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Dear Sir

We are delighted to intimate that Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON) is organizing an International Congress on Indian Ornithology in collaboration with the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) during 19-23 November 2011 at Coimbatore with financial assistance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. The first circular, a brief on of the Congress and various symposia envisaged, is enclosed for your kind information.

The Congress would offer a platform for sharing experiences of researchers, conservationists and policy makers from India and abroad, to take stock of the knowledge base, to identify gaps and to deliberate upon strategies for conservation of birds and their habitats. Senior Wild-lifers, scientists and Protected Area Managers would attend the congress. Since, you have been involved in the conservation and management of wildlife in India for long, we would greatly appreciate if you and your colleagues could kindly make it convenient to participate in the Congress and contribute to the deliberations.

We would also be grateful, if you could kindly extend your support by encouraging students, researchers, faculty members and other interested persons to participate and present their research findings.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDIAN ORNITHOLOGY 2011

“Status of Indian Birds and their conservation”
November 19-23 , Coimbatore

First Circular



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Introduction

India is a mega-biodiversity country sheltering more than 1200 species of birds. The country harbors habitat for a large number of endemic and endangered bird species. However, information on many species are meager and wanting. Information on birds is crucial for addressing the issues of biodiversity conservation, ecosystem health, climate change and sustainable development. Issues such as climate change and conserving our biodiversity and ecosystem could be addressed as birds are indicators of environmental health. Significant works on birds have been and are being conducted in India; by research institutes, universities, government departments and by several individuals. There is an urgent need to bring together ornithologists, biologists and experts in the field, in India and abroad to deliberate on these issues.

This conference is planned with the objectives of taking stock of the knowledge base of Indian Ornithology, identify lacunae, and develop strategies for conservation of birds and their habitats. The conference will touch upon the core interest of all ornithologists, conservation scientists and managers of the country as well as outside. This will also give input to the COP -11 of Convention on Biological Diversity to be held in New Delhi in October 2012 by developing a country's strategy for bird studies and conservation.

The Theme

The theme of ICIO-2011 is "Status of Indian Birds and their conservation". Under this theme, the state of knowledge on biological, ecological and conservation aspects of birds will be addressed. It is expected to eventually lead to a plan of action towards identifying priorities for the conservation of India's avifauna and its habitats.

Scientific programme

The scientific programme consists of five plenary lectures and ten symposia, together with contributed oral papers, posters and round table discussions.

Symposia

Ten themes are suggested for symposia. Each symposium will cover a specific topic, and will have i) Lead talk ii) invited talks and iii) contributions.

List of proposed symposia

- ⤴ Threatened birds
- ⤴ Common birds
- ⤴ Bird and agriculture
- ⤴ Means of conservation action
- ⤴ Bird conservation in landscape perspective
- ⤴ Bird taxonomy and distribution
- ⤴ Bird migration
- ⤴ Birds and climate change
- ⤴ Policy, advocacy and bird conservation
- ⤴ Bird surveys and Field Ornithology



Speed Talks

There will be a special session with speed talks which will introduce significant studies presented in the posters.



Pre-conference workshops

Proposals/willingness from expert ornithologists are solicited for pre-conference workshops on 19th November 2011. These workshops are primarily intended to strengthen skills and techniques to young researchers.

Post Conference field trip

There will be a post conference field trip on 23rd November to an important bird area of South India. This fieldtrip is intended to expose the participants to the field situation in the IBA and to share their experience in the field with others.

Important Dates

Conference	: 19-23 November 2011
Last date for abstracts	: 15 July 2011
Pre-conf. workshop	: 19 November 2011
Conference field trip	: 23 November 2011

Call for abstracts

Extended abstracts with not more than 1500 words and two figures on papers related to the symposium themes are being solicited. Send abstracts to the Organising Secretary either by post and also a soft copy by email to icio@sacon.in and salimali@vsnl.com

Registration Fee

Delegates	: Rs. 2500
Student delegates	: Rs. 1500
Invitees	: Free

About SACON

Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Coimbatore is a National Institution and Centre of Excellence aided by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India. SACON's mission is to help conserve India's biodiversity and its sustainable use through research, education and people's participation with birds at the centre stage. SACON conducts research focusing on Ornithology, and covering all aspects of biodiversity and Natural History.

About Venue

The conference will be conducted in Coimbatore. The venue will be SACON campus situated in the sylvan surrounding of Anaikatty hills 25km away from Coimbatore city.



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