

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION

World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES), Inc.

(A Multidisciplinary Academic Society - Tax Exempt in USA)

Eighth International Conference on

“Vedic knowledge for Civilizational Harmony”

August 4-7, 2010

In Collaboration of Saraswati Mandiram, Trinidad, and Center for Indic Studies, UMass Dartmouth

at

University of West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago

Web site: www.wavesinternational.net

About the Conference

The Conference aims at bringing together persons having academic interest in diverse areas of Indian Studies. These will include scholars, academics, authors, writers, journalists, media-persons, artists, etc., and of course the common man interested in past, present and future of Indian / Vedic Studies.

World Association for Vedic Studies, known by its acronyms ‘WAVES’ is a multidisciplinary academic society with members of different religions, often of different scholarly views and varied interests. It welcomes persons engaged/interested in studying in any field of Vedic/ Indian studies. *The word ‘Vedic’ is used in a wide sense to include, not only Vedas, but all different areas as well as past, present and future of traditions and people based on Vedas.*

Other six conferences held before were: **“Int’l Conference on Revisiting Indus - Saraswati Civilization & Ancient India”**, Atlanta (GA), **October 4-6, 1996**, **“International Conference on New Perspectives on Vedic & Ancient Indian Civilization”**, Los Angeles (CA), **August 7-9, 1998**, **“International Conference on Contemporary Views on Indian Civilization”**, Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, (NJ), **July 28-30, 2000**, **“India’s Contributions and Influences in the World”**, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth (MA) **July 12-14, 2002**. **“India’s Intellectual Traditions In Contemporary Global Context”**, July 9– 11, 2004, University of MD, Washington, DC area. **“Vedic Ideas for Global Harmony and**

Peace in the Modern Context”, July 8-10, 2006, University of Houston, Houston, Texas. “**Vedic heritage for Global Welfare of Next Generation**”, June 27-29, 2008, Orlando, FL.

These conferences, in the past, were attended by persons from Australia, Austria, Bali (Indonesia), Belgium, Canada, Caribbean, China, Germany, India, Japan, Mexico, Nepal, Netherlands, Surinam, UK, and USA, etc.

WAVES conferences in the past thirteen years have always been a meeting point of all like minded and concerned persons, individual scholars, researchers and researching /teaching institutions, dedicatedly deliberating on Vedic studies.

WAVES-2010 conference is tentatively scheduled for four days. The deliberations in the conference cover a total of sixteen invited lectures and over 150 paper presentation sessions /poster presentations around the theme.

Poster sessions, special sessions focused on Vedic sciences and research, youth committee presentations, Hindu temples presentations, Non-roman script Digital technologies for web representation and online education of Vedic studies, Audio-visual exhibits, Practical Vedic religious performances and learning workshop, exhibits and book-shops are other interesting parts of the conference.

The suggested topic indicated below is guidance for paper and panel presenters.

Expansive view of Vedic Knowledge

Civilizational elements of society

Features and requirements of harmonious living

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Papers on any aspect of Indian studies may be sent for presentation. Papers will include topics on Archaeology & Anthropology; History & Social Sciences; Language, Literature & Linguistics; Science & Technology; Vedas; Upanishads; Smirities; Puranas; Epics – Ramayana & Mahabharat, Gita; Contemporary Works and Issues; Dharma – Shastras, Ethics & Rituals; Agriculture, Plant Science & Ecology; Inter-Religious Dialogue; Health, Yoga & Martial arts; Business, Economics & Administration, etc. The proceedings will be published before the conference. Therefore, you are requested to send an electronic copy of your completed paper at the earliest. The presentations are required to be in Power Point format. Direct reading of papers is strongly discouraged.

Please send the abstract (about 200 words) of your paper to be presented to Dr. Bal Ram Singh at waves2010@umassd.edu or to the address given below on or before the deadline. If you have any questions, you may contact any member of the Organizing committee near your area. You are requested to contact them through e-mail only and call only in an emergency.

Deadlines

For receiving abstracts: Sept. 30, 2009;

(Acceptance will be notified through e-mail by Oct. 15, 2009)

For full length papers: January 15, 2010

Main Features

1. Keynote Addresses
2. Paper Reading Sessions
3. Invited talks
4. Panel Discussions
5. Public Lectures
6. Cultural Programs
7. Academic symposia on several aspects of Indian Studies
8. Parallel Youth programs
9. Poster Presentations
10. Community workshops

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