

Dear Colleagues and Friends

We invite you to Bhopal to attend Golden Jubilee Conference of Regional Science Association of India to be held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India. Scholars working in the area are invited to submit their abstracts in any of the broad issues listed below. Only selected and registered participants will be permitted to present their paper in the technical sessions of the conference. There will be eight technical Sessions, three plenary sessions, one session for best social scientist presentation meant for students and research scholars only and an Inaugural and a Valedictory Session. However, conference is open to all the registered participants.

Theme of the Conference: Emerging Regional Issues and Sustainability

United Nation Publishes Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR) which aims at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF). Science-policy interfaces refer to the many ways in which scientists, policy-makers and other stakeholders link up to communicate, exchange ideas and jointly develop knowledge to enrich policy and decision making processes and research (*Young, J.C., et al.*) The GSDR identifies emerging issues across the whole spectrum of sustainable development, including its social and economic dimensions. This whole spectrum of sustainable development comprises of issues such as social and environmental paradigm of sustainability, expansion of urbanized regions, changing composition of informal sector of economy and many others.

The exercise of emerging issues identification is the complexity and inter-disciplinarily of sustainable development issues. Scientific expertise can shed new light on the complexity and interconnectivity of emerging issues, in the process strengthening the science policy interface and possibly leading to more timely responses to emerging threats or the exploitation of new opportunities. The regular scanning and multidisciplinary analyses of emerging issues from different levels and perspectives is important and should be maintained as a necessary and useful early warning system for the science policy interface. There is scope for enhanced dialogue between scientists, social scientist and policy-makers in considering both the processes by which emerging issues are brought to the attention of social scientists. Out of the plethora of emerging issues raised by (UNGSDR) and others regarding sustainability, The forum of Regional Science

Association of India (RSAI) could be considered as an important platform for exchanging and discussing the ideas by the participants.

The Sub Themes for the conference are

1. **Agriculture and Energy**
2. **Informal Economy in India**
3. **Climate Change and Sustainability**
4. **Expansion of Urbanism**
5. **Higher Education and Regional Development**
6. **Sustainability of Regional Convergence**
7. **Women in Sustainability**
8. **Towards the Philosophy of Sustainability: The Indian Way**

Bhopal

Bhopal is situated on the site of an 11th century city, Bhojapal, founded by Raja Bhoj. Bhopal, today presents a multi-faceted profile; the old city with its ethnicity, huge lakes, fine old palaces and mosques and the modern new city with its well laid out parks and gardens, broad avenues and streamlined modern facilities. Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, is a city of historical, economical and as well as political importance. The monuments of the city still reflect the aristocratic lifestyle of its rulers. The city is full lush green hillocks and number of lakes and several cities of tourist attraction are there in and around Bhopal such as Bharat Bhawan, Indira Gandhi ManavSangrhalaya, Tribal Museum, Birla Temple, MotiMasjid, Sanchi, Bhimbetika, Bhojpur Temple, Kerwa Dam, Raisen Forte and many more. Bhopal is located in the central region of India and in north-western part of the state of Madhya Pradesh. It is 744 km south of New-Delhi and 779 km northwest of Mumbai.

Bhopal has a humid subtropical climate, with mild, dry winters, a hot summer and a humid monsoon season. Summers start in late March and go on till mid-June, the average temperature being around 30 °C, with the peak of summer in May, when the highs regularly exceed 40 °C (104 °F). Total annual rainfall is about 1146 mm. More over during conference period it may be around 25 °C

The Regional Science Association

The Regional Science Association, India was established on September 7, 1967 with its headquarter at the Department of Architecture and Regional Planning, IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal, India. The First International Regional Science Conference was organised at IIT

Kharagpur during September 7-9, 1967. The last three conferences were held in

- University of Calcutta, Kolkata, West Bengal, January 27-29, 2016
- Tripura University, Agartala, Tripura, January 5-7, 2017
- BIITS (Pilani), Goa Campus, Goa, May 29- June 01, 2018

Institute for Excellence in Higher Education (IEHE)

Institute for Excellence in Higher Education is an 'A' grade state level academy, envisioned to be a centre for academic excellence by the government of Madhya Pradesh since its inception in 1995. Located in a lush green valley adjacent to Kaliasot Dam on Kolar road, Bhopal. It is autonomous in academic, administrative & financial matters which have enhanced its credibility as a catalyst of progressive and incremental changes setting new benchmarks for other institutions of the state to redefine the limits of growth and development in Higher Education. The Institute is accredited by NAAC in 'A' grade in 2004 and again reaccreditation by NAAC in 'A' Grade in 2011, followed by third cycle of Re-accreditation by NAAC with 'A' Grade in 2016, The Institute is holding CPE status conferred by UGC. As well as it is recognized as a nodal centre for CEQUIC (Cluster for Enhancing Quality through Innovation and Collaboration) - a scheme initiated in 2014 by the Government of Madhya Pradesh [for more detail please visit virtual tour of IEHE available at youtube](#)

Madhya Pradesh Private University Regulatory Commission (MPPURC)

The Government of Madhya Pradesh, in order to facilitate the student of the state, enacted 'The Madhya Pradesh NijiVishwavidyalaya (SthapanaevamSanchalan) Adhiniyam 2007', an Act for establishment and incorporation of self financed private universities in the State of Madhya Pradesh for imparting higher education, and to regulate their functions and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

In compliance with the provisions of section 36 (chapter IV) of the Act, the State Government vide Gazette notification no.R-691-CC-09 dated 8th October 2009, established a Regulatory Commission, the Madhya Pradesh NijiVishwavidyalayaViniyamakAayog, for the purpose of providing a regulatory mechanism at the State level and for working as an interface between the State Government and the central regulatory bodies

Important Dates

- Last Date of online submission of Abstract (Soft copy) : December 01, 2018
- Intimation of Acceptance: December 15, 2018
- Early Bird online Registration Deadline: December 30, 2018
- Last Date of Full Paper Submission (Both soft in the online template provided and hard copy): December 30, 2018.

Registration Fee in INR

Registration		Early Bird	Late Registration	On the Spot Registration
Delegate	Out Station	2500	3000	3500
	Local	1200	1500	1700
Research Scholar (Max.100 Participants)	Out Station	1600	2000	2500
	Local	800	1000	1200
Students (Max. 50 Participants)	Out Station	800	1000	Not Allowed
	Local	500	800	Not Allowed
Virtual Participants (through SKYPE)	Only Foreigners	2500	2500	Not Allowed
	Remote area of India	800	800	Not Allowed
Accompanying Person		2500	3000	Not Allowed
Senior Citizen		2000	2000	Not Allowed

NOTE: For detail information on Mode of Payment and other information Please visit www.iehe.ac.in or for Second Circular

*****Paper can be presented either in Hindi or in English Medium**

Accommodation

Registration fee for the outstation participants include accommodation. Accommodation will be provided in different guest houses and hostels of the academic/non academic institutions on twin sharing basis. However Hotels of different range are available in Bhopal for which participants have to bear charges of their own, organizer may help if informed earlier to the organizers.

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