

## Second Circular



### 25<sup>th</sup> Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society Conference on Weed Science for Sustainable Agriculture, Environment and Biodiversity

13-16 October, 2015  
Hyderabad, INDIA



Website: <http://isws.org.in/apwss2015.aspx>



**Organized by:**

**Indian Society of Weed Science**

**In collaboration with:**

**Indian Council of Agricultural Research  
Directorate of Weed Research  
PJT State Agricultural University**



### **Venue**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society Conference (APWSS 2015) will be held at Hyderabad, India from 13-16 October, 2015. Hyderabad, located in south-central part is the fifth largest city of India and is well connected by air with many international and national destinations. It is also well connected by rail from several major cities of the country. The city is nearly 400 years old and is noted for its natural beauty, mosques and minarets, bazaars and bridges, hills, lakes and several historical attractions.

### **Participants**

The 25<sup>th</sup> APWSS Conference will provide an excellent opportunity to all stakeholders dealing with different aspects of weeds to share their ideas and learn from international experiences.

Agricultural scientists, teachers, students, extensional workers, administrators, policy makers, non-governmental organizations, executives from the herbicide industry, and those associated with environment and biodiversity conservation, are invited to participate in the Conference. About 600 delegates are expected to participate in this Conference, including more than 100 delegates from the countries of Asian-Pacific region.

### **Conference Theme and Sub-themes**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society Conference returns to India for the second time in 2015 and will focus on the theme "Weed Science for Sustainable Agriculture, Environment and Biodiversity".

There will be presentations on the following sub-themes:

- Weed biology and ecology
- Weed management options in crops and cropping systems
- Improving weed management in conservation agricultural systems
- Weed management in horticulture, plantation crops/cropping systems and non-arable lands
- Role of biological control in integrated weed management systems
- Herbicide resistance management
- Herbicide persistence and its impact in different ecosystems
- Allelopathy: the current status and role in weed management
- Aquatic weeds: biology, management and utilization
- Parasitic weeds and their management
- Weed management in organic farming systems
- Strategic farmers participatory approaches to weed management
- Economics of managing weeds in agro-ecosystems
- Alien invasive weeds and their management
- Herbicide tolerant crops: role and future in Asian-Pacific region
- New herbicide molecules and products: the role of herbicide industry
- New tools and technologies for better weed management
- Weed biology and management under changing climate
- Education, research methodology and communication in weed science



## Programme

The programme includes plenary and lead lectures by invited experts, selected oral and poster presentations, exhibitions, field visits, spouse programmes and excursions. Special Jubilee Publication - A special programme to mark the Silver Jubilee of APWSS Conferences will be held with the release of a special publication on Weed Science in the Asian-Pacific Region, edited by a team of international editors, headed by Dr. V.S. Rao from USA.

**Satellite Symposia** - It is also proposed to organize Satellite Symposia on the following areas:

1. Parthenium (Conveners: Dr. Steve Adkins, Australia, Dr. R. Muniappan and Dr. Wondi Mersie, USA)
2. Weed utilization (Convener: Dr. Nimal Chandrasena, Australia)
3. Herbicide resistance (Conveners: Dr. Ian Heap, USA and Dr. Prashant Jha, USA)
4. Biological control (Convener: Dr. K. Dhileepan, Australia)
5. Weed management in conservation agriculture (Convenor: Dr. Deidre Lamerle, Australia)

The soft copies of all presentations will be made available to the registered delegates. Detailed technical programme will be communicated to the pre-registered participants before the Conference.

## Keynote and Plenary Speakers

Several renowned weed scientists of the world are being invited to give plenary presentations. Following speakers have confirmed their participation:

### Dr. Peter Michael

Former Professor in Agriculture, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia; APWSS President (1977-80)  
Topic: Towards a better understanding of weeds in the Asian-Pacific Region



### Dr. Jonathan Storkey

Plant Ecologist, Department of AgroEcology  
Rothamsted Research, Harpenden, United Kingdom  
Topic: Reconciling crop production with biodiversity - a European perspective on weed management



### Dr. Paula Westerman

Professor, Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; University of Rostock, Germany  
Topic: Functional biodiversity for sustainable weed management - Case studies and opportunities



### Dr. Ian Heap

Consultant/Director  
International Survey of Herbicide Resistant Weeds  
Corvallis, Oregon, USA  
Topic: Herbicide resistance: A global overview



### Dr. R.K. Malik

Senior Agronomist and CSISA Objective 1 Leader  
International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Patna, Bihar  
Topic: Weed science and sustainable intensifications of cropping systems in South Asia



