sustain us. Biodiversity is being threatened at an unprecedented rate due to habitat alternation, degradation and fragmentation and human misuses or over-exploitation. It is therefore not surprising that biodiversity conservation in recent years has gained considerable importance all over the globe. On the other hand, every country, particularly the developing countries, is facing the needs of developing its economy, improving peoples' livelihood or providing food security and supply for a rapidly increasing population. After the United Nation Conference on Environment and Development was held in Rio in 1991, many countries have formulated or are implementing a series of action plans associated with their own environmental protection, biodiversity conservation and priority development.

Judicious planning and meticulous implementation of different innovative programmes of United Nations, Governments, and Research institutions, Private Organizations, Universities and NGOs have paved the way for the conservation of biological diversity on our earth.

The First World Congress on Biodiversity will provide a forum for reorienting policies and programmes for any country in more productive and sustainable biodiversity utilization and conservation. The four day congress organized by Century Foundation, Bangalore, India will help to develop an agenda to ensure conservation of bioresources and ecosystem protection for sustainable development. It will bring together the international scientific community involved in the study of biological diversity and an unique opportunity to deepen our understanding of nature and natural resources and experience the wonderful Thailand.

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Who Should Attend?

Ecologists, Biodiversity specialists, Biologists, Entomologists, Conservation biologists, Policy makers, Economists, Administrators, Representative of NGOs, etc

Technical Sessions

1. Sustainable utilization of Biological diversity;
2. Biodiversity Information Management
3. Conservation of Beneficial insects and Bee pollinators
4. Protection of fresh and marine water resources
5. Management of land resources
6. Women in conservation and sustainable development
7. Environmental biotechnology
8. Combating desertification
9. Sustainable agriculture and Rural Development
10. Ecosystem Management
11. Intellectual property rights and biodiversity conservation

Official Language:

The Official language of this conference will be in English.

Abstracts:

All individuals who wish to present their work in any respect of Biodiversity are invited and encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration as on ORAL or POSTER presentation at the congress. Authors may indicate their technical session preference in which they wish to present their work. All abstracts will be published in the book of abstracts to be distributed at the congress.

Abstracts are to be submitted electronically. Hard copies of abstracts may be considered only under exceptional circumstances such as the authors having no access to electronic submission facilities. The abstract(s) should not have more than 500 words and should be sent by E.mail or CD on or before **SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**. The following information may kindly be noted while preparing the abstract.

- The Title of the paper centered with bold capital letters (14 font Times New Roman)
- Name of the author(s) centered in bold (12 font Times New Roman)
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- A 500 word abstract must contain precise information of the paper

The abstract of the paper may be sent through e.mail :
biocongress2008@gmail.com

Venue: Conference Centre, Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai

Accommodation: The Organizing Committee has made its all efforts to search for ideal hotels, guest house and hostels with relatively reasonable price and comfortable facilities for all participants. The details of the contacts will be made available very soon.

Registration Fees* (in US \$)

<i>Categories</i>	<i>On or before September 30, 2008</i>	<i>a f t e r September 30, 2008</i>
Participant	350	400
Student member	200	250
Accompanying person	250	300

* *Registration fee includes participation in the congress sessions, Luncheons, coffee breaks, conference bag, abstract book, welcome reception and closing ceremony*

Important Dates:

Payment of Registration Fee: 30 September 2008

Submission of Abstract: 30 September 2008

Notification of Acceptance: 15 October 2008

Submission of Full Paper (max.8 pages.): 10 December 2008

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Registration Form

(Please Type or print carefully and tick appropriate boxes)

Send the duly completed form to :

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Family Name: _____ Given Name: _____

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Payment instructions: Payment should be made by bank transfer to:-

Name of Bank : State Bank of Mysore
Bank Address : 384/1, 100 Feet Road, HAL II Stage,
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Account Name : Century Foundation

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Registration fee by Bank Draft in favour of **CENTURY FOUNDATION, BANAGLORE** and send it to the congress secretariat.

***Please attach a copy of the bank receipt with the Registration form for reference**

***All bank charges are to be paid by the sender.**

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