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The Indian Anthropological Society announces its 45th Annual Conference in collaboration with the Departments of Anthropology, University of Calcutta, Visva-Bharati University and West Bengal State University to be held during 23-25th May, 2015 at the Kennedy Hall of the Institute of Jute and Fibre Technology, University of Calcutta, 35 Ballygunge Circular Road, Calcutta-700 019.

The theme of the 45th Annual Conference will be “Anthropology and Human Welfare”

The conference will have the following events:

(a) 3 Memorial Lectures
(b) 5 symposia on important research areas in anthropology
(c) Special Lectures

3 Memorial Lectures are organized by the Indian Anthropological Society to pay homage to the three doyens of Indian Anthropology. These are:

(a) Nirmal Kumar Bose Memorial Lecture
[Speaker: Professor A. C. Bhagabati, Former Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh]

(b) Sasanka Sekhar Sarkar Memorial Lecture
[Speaker: Dr. Subhabrata Chakrabarti, L. V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad]

(c) Dharani Sen Memorial Lecture [Dr. Shanti Pappu, Sharma Centre for Heritage Education, Chennai]
5 Symposia will be organised by the collaborating Universities. These are:

(a) Biocultural Anthropology in Human Development [Department of Anthropology, University of Calcutta] [Symposium Coordinator: Dr. Subho Roy, E-mail: ubharay@rediffmail.com, Mobile: 09007118922]

(b) Recent trends in Biological Anthropology [Department of Anthropology, Visva-Bharati University] [Symposium Coordinator: Dr. Jyoti Ratan Ghosh, E-mail: jrghosh@rediffmail.com, Mobile: 09836171379]

(c) Issues in Social/ Cultural Anthropology in contemporary times [Department of Anthropology, Visva–Bharati University] [Symposium Coordinator: Dr. Rangya Gachui, E-mail: rangyagachui@yahoo.co.in, Mobile: 09836864341]

(d) Gender issues in health, food, and nutrition [Department of Anthropology, West Bengal State University] [Symposium Coordinator: Dr. Abhijit Das, E-mail: romeda.das@gmail.com, Mobile: 09433260977]

(e) Archaeological Anthropology in the eastern and north-eastern India [Department of Anthropology, West Bengal State University] [Symposium Coordinator: Debasis Kumar Mondal, E-mail: anth.debasis@gmail.com]

**Call for Papers:** Abstracts are invited for oral or poster presentation in respect of any one or more of these symposia. The abstracts should be submitted in English language, within 300 word, typed in MS Word, in font size 12 points, font type 'Times New Roman', with 1.5 line spacing. The abstract should be presented under the following subheadings: Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results / Findings and Conclusion. The abstracts are to reach the respective Symposium Co-ordinator with a copy marked to the Organizing Secretary, by e-mail on or before 15th April, 2015. No extension for the abstract submission date will be possible. The Scientific Committee will inform the First Author within 30 April, 2015 on the acceptance of the abstract and the mode of presentation.

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**Registration Fee**

1. Outstation participants (with accommodation) : **Rs. 1,500/-**
2. Local participants (without accommodation) : **Rs. 900/-**
3. Research Scholars / Students(without accommodation) : **Rs. 500/-**
4. For members of IAS/INCAA(without accommodation) : **Rs. 750/-**
5. Spot Registration for categories 2, 3 and 4 will be permissible with an extra amount of **Rs. 100/-**

Registration Fee [for the non-members of Indian Anthropological Society (IAS) and Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA)] must be sent through a demand draft drawn on any Nationalized Bank in favour of "INDIAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY", payable at Kolkata by 11th May 2015. Spot registration (in cash) will be entertained for the local delegates only. Members of the IAS and INCAA can deposit Registration Fee by cash also.

**Travel Support**
Travel support (both ways) by AC III tier / Sleeper Class / Long Distance Bus Fare will be provided to outstation participants (paper presenters only), subject to the availability of funds.

**Accommodation**
Modest accommodation will be provided to the participants on request. Request for accommodation should reach us latest by 30 April 2015 along with Registration Fees.

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