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National Conference on Preparation and Characterization of Crystalline Materials (Padika 2006)

Date: 19–21 January 2006

Place: Nagercoil

The conference will cover the entire field of preparation and characterization of macro, micro and nano crystalline materials, from basic physical phenomena to the recent significant advancements in preparation techniques, materials' characteristics, characterization techniques, etc. Special attention will be paid to the prospects for future development of crystal preparation and characterization techniques.

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The 6th Indo-US Flow Cytometry Workshop on Monitoring of Stem Cell Phenotype, Proliferation and Apoptosis

Date: 5–12 February 2006

Place: Thiruvananthapuram

Course is best for mid-career scientists/technologists holding regular positions in universities/national laboratories/research institutes/in-house R&D centres. Students pursuing their career in Cell Biology are also encouraged to attend.

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Awareness and Training Course on Basic Tools in Molecular Biology Research

Date: 9–13 January 2006

Place: Lucknow

The training will cover theoretical and practical aspects of a range of molecular markers, bioinformatic tools and data analysis for population genetic studies. The training is open to researchers working in the area.

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Regional Seminar on Intellectual Property: Protection, Valuation and Commercialization

Date: 6 December 2005

Place: Bangalore

The seminar will take a look at the present scenario in India and the world. It will help generate awareness among Government bodies, Industrial sectors, Business organization, R&D organisations, Intellectual Property agents, Law makers and students about the emerging trends and technologies.

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Training Course on Infectious Disease Diagnostics

Date: 6–11 February 2006

Place: Sevagram

Both Dip-stick and plate based enzyme immunoassays for filariasis and tuberculosis including preparation of antigen coated sticks and enzyme conjugates, different types of chromatography techniques including FPLC, SDS–PAGE, Western blotting techniques, etc. will be covered. PCR technique will be covered to amplify parasite gene of interest. There will also be talks on immunodiagnosics and immunoprophylactic aspects by experts from outside and faculty of the center during the course.

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National Symposium on Biotechnology: Bridging the Industry–Academia Gap

Date: 20–21 January 2006.

Place: Mangalore

The symposium has been planned (i) to review the current status of biotechnology in the world – plant, animal, health, aquatic and industrial, (ii) to examine the current trends in training students at UG and PG level in India and (iii) to make recommendations to the concerned authorities to effect necessary changes, if required, to make our biotech students not only suitable for the Indian industry but for the world at large.

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Symposium on National Biodiversity and Ecosystem Information Infrastructure: Challenges and Potentials

Date: 30 January – 2 February 2006

Place: Pune

Topics include: Review of national, regional and global biodiversity and ecosystems information systems and networks; Grass root traditional biodiversity knowledge management and issues; Electronic catalogues, computer-aided-taxonomy and electronic field guides; Digitization of biological collection; Metadata, indexing and harvesting; Protected areas and sacred groves; Invasive and alien species informatics; GAP analysis (ecosystems), vegetation mapping and land use history analysis; GIS, Remote Sensing and visualization; Digital biodiversity library; Species banks; Mobile and multilingual biodiversity information.

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National Conference on Current Trends in Fishery Science Research

Date: 21–22 January 2006

Place: Nanded

Topics include: Biology, physiology and endocrinology of fish and non-fish aquatic animals; Wetland biodiversity, limnology and aquatic pollution; Fisheries and aquaculture including resources, exploration and management; Breeding, genetics and biotechnology; Fish toxicology; Environmental aspects, fish health, including disease; Fisheries education, extension and administration; Post harvest technology and processing technology; Recreational fishery and ecotourism; Role of women in development of fishery; Fish Co-operatives, marketing and trade; Role of funding agencies in development of fishery sector.

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Symposium on Emerging Trends in Biochemistry

Date: 3–4 February 2006

Place: Chandigarh

Themes include: Molecular Medicine; Nutrition in Health and Disease; Environmental Biochemistry.

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National Workshop on Catalysis for Energy

Date: 23–25 February 2006

Place: Varanasi

Topics include: Upgradation of petroleum feed stocks, Petroleum refining, Upgradation of heavy residual oils, Coal, Hydrogenation and gasification, Fischer tropesch synthesis, Solar energy, Hydrogen energy, Biomass pyrolysis and gasification, Natural gas processing, MTG process, Biochemical transformations.

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Environmental Resources Research Centre Thiruvananthapuram

The Environmental Resources Research Centre, Thiruvananthapuram invites the Institutions/Departments in India to provide a list of pollen-spore slide available/maintained at the various institutions in the country. The idea is to develop a National Informational Data Bank of pollen-spore collections (sporothek) in preparation for a larger programme on the pollen-spore flora of India. The information may be sent to:

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