### Dr. Nimal Chandrasena

Principal Consultant, GHD Pty Ltd., Sydney, Australia;  
Formerly, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka;  
Former APWSS General Secretary (2009-11)  
Topic: Of weeds and men: Some perspectives



**Dr. Steve Adkins**

Professor of Plant Physiology, University of Queensland; Brisbane, Australia  
Former APWSS President (2009-11)

Topic: Biology, ecology and management of the invasive *Parthenium* weed (United Kingdom)

**Dr. Vallurupalli Sivaji Rao**

Formerly, Cornell University, New York, USA; Editor-in-Chief, Indian Journal of Weed Science (1982-90)

Topic: Transgenic herbicide resistant crops for sustainable weed management in the Asian-Pacific region: Perspectives and alternatives

**Dr. Buddhi Marambe**

Professor of Weed Science, Department of Crop Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka; Former APWSS President (2005-07)

Topic: Strengthening the capacity to control invasive alien species - Sri Lankan experiences

**Dr. Chris Parker**

International Consultant, United Kingdom

Editor - *Haustorium*

Topic: Parasitic weeds and their control : Are we winning?

**Dr. Raghavan Charudattan**

Emeritus Professor, Univ. Florida, Plant Pathology Dept., Gainesville, FL

Topic: Weed control with microbial bioherbicides

**Invited Lead Speakers**

One or two lead presentations will be made for each sub-theme to present current status of research in the respective technical sessions. The invited lead speakers include: Dr. Anis Rahman, New Zealand; Dr. Samunder Singh, India; Dr. Krishna N. Reddy, USA; Dr. Vijay Nandula, USA; Dr. Prasanta C. Bhowmik, USA; Dr. Mahesh K. Upadhyaya, Canada; Dr. Inderjit, India; Dr. R.M. Kathiresan, India; Dr. Do-Soon Kim, South Korea; Dr. Prashant Jha, USA; Dr. Nilda Burgos, USA; Dr. Baruch Rubin, Israel; Dr. B.S. Chauhan, Australia; Dr. Megh Singh, USA; Dr. K. Dhileepan, Australia; Dr. Michael Renton, Australia; Dr. Deidre Lamerle, Australia; Dr. H.R. Mashadi, Iran and a few others. Besides, selected oral presentations (3-4) will be arranged in each technical session.

**Registration**

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Category	Before 31 August, 2015	After 1 September, 2015
<b>Indian participants</b>		
• ISWS members	INR 6000	INR 7000
• Non-ISWS members	INR 7000	INR 8000
• Students	INR 3000	INR 3500
• Accompanying person	INR 4000	INR 4000
• Industry representatives	INR 20000	INR 25000

\*INR – Indian National Rupees



Category	Before 31 August, 2015	After 1 September, 2015
<b>Overseas participants</b>		
• SAARC countries	US\$ 275	US\$ 325
• Other countries	US\$ 350	US\$ 400
• Accompanying person (SAARC)	US\$ 150	US\$ 200
• Accompanying person (Non-SAARC)	US\$ 200	US\$ 250
• Students	US\$ 200	US\$ 250
• Industry representatives	US\$ 1000	US\$ 1100

The Registration Fee includes the Conference kit, access to Conference sessions, tea / snacks during session breaks, daily lunch, one Conference dinner, and transport from the guest house / hotel to the venue. It does not include accommodation.

Indian delegates can pay their registration fees online through CC Avenue or by transfer to the Society's Account No. 940710110001156 or through Demand Draft / Pay Order in favour of the Organizing Secretary, 25<sup>th</sup> Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society Conference, payable at Bank of India (IFSC Code : BKD 0009407) Jabalpur, India. The foreign delegates are requested to submit the registration fees through Paypal or CC Avenue. Link for payment of registration fee is available on the website.

#### Important Dates

Abstract Submission Deadline	30 April, 2015
Abstract Review	1 May, 2015 - 22 June, 2015
Abstract Status Notification	Between 10 July, 2015 and 24 July, 2015
Plenary and Lead Papers	31 July, 2015
Early Bird Registration Deadline	31 August, 2015

#### Invitation to Submit Papers

The participants are invited to submit their papers to the 25<sup>th</sup> Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society Conference. All papers should be submitted online only as per the guidelines available on the website.

Papers submitted for Oral Presentation will be reviewed and selected on merit for inclusion in the programme. All papers submitted as Posters will also be reviewed and accepted. Posters not conforming to the guidelines will not be accepted. If a paper for an Oral Presentation is selected on merit, but not accepted as a platform presentation, the authors will be invited to present a Poster instead. Only two papers will be allowed as a senior author.

Notification of acceptance/rejection of the paper will be sent via email to the corresponding author only on or after 10 July, 2015. If you have not received the email notification by 24 July, 2015, you are invited to contact the Secretariat for clarifications. No paper will be included in the proceedings without the payment of registration fee.

#### Weather

The weather in the month of October will be quite pleasant with mean maximum and minimum temperatures of 30°C and 20°C, respectively. Normally rains are not expected and warm clothes are not required during this period.

### Currency

The currency in India is Indian National Rupee (INR, ₹). The equivalents of INR in terms of major international currencies are as follows:

Currency	INR Equivalent (Approx.)	Currency	INR Equivalent (Approx.)
US Dollar (US \$)	62	Australia Dollar (Aus \$)	51
Euro (€)	72	Japanese Yen (¥)	0.5
British Pound (£)	94	Chinese Yuan (¥)	10

### Visa

Delegates from abroad are required to get their Visa through Indian Embassy/ High Commission in their country. Visa on Arrival facility is available for holders of passport of several countries. Please check out with Indian Embassy/High Commission for details.

### Travel Desk

Cox and Kings ([www.coxandkings.com](http://www.coxandkings.com)) have been identified as our official Travel Partner who will take all your queries and provide services related to travel, excursions and money exchange. There are a large number of places of tourist interest including sacred Buddhist shrines in India and also in and around Hyderabad (please visit [www.incredibleindia.org](http://www.incredibleindia.org) for details). A number of attractive and competitive packages of different durations and for different group sizes both for delegates and for spouses have been worked out. The details of these packages are posted on the website.

### Accommodation

A wide range of hotels with tariffs ranging from US\$ 80 to 300 per person per day are available in the city within a distance of 10-15 km from the Conference venue. For the benefit of the Conference delegates, the organizers have negotiated with some selected hotels for discounted rates to the participants attending the 25<sup>th</sup> APWSS Conference. The list and contact details of such hotels along with tariff are given below and are also available on the website. The delegates are advised to book accommodation on their own well in advance. Transport facility from these hotels to the venue of the Conference will be provided by the Organizers. No transport facility will be provided by the organizers from Airport/Railway stations to the Hotels or Guest houses.

Hotel	Tariff (INR per night per room)		Privileges	Booking and queries
	Single	Double		
Marriott, Hyderabad Opposite Hussain Sagar Lake Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad-500080	4500	5000	Buffet breakfast Swimming pool Gym	Email: <a href="mailto:aldrm.hyderabad@marriotthotels.com">aldrm.hyderabad@marriotthotels.com</a> Duty Manager +919959900363
Marriott Courtyard Opposite Hussain Sagar Lake Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad-500080	4000	4250	Buffet breakfast Swimming pool Gym	Email: <a href="mailto:aldrm.cyhyderabad@courtyard.com">aldrm.cyhyderabad@courtyard.com</a> Duty Manager +919666406297
Hotel AVASA HITEC City Madhapur Hyderabad- 500081	Silver-4500	4000	Buffet breakfast Free Wi-Fi Sky Pool Gymnasium	Email: <a href="mailto:sales1.hyd@hotelgreenpark.com">sales1.hyd@hotelgreenpark.com</a> Manager: +914067363636 Fax: +914067363637
Lemon Tree Premier HITEC City Madhapur Hyderabad- 500081	Superior-5000 Deluxe-6000 Premier-6500	6000 7000 8000	Buffet breakfast Free Wi-Fi Pool Gymnasium	Email: <a href="mailto:sales6.hy@lemonreehotels.com">sales6.hy@lemonreehotels.com</a> Manager: +91800204023
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For Indian delegates, efforts will be made to provide accommodation in various guest houses located in and around the venue on "First come, first serve basis". However, due to non-availability in the guest house, they may also be accommodated in hotels. Student participants will be accommodated in university hostels around the venue. All efforts will be made to inform the registered delegates the place of accommodation well in advance.

### **Awards**

Awards will be given to young scientists and for poster presentations as per the norms of APWSS. Two fellowships each of US \$500 will be awarded to Young and Deserving Scientists to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> APWSS Conference. Candidates who are less than 40 years of age, presenting an accepted oral talk at the Conference and will have made a significant contribution in weed science to APWSS region, either in research, training or in administration are eligible for the award. Interested candidates may submit their curriculum vitae to the ISWS Secretariat before 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2015.

### **Sponsorships**

Opportunities are available for sponsoring this Conference by the industry, and other private and government organizations. The categories of sponsors and the associated privileges are given in the website. Exhibition stalls will be available for showcasing the products and technologies. Download the brochure from the website or write to Chairman, Finance Committee for more information.

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